

A Letter from Santa

Little Judy got a letter from Santa. As she was about to read it, her cat jumped on the desk. He stepped into some paint, and left his paw prints on the letter. Help Judy to read the letter.

 Judy,

Thank you for your letter! Up here at the North Pole, we have been very busy this year! The elves are really excited that Christmas Day is almost here. They have been working day and night getting all the toys ready for Christmas Eve. Mrs. Claus made us her extra special chocolate chip cookies last night since we've been working so hard. They taste great with a big glass of milk!

Once my sleigh is packed and ready to go, I'll be off on my journey around the world. I'm reading your letter right now, and it looks like you've done a very nice job this year. That makes me so happy. Keep up the good work!

While you are asleep on Christmas Eve, my reindeer will land my sleigh on your rooftop so I can hop down your chimney.

I see that you have stuffed animals. I love stuffed animals too. I sleep with my teddy bear every night. He is warm and cuddly, and he is my best friend. The elves have been very busy this year making many new and different stuffed animals for Christmas!

I'm really excited about making my big trip on Christmas Eve! Remember, you have to be asleep when I come to make sure you go to bed on time!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Have a Merry Christmas! And of course give my regards to all your friends at Balduin!

Your Special Friend,

Santa



Answer Key:

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While you are asleep on Christmas Eve, the reindeer will land my sleigh on your rooftop so I can hop down your chimney.

I see that you like stuffed animals. I love stuffed animals too. I sleep with my teddy bear every night. He is warm and cuddly, and he is my best friend. The elves have been very busy this year making many new and different stuffed animals for Christmas!

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Let's talk about CHRISTMAS



Conversation cards

Do you celebrate Christmas in your country?
How do you celebrate it?

Is Christmas a national holiday where you live?
Are schools and businesses closed? How long?

What supposedly happened at Christmas a long time ago?
Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

What do you usually do on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day?
Compare with others.

What do you usually eat at Christmas?
Who cooks it?

What does Christmas mean to you personally?

Do you give (or receive) Christmas presents? What kind of presents do you buy? What presents do you like to get?

What do you like about Christmas?
What don't you like about it?

What is your favourite Christmas song?
Can you sing it in English?

What do you know about Santa Claus (AmE) or Father Christmas (BrE)?
Make a list.

Did you believe in Santa Claus when you were young?
When did you stop believing?
Who told you?

Do you put up a Christmas tree?
Is it real or artificial?
What do you think is best or the environment? Why?

What's the weather like at Christmas in your country?
Do you like it?

Would you like to spend the Christmas holidays in another country?
Where? Explain why.

What would change about Christmas if you could?
Would you change anything at all?

How many Christmas cards do you usually get?
Do you write real Christmas cards or e-cards? Why?

'Christmas has become too commercialised.' Explain.
Do you agree or not?
Discuss in group.

What is Boxing Day?
Do research and report to the class.

Match words & pictures

candle & holly	
gingerbread man	
mistletoe	
Rudolph	
Santa & sleigh	
stocking	
Xmas balls or baubles	
Xmas card	
Xmas lights	
Xmas present	
Xmas pudding	
Xmas tree	



Quotes

Explain and discuss

- I never believed in Santa Claus because I knew no white man would be coming into my neighbourhood after dark. ~ Dick Gregory

- Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. ~ Calvin Coolidge

(Starting Card):
Poinsettia



What animal pulls
Santa's sleigh?

Reindeer



Who is a large,
plump man
dressed in red?

Santa Claus



What do you hang
in front of a
fireplace for Santa
to put presents in?

Stockings



What do you
call a common
Christmas
ornament with
bright red berries?

Holly



What is decorating
the tree also
called?

Trimming the tree



What do you call a
Christmas with
snow?

A
White
Christmas

What is the name
of the drink
commonly served
at Christmas?

Eggnog



What do you call
songs sung at
Christmas?

Christmas
Carols

What do you call
elves dressed in
red and green?

Santa's Helpers



When is Christmas Eve?

December 24

What do you call the list you write at Christmas?

A wish list

What is usually shown as a human being with wings?

An angel



What do you call the coming of Jesus Christ?

Advent

Where was Jesus believed to be born?

Bethlehem

When is Christmas Day?

December 25

What do you call a decorated paper tube that makes a sharp noise?

Cracker



What was one of the gifts given to Jesus at his birth?

Gold

What did Mary use for a cradle for Jesus?

Manger



What is the name of the parasitic plant with white berries?

Mistletoe

What do you call a person who looks after sheep?

Shepherd



What is tinsel?

A decoration consisting of thin strips of shiny metal foil.

What is the informal term for Christmas?

Xmas

What do you call the thing that is wrapped up you get at Christmas?

Present



What plant is commonly used to decorate at Christmas?

What to do:

1. Cut out the cards and laminate for longer hold.

How to play:

1. Have groups of three to four students play the game.
2. Give each student eight or six cards.
3. The one to get the "Starting card" puts his card on the table. Reads the question aloud.
4. The student with the card that has the answer puts it down on the table (like in a Domino game) but the card is placed below the first card –
5. The student then reads the new question and the student

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 with the correct answer places his card on the desk.
6. And so it goes

*PS: Notice that the **Starting card** has the answer of the question on the last card to be placed on the table.*

Creative Writing Prompts

Letter to Santa Claus



Before starting to write, think of the following:

- What would you like for Christmas? Make a list of presents you'd like.
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- Why should you get a present? Make a list of things that show you've been good.
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Christmas

Now it's time to write. Tell Santa what you'd like, what you can do with it, why you like it, and why you think you should get it.

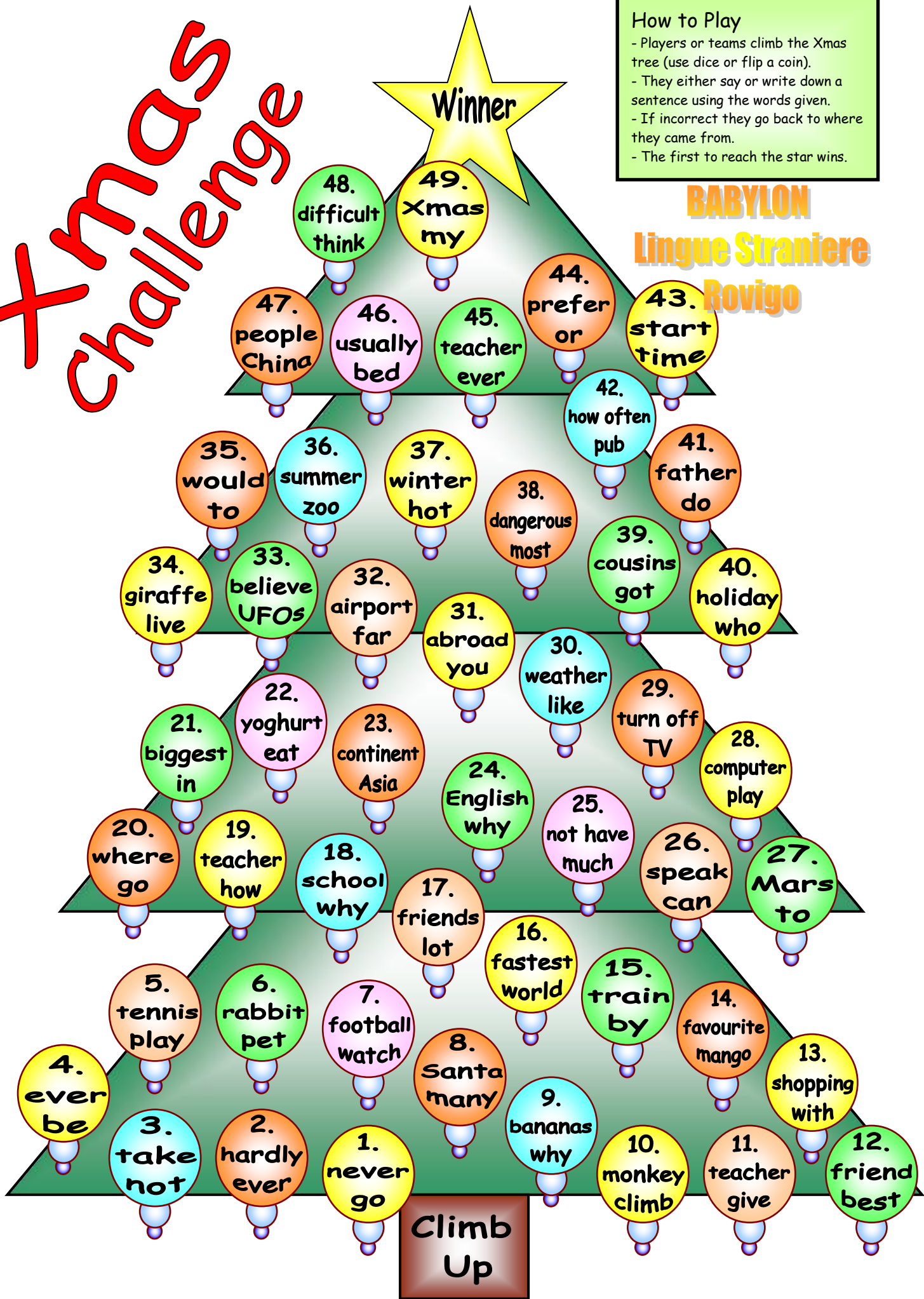
Dear Santa,

Xmas Challenge

How to Play

- Players or teams climb the Xmas tree (use dice or flip a coin).
- They either say or write down a sentence using the words given.
- If incorrect they go back to where they came from.
- The first to reach the star wins.

BABYLON
Lingue Straniere
Rovigo



Climb Up