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2023 Holiday Fun & Games

A Book of Puzzles, Songs
& Coloring Pages for Everyone!



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Holiday Greetings to all of Kern County!

by Andrea Rose

We hope you are looking forward to festivities, whether you plan to celebrate quietly at home or at a gathering filled with family and friends. We're making lists, shopping small and decking the halls, as we think about the importance of family and our community this season.

We are grateful for each and every member of our Kern County Family and we hope you will find peace and joy this month. But what holiday would be complete without a little merriment? We invite you to take a moment to make a jolly good time with your family through our annual holiday activity book. It's chock full of puzzles and games—and a song or two! Gather the kids and get ready to celebrate! Let's put some joy in this holiday season!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year from our family to yours!



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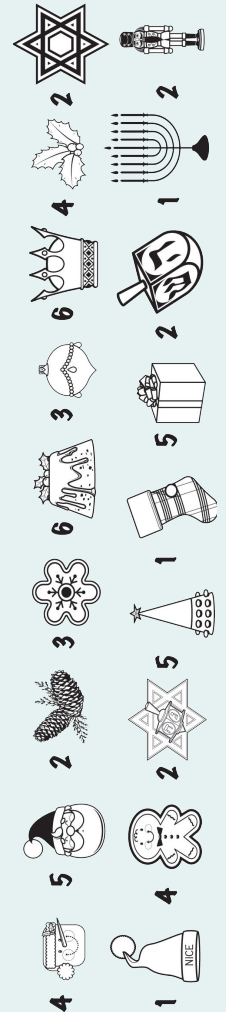
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Answers
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Joy To
The World



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

We're just peeking in to say,
Hope you have a great holiday.
May it be happy, healthy and bright,
Making each day a sheer delight.
We're sharing words of gratitude too,
For we wouldn't be here
without all of you!

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to Christmas

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Answer: Manger

DECK THE HALLS

It's hard to hear "Deck the Halls" and not immediately be overcome by the festive nature of the holiday season. The lyrics to "Deck the Halls" were written by the Scottish musician Thomas Oliphant in 1862. However, the Welsh melody that is part of the song can be traced to the 16th century and a song called "Nos Galan." That song is not about Christmas, but rather New Year's Eve.

"Deck the Halls"

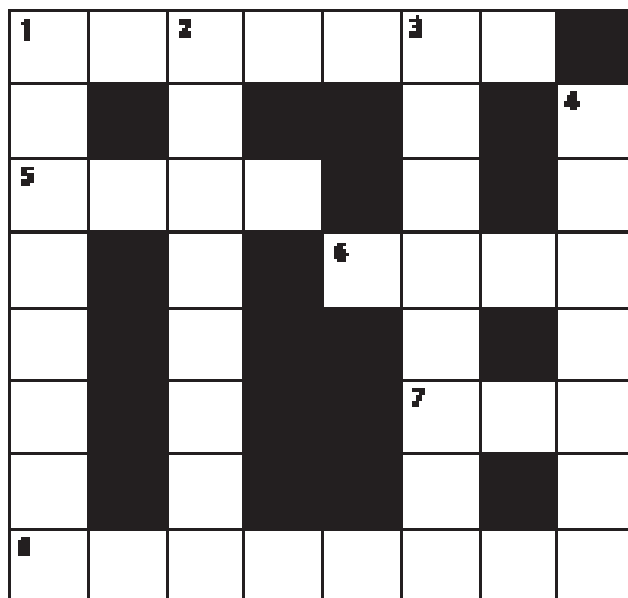
Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Fill the meadcup, drain the barrel,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Trout the ancient Christmas carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the flowing bowl before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I sing of beauty's treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses!
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Laughing, quaffing all together,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Things not known
5. Paper to fill out
6. Object of devotion
7. December 31 (abbr.)
8. Tree decoration

DOWN

1. Popular food
2. Type of sweater
3. Style of dance
4. Gather

Across
1. Biscuits 2. Food 3. Hat 4. NYE 5. Christmas
Down
1. Soft hat 2. Cardigan 3. Top dress 4. Collar

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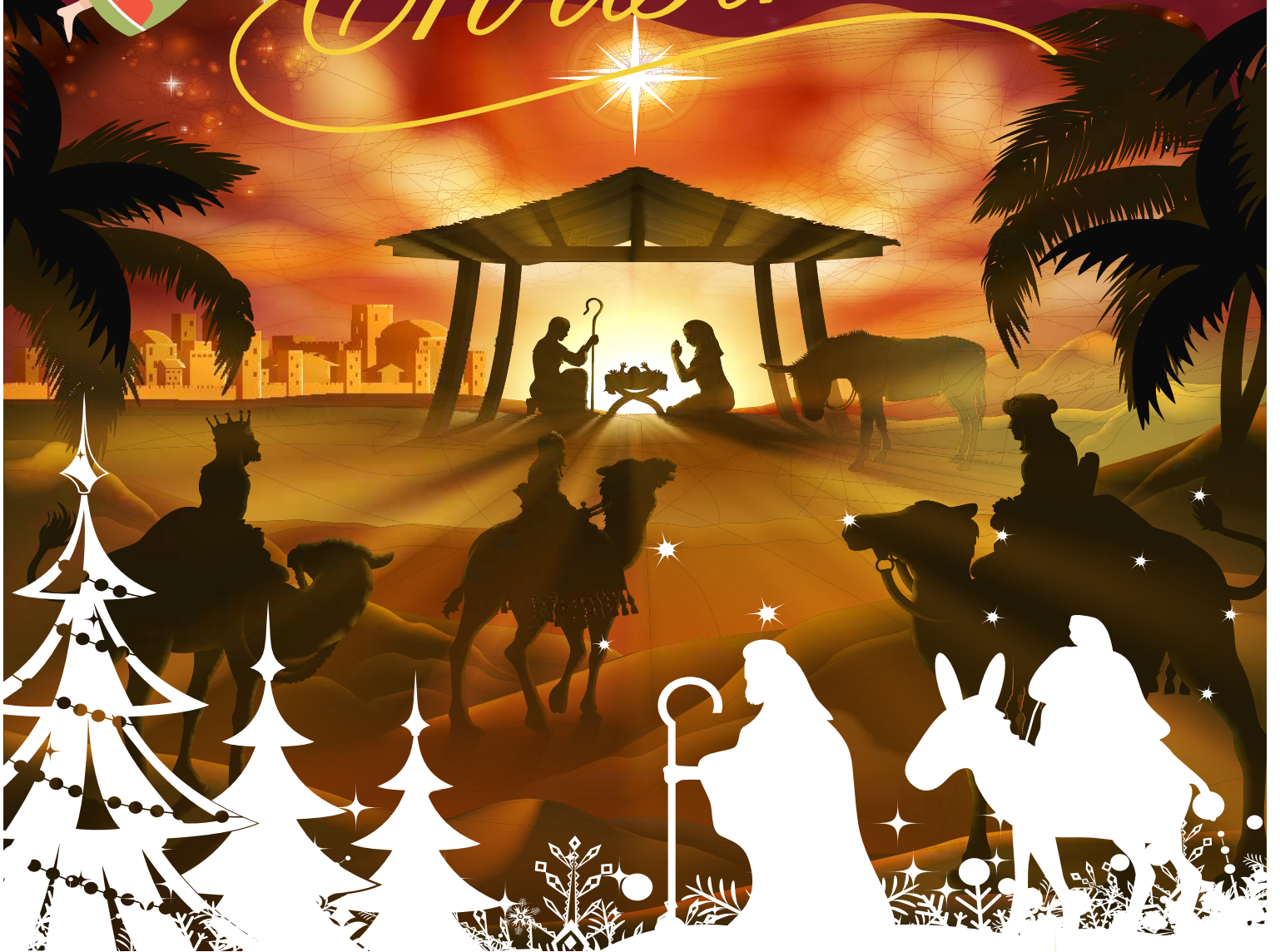


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Christmas



HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOY TO THE WORLD

Lyrics written in 1719 by Isaac Watts
Music "Antioch" by George Frideric Handel



Joy to the world, the
Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare
Him room

And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven,
and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains

Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and
grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love

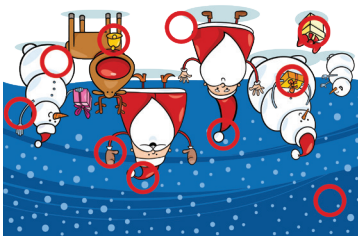
And wonders, wonders, of His love
Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room

And Heaven and nature sing
(And Heaven and nature sing)
And Heaven and nature sing
(And Heaven and nature sing)
And Heaven, and Heaven, and
nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven,
and nature sing

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ACTIVITY ANSWERS



Holiday Kid's Corner
Sudoku

4	1	7	5	6	2	3	9	8
6	9	2	8	8	4	1	5	7
8	3	5	7	1	9	4	6	2
1	2	8	9	7	6	5	3	4
3	7	9	8	5	1	7	2	6
7	5	6	2	4	3	9	8	1
5	8	4	6	9	7	2	1	3
9	7	3	1	2	8	6	4	5
2	6	1	4	3	5	9	8	7

Holiday Kid's Corner
CROSSWORD

Across

1. Fearful
4. Imitator
6. Pounce

Down

1. Feline
2. Restrain
3. Puring
5. Taste

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Up On The Housetop



'Up on the housetop reindeer paws, out jumps good old Santa
Claus
Down through the chimney with lots of toys
All for the little ones, Christmas joys

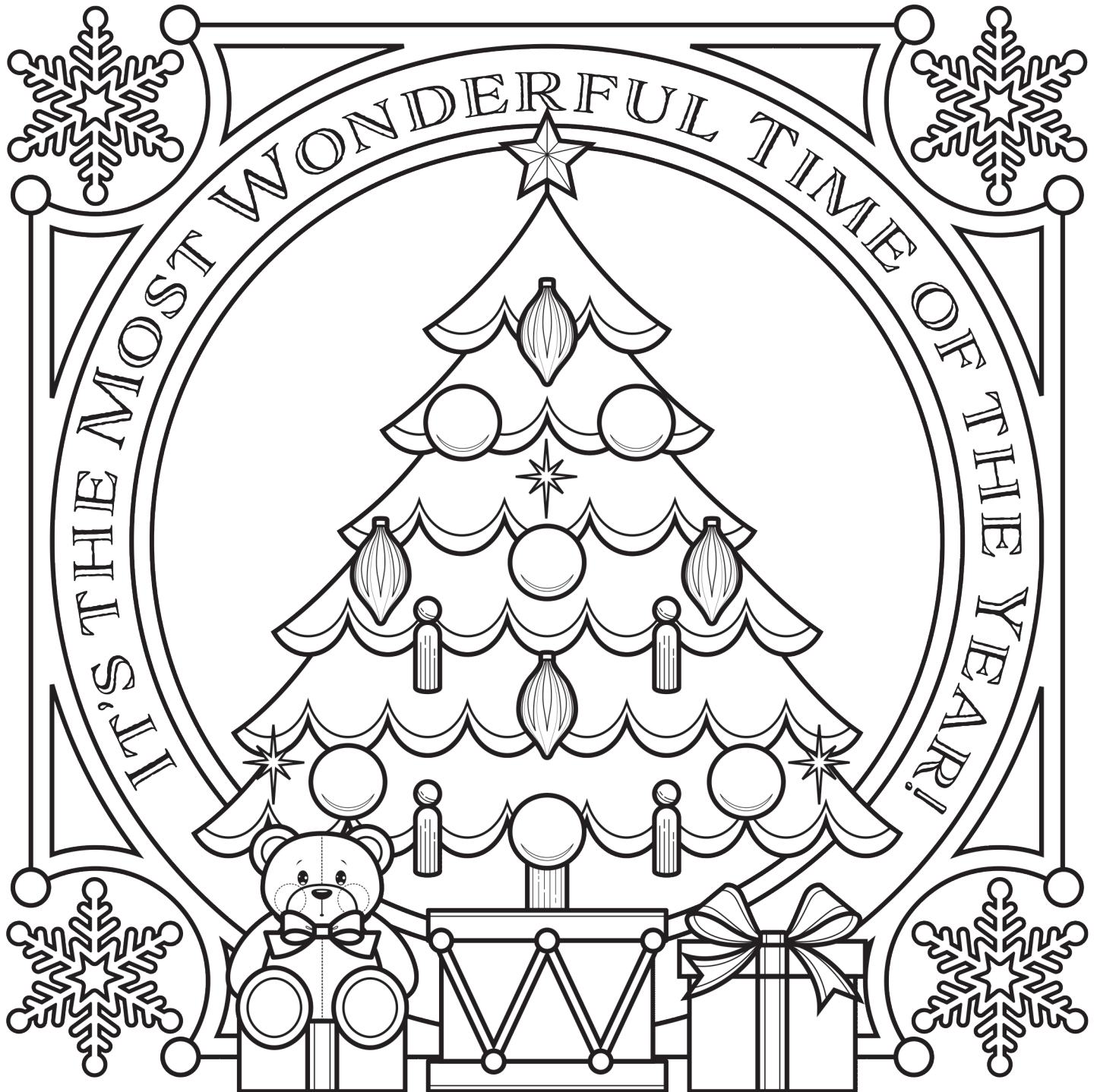
Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down through the chimney with old Saint Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell
Oh, dear Santa fill it well
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries
One that can open and shut her eyes

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick

Look in the stocking of little Bill
Oh, just see what a glorious fill
Here's a hammer and lots of tacks
Whistling ball and a whip that cracks

Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick



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2 Tsp. Cream of Tartar 1 Tsp Baking Soda
1/2 Tsp Salt
2 Tbsp Cinnamon
2 Tbsp Sugar



Directions:

Stir together Sifted flour, Cream of tartar, Baking soda, Salt
Mix the wet ingredients with the dry ingredients slowly. Mix well.
Refrigerate the combined dough for 1 hour.
Roll into 1-1.5" balls.
Roll the balls in the cinnamon and sugar and coat well.
Place balls 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheet (or use silicone baking mat).
Bake until lightly browned, but still soft.
375 Degrees for about 7 minutes
Pull cookies out of oven – let sit 3-5 minutes before transferring them to a cookie sheet.
Eat and enjoy! Makes about 3-4 dozen 2" cookies



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JINGLE BELLS

The popular Christmas carol "Jingle Bells" has an interesting history that remains a topic of debate even now. Written by New England native James Lord Pierpont, "Jingle Bells" was never intended to be a Christmas song, and in fact does not even mention Christmas or any other holiday.

Lyrics written by James Lord Pierpont
Lyrics courtesy of Digital Music News

"Jingle Bells"

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way

Bells on bobtail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight! Oh,

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side,

The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank
And then we got upstot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Complete the maze from the top of the tree to the bottom.



O Night Divine!

Wishing you a Christmas season guided by love and blessed with the precious gifts of friendship, faith, peace, joy and contentment.

*Thank you for being a part of our journey this year.
Your support has inspired us every step of the way.*

Merry Christmas!

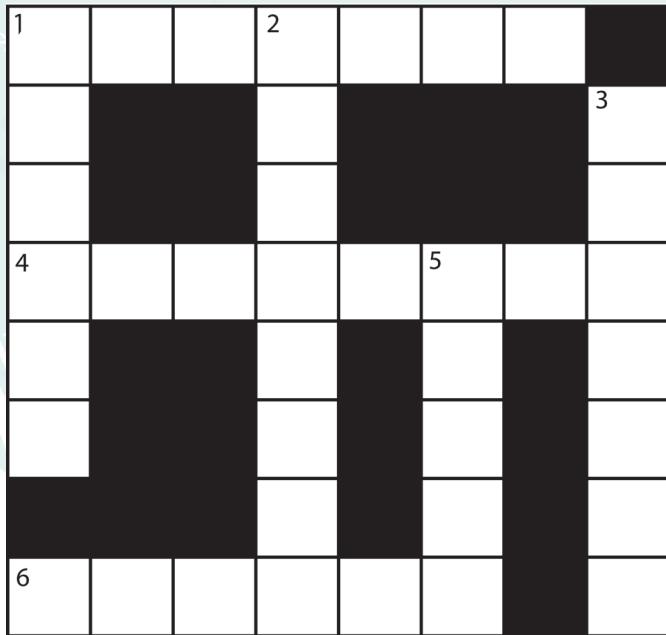


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HOLIDAY KID'S CORNER

Answers
under
Joy To
The World

Crossword



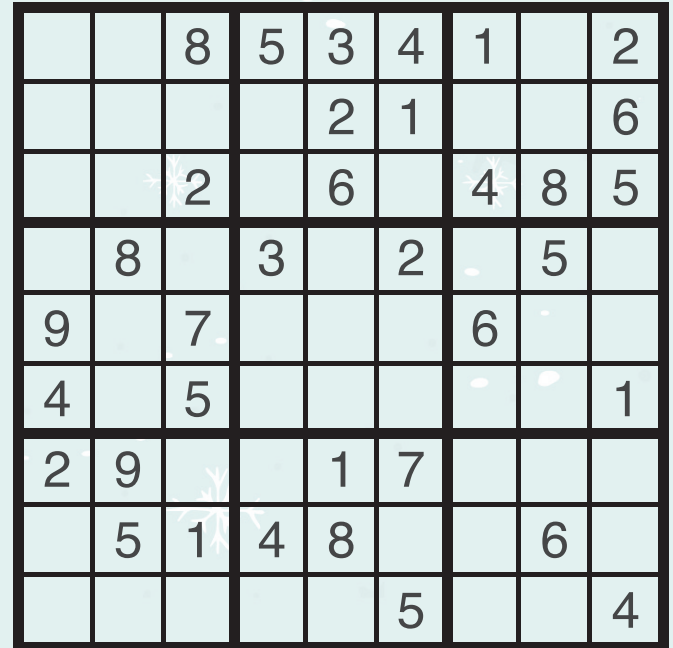
ACROSS

1. Afraid
4. One who mimics
6. Jump on

DOWN

1. Cat
2. Hold back
3. Vibrating sound
5. Test flavor

Sudoku



Level: Beginner

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve: the number 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. Figure out the order the numbers will appear by using the clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets!

DID YOU KNOW?



"Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song. James Lord Pierpont wrote the song called "One Horse Open Sleigh" for his church's Thanksgiving concert in the mid-19th century. In 1857, the song was re-released under the title we all know and love and it's still among the most popular Christmas songs today.



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