



# From the Desk of Ol' St. Nick

Santa's Workshop  
NORTH POLE

Find NATO words to spell answer.

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Dear Friends,

Season's Greetings from all of us here at the North Pole.

What's that, you say? It's too early to be thinking about Christmas? Ho ho ho! It's never too early to be good, for goodness sake!

Besides, things are already starting to heat up around here. The elves and I have thousands of kilos of gifts to wrap, and if we don't start now, we'll never get everything done in time. There are only five short months left until I climb aboard my sleigh and visit good children all over the world, from China to Chile, Rwanda to Rome... O! And India too. With an itinerary like that, you can see why we need an early start.

(And don't tell Mrs. Claus, but if I can get my sleigh packed and my list checked by November, I might be able to sneak in one last round of golf before the big day.)

Well, a kind elf has just delivered the preliminary Nice List for Lima, Peru, and it looks to be a long one this year. I better get back to work!

The next time you hear from me, it will be the echo of sleigh bells jingling far and wide across the night sky...

Very merrily,

*Santa Claus*

PS. If you want to track my journey on Christmas Eve, I recommend tuning into the **radio**.

**KRINGLE**

# Christmas Movie Magic

After a busy day in Santa's workshop, there's nothing Frazzle the elf loves more than watching a warm-hearted Christmas movie. She even uses her elf magic to turn regular movies into Christmas versions by **adding or changing** one small element. Can you identify her favorite films, and her favorite way to binge them?

<p><b>GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DONNER</b></p> <p>☆☆</p>	<p>(1967) An interracial couple seeks their families' blessing at a dinner party hosted by one of Santa's reindeer.</p>	<p><b>MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLLY GRAIL</b></p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆ ☆</p>	<p>(1975) In this satirical comedy, King Arthur sets off on a quest to find the evergreen shrub with red berries used by Christ.</p>	<p><b>RAIDERS OF THE LOST HARK</b></p> <p>☆</p>	<p>(1981) An archaeology professor goes on a globetrotting adventure to find an angel's greeting before the Nazis do.</p>
<p><b>THE WREATH OF KHAN</b></p> <p>☆☆☆☆</p>	<p>(1982) The crew of the Enterprise is given a door ornament by a super soldier. Captain Kirk screams in appreciation.</p>	<p><b>TREE LIES</b></p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆ ☆☆☆☆</p>	<p>(1994) A secret agent leading a double life as a blue spruce must foil a terrorist plot to nuke major US cities.</p>	<p><b>MERRY MAGUIRE</b></p> <p>☆☆☆</p>	<p>(1996) A sports agent suffers a crisis of conscience, quits his job, and changes his first name to something more cheerful.</p>
<p><b>THE TRUMAN SNOW</b></p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆ ☆☆☆</p>	<p>(1998) An insurance salesman discovers that winter precipitation has been orchestrated by a reality TV company his whole life.</p>	<p><b>THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKING JOY</b></p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆ ☆☆</p>	<p>(2014, 2015) In this two-part finale, a teenage girl becomes the happy symbol of a rebellion against a dystopian regime.</p>	<p><b>COCOA</b></p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆</p>	<p>(2017) A Mexican boy enters the spirit world on the day of the dead, searching for a cup of hot chocolate from his great-grandfather.</p>

Take changed/added letter then order by stars: **HOME ALONE**

# Naughty or Nice?

Sparkle the Elf is in charge of making Santa's list and checking it twice... but who is who? He can always tell a child's true spirit by carefully examining what is in their heart. Once he has compiled his list, he makes sure to **spot** the nice children and **dash** out the naughty ones. Although he loves reading all the children's names, can you tell which name always puts him in the Christmas spirit?

Ame[**lia R**]ose ( - )

Denni[**s Weet**]in ( . )

Ba[**ru De**]laney ( - )

Mar[**go Od**]enburg ( . )



Ar[**bon Ny**]oi ( . )

O[**bra T**]eller ( - )



Mor[**gen I. Al**]bert ( . )

France[**sca M. P**]ishot ( - )

Lo[**ki Nd**]emba ( . )



Chad[**wick Ed**]elbert ( - )

T[**erra N. T**]histle ( - )

Clau[**de Fiant**]o ( - )



Br[**aff Able**]ton ( . )

And[**ras Cal**]vert ( - )

Phili[**p Lea Sant**]iago ( . )

A[**pu Re**]ham ( . )



**Using Morse code with breaks at trees:**

**CAROL**

# Tidying the Workshop

Bumble the elf was tidying the workshop when he accidentally dropped a bag of **Christmas items**, splitting them in half. Now he's having trouble **connecting** the pieces back together. Can you help Bumble clean up his mess before Santa notices? Otherwise he'll soon be...

## ELF-EMPLOYED

Regret (3) **RUE**

Sn or number 50 (3) **TIN**

Queen Elizabeth II's was 70 years (5)  
**REIGN**

Word beloved by toddlers (2) **NO**

Odin's weapon of choice (5) **SPEAR**

Less than a whole (4) **PART**

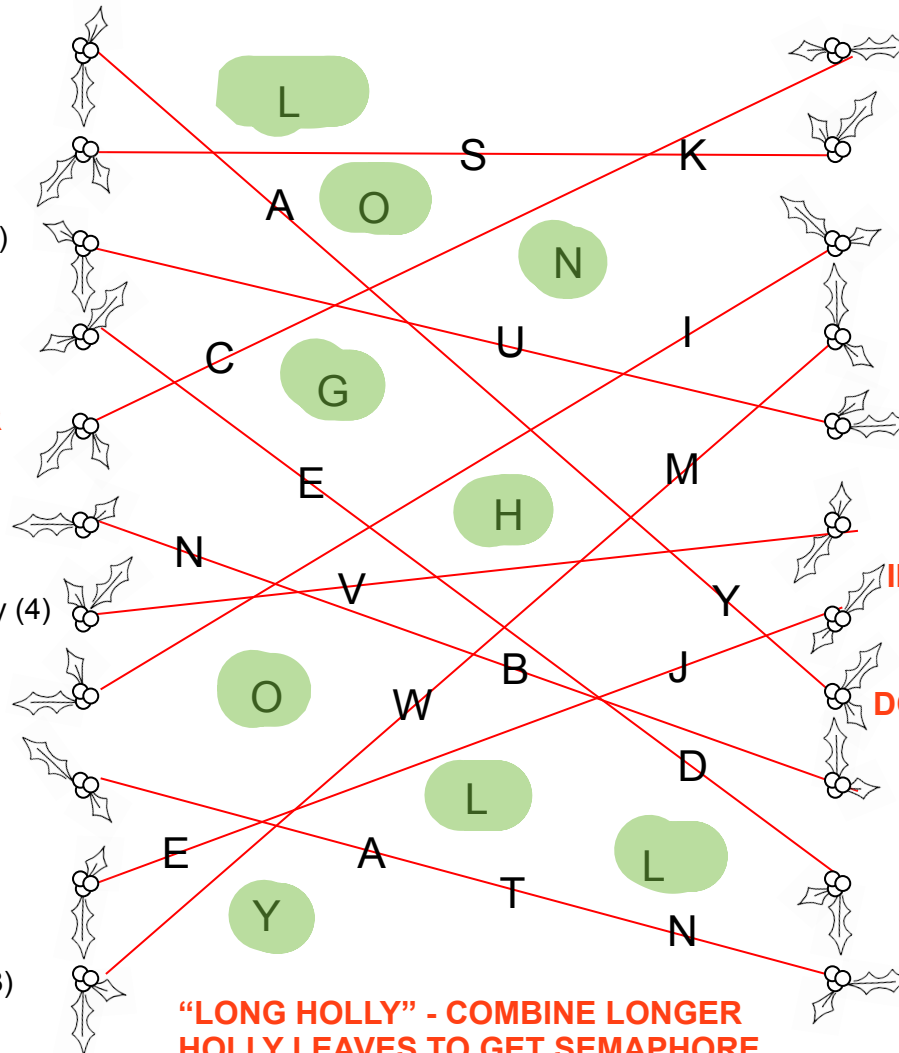
Clue room between lounge and study (4)  
**HALL**

Celery stem (5) **STALK**

Guided bomb (7) **MISSILE**

Sinatra or Zappa (5) **FRANK**

Liquor flavored with juniper berries (3)  
**GIN**



**IT** Pennywise franchise (2)

**CELL** Building block of life (4)

**KING** Arthur, Tut or T'challa (4)

**GULL** Web-footed seabird (4)

**DEAR** Letter starter (4)

**LEE** Sheltered side of a rock (3)

**INCENSE** Its smoke is believed to purify (7)

**DOLPH** Swedish actor Lundgren (5)

**RIDGE** A chain of hills (5)

**ELLE** "She" in Paris (4)

It hurts when you stub it (3)

**TOE**

**"LONG HOLLY" - COMBINE LONGER  
 HOLLY LEAVES TO GET SEMAPHORE  
 FOR FINAL ANSWER.**

# Wrap Music

Pixel the elf loves listening to music while she wraps gifts. In fact, she gets so lost in the lyrics that she works around the clock. Who is her favorite artist?

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**AWREATHA FRANKLIN**



# The 12 Days of Christmas

When their work for the year is done, Santa's elves throw a twelve-day-long celebration. This year, Bumble, Pixel, Sparkle and Frazzle are in charge of the various activities. Unfortunately, each elf has a requirement that makes scheduling a bit tricky...

Bumble: "I want my activities to go from shortest word to longest word."

Pixel: "I want my activities to go chronologically."

Sparkle: "I want my activities to go from the fewest words to the most words."

Frazzle: "I want my activities to go alphabetically."

## Celebration Sign Up Sheet

Date	Elf	Time	Activity
Dec 25	<b>FRAZZLE</b>	6 Hours	Bandits
Dec 26	<i>Sparkle</i>	2 Hours	Silent Night
Dec 27	<b>FRAZZLE</b>	10 Hours	Booby-Traps
Dec 28	Bumble	1 Hour	Taxes
Dec 29	<i>Sparkle</i>	6 Hours	Deck the Halls
Dec 30	<b>FRAZZLE</b>	2 Hours	Kevin
Dec 31	Bumble	4 Hours	Consult
Jan 1	<i>Pixel</i>	5 Hours	Respect
Jan 2	Bumble	6 Hours	Freelance
Jan 3	<i>Pixel</i>	2 Hours	I Say a Little Prayer
Jan 4	<i>Sparkle</i>	4 Hours	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
Jan 5	<i>Pixel</i>	4 Hours	Spanish Harlem

## Activities

- Deck the Halls
- I Say a Little Prayer
- Kevin
- Consult
- Taxes
- Silent Night
- Spanish Harlem
- Respect
- Booby-Traps
- Freelance
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- Bandits

Sounds like the elves will be keeping busy for a little while longer! But that's OK, because...

## TIS THE SEASON



# Beach Day

Santa is **feeling** fabulous in his new swimsuit! Before he can show it off, though, he needs to find somewhere on this crowded beach to lay his towel. Can you help him find the 12 available places?

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Thanks to you, Santa can finally enjoy a well-earned day of rest and relaxation. How did he look in his new swimsuit? **HE SLEIGHED (BRAILLE CIPHER)**