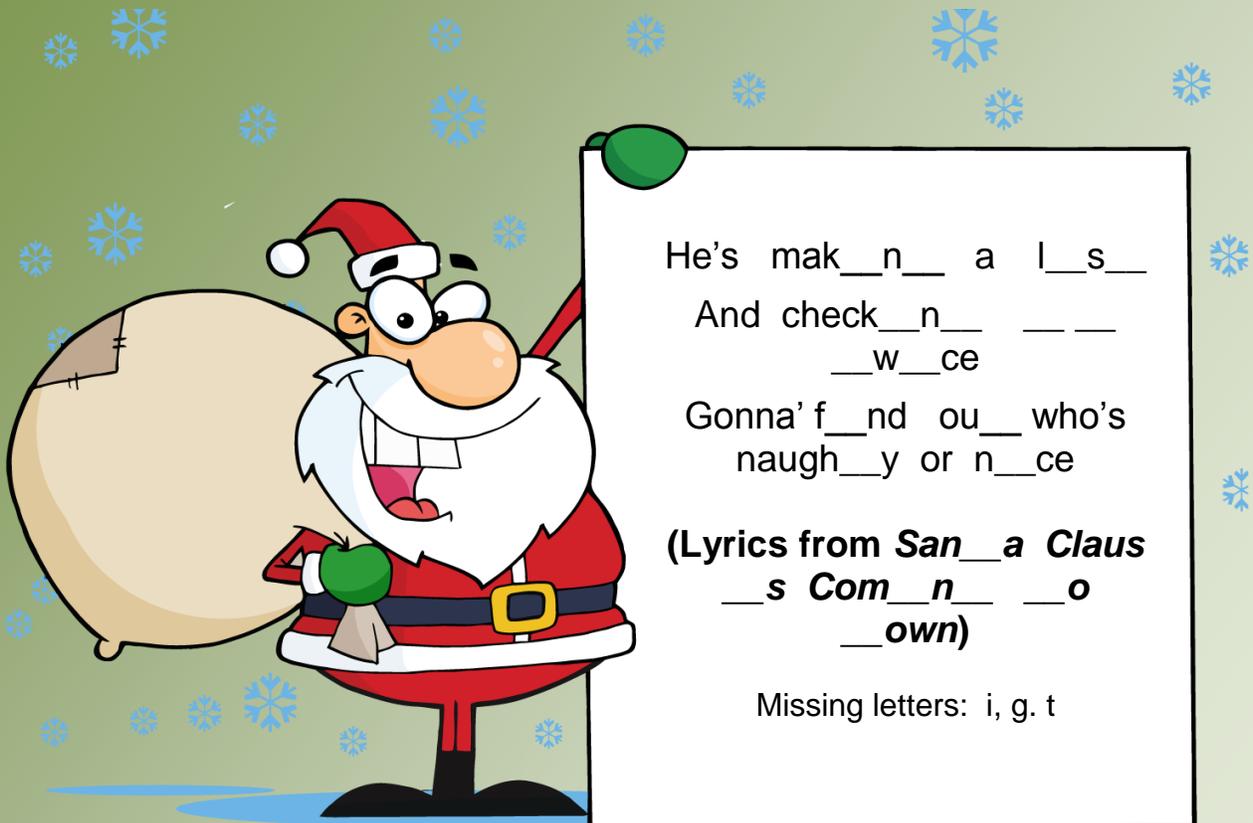


Christmas Literature And Music

Missing Letters Puzzles Featuring Holiday Songs, Stories, Authors, and Characters



He's mak__n__ a l__s__

And check__n__ ____
__w__ce

Gonna' f__nd ou__ who's
naugh__y or n__ce

(Lyrics from *San__a Claus*
__s Com__n__ __o
__own)

Missing letters: i, g, t

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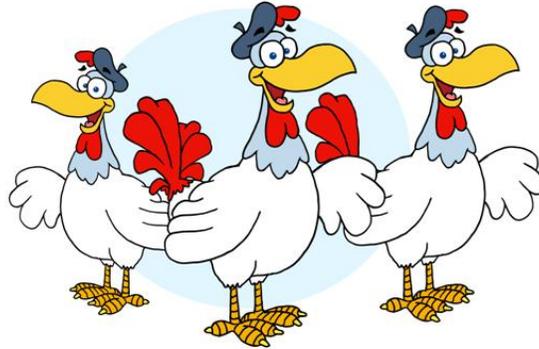
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Sample: On th__ Third __ay of Christ__as, __y tru__ lov__ gav__ to ____:

Thr__ Fr_nch H__ns

(lyrics from *Th__ Tw__lv__ __ays of Christ__as*)

Missing Letters: e, m, d

Each of the following puzzles has a Christmas literature connection. It could involve the name of an author, a singer, a story character or a snippet from a holiday song, story, or poem. The information encrypted in the lines will become clear when the three missing letters—one vowel and two consonants, to be exact—are written in the correct blanks. Solve the sample above and get your festive thinking cap on the march. I'll wait.

Waiting. . . waiting. . . waiting. . . waiting. . . 5. . . 4. . . 3. . . 2. . . 1. . . Got it?

Now, put your revved-up brain to work! No wheel spinning, no vowel buying, no losing a turn, no going bankrupt! Just jump right in and solve the puzzle! Santa will deliver the prizes.

1. Das __i__g t__roug__ t__e s__ow
I__ a o__ __-__ors__ op__ __ sl__ig__

(lyrics from *Ji__gl__ B__lls*)

Missing Letters: e, n, h

2. __h__r__es Di__kens
(author of *A__hristm__s__ __ro__*)

Missing letters: a, c, l

3. “__ou’ll sh__ __ __ur e__ e __u__!”
(quote from *A Chris__mas S__ __r__*)

Missing letters o, t, y

4. F__ __sty the Sn__w__an
(song/animated TV special narrated by comedian Ji__ __y Du__ ante)

Missing letters: o, r, m

5. __l__m__n__ __lark__ Moor__
(author: ‘__was __h__ Nigh__ b__for__ __hris__mas__)

Missing letters e, c, t

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6. a ___i___v___r b ___ ___ that on___y b___i___v___rs
can h___ar
(story object from **Th___ Po___ar ___xpr___**)
Missing letters e, s, l
7. ___ ___my, t___e misfit ___lf w___o wants to b___ a d___ntist
(character from 1964 stop-motion animation TV special
___udolp___ t___ ___d-n o s___d ___ind___r)
Missing letters e, h, r
8. Cindy ___ ___u W___ ___
(character from **___w the Grinc___ St___e C___ristmas**)
Missing letters o, l, h
9. ___ ___s ___ ___ngle
(character from movie **M___ ___acle on 34th St___eet**)
Missing letters i, k, r
10. You'___e ___ th___ee-decke ___ s___ue ___k___ut ___nd
to ___d___tool s___ndwich with ___ ___senic ___ ___uce.
(lyrics from **M___ G___inch**)
Missing letters a, r, s
11. I ___og ___n___ H___rd ___an
(character from **Th___ B___st Christ___as
Pa___ant ___v___r**)
Missing letters: e, m, g
12. B ___ng ___ ro ___by
(Singer who recorded his super hit **Wh___te Chr___tma___** in 1942)
Missing letters: i, c, s
13. T___m Ha ___ks
(Actor who portrays four characters and also acts as the narrator
for the computer-animated film **The ___lar Ex___ress**)
Missing letters o, n, p
14. Alvi___, The___d___re, and Si___ ___
(animated movie stars/singers famous for their
1958 hit **The Chip___u___k S___g**)
Missing Letters: o, m, n
15. ___h ___ ___les S___hultz
(creator of the comic strip **Pe___nuts** and author of the animated TV
special **___h___lie B___own ___h___istm___s**)
Missing letters: a, c, r

Christmas Literature and Music

Missing Letters Puzzles—Part Two

Featuring
Holiday Songs, Stories, Authors, and Characters



Welcome back to the **Christmas Literature and Music Missing Letters Challenge**, on location in your classroom! Have a blast with 15 more puzzle challenges. Send Santa a polite letter with your prize requests.

1. On _ _ e eig _ _ _ d _ y of C _ ristm _ s, my _ _ rue love
g _ ve _ o me: eig _ _ _ m _ ids _ _ milking.

(lyrics from _ _ e **welve D _ ys of C _ ris _ m _ s**)

Missing letters: a, h, t

2. _ _ ny _ _ m

(child character from **A _ hr _ s _ mas _ arol**)

Missing letters: i, t, c

3. "... _ nd t _ _ t's w _ _ t _ _ ristm _ s is _ ll _ bout,
_ _ _ rile Brown."

(spoken by Linus in animated TV special

_ _ _ **rlie Brown** _ _ _ **ristm _ s**)

Missing letters: a, h, c

4. Na _ Ki _ g C _ le

(singer: 1946 Grammy-Hall-of-Fame hit single

_ he Chris _ mas S _ _ g commonly subtitled
Ches _ nu _ s R _ as _ i _ g o _ a _ _ pe _ Fire _)

Missing letters: o, t, n

5. R _ lp _ ie P _ _ ke _

(main character in 1983 movie _ _ **C _ _ istm _ s Sto _ y**)

Missing letters: a, r, h

6. N _ w Yo _ k Ci _ y

(setting for movie **Mi _ acl _ on 34th S _ _ _ _ t**)

Missing letters: e, r, t

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7. I pu__ a __ack o__ __ach__r's chair.
Som__body s__i__ch__d o__ m__.
(lyrics from 1955 novelty song **__u__ __i__' for Chris__mas**)
Missing letters: e, n, t
8. __umbles the A__ __mi__a__le S__ __w M__ __ster
__f the __ __rth
(character from 1964 stop-motion animated TV special
Rud__lph the Red-__ __sed Rei__deer)
Missing letters: o, n, b
9. __v__ __yo__ __'s da__cing m__ __ __ily
I__ a __ __w old-fashio__ __d way.
(lyrics from 1958 hit **Rocki__' A__ou__d th__ Ch__istmas T__ __ __**)
Missing letters e, r, n
10. __o__ __ cre__ __ure w__s s__irri__g, __ot eve__ a mouse.
(line from '**__w__s __he __igh__ Before Chris__m__s**)
Missing letters: a, t, n
11. And __e p__ __ __led and p__ __ __led 'til __is
p__ __ __ler was sore.
(line from **__ow t__e Grinc__ Stole C__ristmas**)
Missing letters: u, z, h
12. __ __ __eem__ __o long __ __nce __ could __ay,
"__ __ter __u__ie __ __ __ng on a __h__ __ __le."
(lyrics from 1948 novelty song **All __ Wan__ for Chr__ __ __mas**
__ __ My __wo Fron__ __ee__h__)
Missing letters: i, s, t
13. __ __ __ __ __ __ o__ inson
(author of **The __est Ch__istmas P__ge__nt Ever**)
Missing letters: a, b, r
14. __he __i__n't __ __ __ m__ cr__ __p
__own th__ __tair__ to hav__ a p__ __ k.
(lyrics from #1 song, December 1952
I __aw Mommy Ki__ __ing __anta Clau__)
Missing letters: e, d, s
15. We __ __ __ h__rdly st__ __d the w__it
Ple__se __hristm__s, do__'t be l__te.
(lyrics from **The __hipmu__k So__g**)
Missing letters: a, c, n



___ _ v ___ n ___ wan ___ a ___ wi ___ ing: from **Th ___ Tw ___ Iv ___ Days of Chri ___ t ___ as**
Missing letters: e, s, m

Answer Keys

Christmas Literature and Music Missing Letters Puzzles

1. Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh (lyrics from **Jingle Bells**)
2. Charles Dickens (author of **A Christmas Carol**)
3. "You'll shoot your eye out!" (quote from **A Christmas Story**)
4. Frosty the Snowman (son/animated TV special narrated by comedian Jimmy Durante)
5. Clement Clarke Moore (Author: **'Twas the Night before Christmas**)
6. A silver bell that only believers can hear (Story object from **The Polar Express**)
7. Hermy, the misfit elf who wants to be a dentist character from 1964 stop-motion animation TV special **Redolph the Red-nosed Reindeer**)
8. Cindy Lou Who (Character from **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**)
9. Kris Kringle (character from movie **Miracle on 34th Street**)
10. You're a three-decker sauerkraut and toadstool sandwich with arsenic sauce. (lyrics from **Mr. Grinch**)
11. Imogene Herdman (character from **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**)
12. Bing Crosby (singer who recorded his super hit **White Christmas** in 1942)
13. Tom Hanks (Actor who portrays four characters and also acts as the narrator for the computer-animated film **The Polar Express**)
14. Alvin, Theodore, and Simon (animated movie stars/singers famous for their 1958 hit **The Chipmunk Song**)
15. Charles Schultz (creator of the comic strip **Peanuts** and author of the animated TV special **A Charlie Brown Christmas**)

Part Two

1. On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me: eight maids a milking. (lyrics from **The Twelve Days of Christmas**)
2. Tiny Tim (child character from **A Christmas Carol**)
3. "... and that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown." (spoken by Linus in animated TV special **A Charlie Brown Christmas**)
4. Nat King Cole (Singer: 1946 Grammy-Hall-of-Fame hit single **The Christmas Song**, commonly subtitled **Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire.**)

Christmas Literature and Music Missing Letters Puzzles—Answer Keys—continued

5. Ralphie Parker (main character in 1983 movie ***A Christmas Story***—FYI: based on author Jean Shepherd's book ***In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash***)
6. New York City (Setting for movie ***Miracle on 34th Street***)
7. I put a tack on teacher's chair.
Somebody snitched on me.
(lyrics from 1955 novelty song ***Nuttin' for Christmas***)
8. Bumbles the Abominable Snow Monster of the North (character from 1964 stop-motion animated TV special ***Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer***)
9. Everyone's dancing merrily
In a new old-fashioned way.
(lyrics from 1958 hit ***Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree***—Brenda Lee)
10. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
(line from ***'Twas the Night Before Christmas***)
11. And he puzzled and puzzled 'til his puzzler was sore. (line from ***How the Grinch Stole Christmas***)
12. It seems so long since I could say,
"Sister Susie sitting on a thistle."
(Lyrics from 1948 novelty song ***All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth***—FYI: written by Donald Yetter Gardner in 1944 while he was teaching public school music in Smithtown, New York. He was inspired by his second graders and their missing front teeth.)
13. Barbara Robinson (Author of ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever***)
14. She didn't see me creep
Down the stairs to have a peek.
(Lyrics from #1 song, December 1952 ***I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus***)
15. We can hardly stand the wait
Please Christmas, don't be late.
(Lyrics from ***The Chipmunk Song***)

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