



Winter activity pack

Filled with seasonal quizzes, poems, word searches, colouring pages, and stories.

Winter general knowledge quiz

1. What term is used to describe a survival strategy animals use in winter months?
2. Complete the saying "As free as a..."
3. What does rain and snow mixed create?
4. What is the name of the local pub on the soap Coronation Street?
5. A sledge is a typed of what?
6. What is another name for aurora borealis?
7. What famous ballet is often performed during the festive period?
8. What are the names of The Beatles?
9. What is a baby reindeer called?
10. How many gifts were mentioned in total in the song, The 12 Days of Christmas?
11. What bird was shown on the back of a farthing?
12. In what year did Britain become decimal?
13. How many shillings were in an old pound?
14. What is the name of the bear that keeps marmalade sandwiches under his hat?
15. What is the shortest day of the year?
16. What is the name of the evil natured cat in Cinderella?
17. What date is St. Stephen's Day?
18. What dessert is baked but is cold in the centre?
19. What are the names of the two traditional cakes eaten in Italy during Christmas?
20. What are the names of Santa's nine reindeer?

Father Christmas by George Hill

I'd like to be Father Christmas
He only works once a year
He's the symbol of yuletide jollies
And I long for him to appear.

I still get so excited
And gaze up to the heavens
Hoping to catch a glimpse of him
Even though I'm eighty-seven.

I'm still a kid at heart you see
And I hope I always will be
I've really been good, so I hope to find
Lots of presents under my tree.

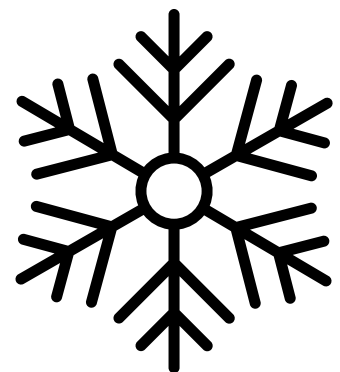


Winter Alphabet Challenge

Can you think of a word or phrase associated with winter, beginning with each of the following letters below?

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R
O
S
T
Y

M
O
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N
I
N
G
S



What am I?

Use the clues to identify the five winter themed answers

1.	I can be made of either wood or plastic I work best on snowy ground I am more fun going downhill	
2.	I am made of rubber I eventually expire I am good at keeping your bed warm on cold nights	
3.	I can be used year round I am very useful if there is a power cut I am linked to bees	
4.	I am enjoyed by most children and some adults I am white and cold It is best to handle me with gloves	
5.	I need feeding to keep alive I can make crackling sounds I can sometimes spit	

Jack the cat Chapter One

Jack, the cat, lived in a town called Shrewsbury. He couldn't remember how he came to be living there, and he didn't know how old he was. He was just happy to be in a town full of friendly people.

Jack was a black cat. Black, that is, except for a little white blob on his nose that disappeared when his face was muddy!

One day he woke up suddenly from a deep sleep. His usual cat-like bedroom was under a special hedge in the Dingle. The noise that had woken him came from a nearby bandstand. It was a loud noise!

He stretched his back and took a look through the hedge to see what it was. A little girl had dropped her ice cream onto the grass, and she was crying, oh so loudly! "Mummy, I can't eat it now, it's too dirty!" she said. "Never mind," said her mummy, "I expect it won't be wasted, I'm sure a dog will eat it up. There are plenty of dogs in the quarry today. Stop crying now and let's go to the slide in the play park."

The little girl and her mummy went off across the grass, and the little girl began to smile again. "Oh," thought Jack, "I haven't eaten yet and I fancy something cold for breakfast!" He darted out of the hedge and enjoyed licking the dropped ice cream. "People are kind in Shrewsbury," he thought, and purred as he sat beside the bandstand.

Jack didn't like the rain. His black furry coat needed washing whenever it rained, and it took him a long time to lick it clean. Today it was raining, so Jack hid in the draughty doorway of the market in Shrewsbury. There were only a few people about, as it was a Monday. Nobody noticed him as he sat wondering where he could find some dinner. Cats weren't allowed up the stairs where it said UP in big letters. Cats weren't allowed in the lifts that took people up to the market halls. So, Jack just had to sit and think about food!

After a while, the rain stopped, and Jack walked carefully along Claremont Street. He had to keep out of the way of people's feet, because they might not see him if they were hurrying along to the shoe repairers, or to the opticians.

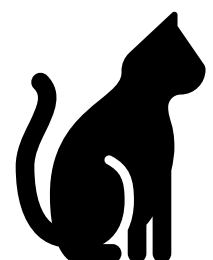
Jack decided to cross the road to the toyshop. Now, he had to be very careful, as there were cars everywhere, so he looked from right to the left, and trotted safely across to the other side.

“Funny”, he thought, “how there are yellow lines on the roadside. Perhaps it’s to make it look pretty?” He looked in the toyshop window. Plenty of toys, but no food!

He looked in the catalogue shop window. Plenty of saucepans, but no food!

Jack wandered on until he came to a church. Outside the church was a notice that said, “Come in for coffee”. “Ah,” he thought, that’s better! Maybe a cake or two as well!”

A man stood at the gate, and welcomed everyone in. “Well, hello Jack,” he said, when he saw Jack coming up the road, “would you like a currant bun and a saucer of milk this morning?” Jack purred and walked up to the man. “Dinner at last!” he said to himself, as he rubbed himself against the man’s legs.



Jack the cat Chapter Two

One day, Jack the cat, was hurrying along the little lane, or 'shut', that goes down the side of the Musical Hall. He was cold and wanted to find shelter under the arches of the old market in The Square. When he got there, he found a piece of old sacking in a corner and curled up to go to sleep.

Jack had noticed a lot of things happening in the last few weeks. Lights were suddenly going off and on in the most unusual places! They were up in the air, over the roads and in windows everywhere! Trees had suddenly grown on the pavement, and some were growing out of the walls of the high buildings! He could see one enormous tree that had suddenly grown in The Square and it was covered with lights! "Something is different," he thought "but it must be good, because everyone is smiling and looking happy."

Jack sat quietly in a corner, and he watched as more and more people came to stand in The Square, in front of the coffee shop, in front of the bank, and in front of the health food shop, hundreds of people came and stood.

Jack watched as a big brass band arrived. They were marching down the High Street and the music sounded bright and jolly. He knew about bands, as he often heard them play in the bandstand, in the Quarry.

All the people started to sing. They were songs about a baby. "How happy the town is tonight," thought Jack, "and it isn't raining! I don't like rain."

Now, luckily, Jack stayed under the cover of the Old Market Hall, as a very funny thing happened. There was a slight hum of an engine, Jack watched curiously as a snow machine started to blow out pretend snow, all over The Square, all over the band and all over the people. Some children laughed out loud, as blobs of snow fell on their noses, their heads and their hands. Some people tried to move away from the falling snow. "It's making us look like snowmen!" they said.

"How lucky I am," thought Jack, "I'm not covered in snow, and my coat is still black." And it was! Black, that is, except for the little white blob on his nose!

Shrewsbury is a very old town. The River Severn curls like a worm around it and there are lots of bridges.

Jack, the cat, doesn't like rain, in fact, he doesn't like water at all, and so he DEFINITELY doesn't like the river!

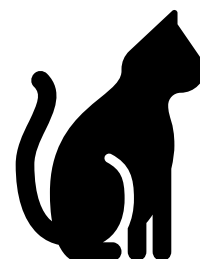
One day, Jack decided he would look for his dinner near the litter bins in the Quarry playground. There might even be an ice cream van parked by the Quarry gates! You know how Jack loves to eat ice cream!

He began to walk past the bandstand and down the slope of the green grass towards the river. The grass felt very wet on his paws, so he thought he would walk along the path towards the slides and children's rides. As he got closer to the path his green eyes grew large with amazement! No path! The river had grown sideways, all over the playground, all over the path and, if he kept going, it would be all over Jack! "Oh dear" thought Jack, "I shall have to find my dinner somewhere else today. Somewhere away from all this water."

He walked up to the swimming pool café and gave a sad "meow" at the door. He never went inside, as you know he doesn't like water, and there is lots of water in the pool!

A lady from the café came up to see him and said "Hello Jack. Would you like a currant bun and a saucer of milk this morning?" Jack purred loudly.

What kind people live in Shrewsbury," thought Jack, "Aren't I a lucky cat to live in this watery town".



Christmas word search

S D R A C I Y X T W
T C P C O M G R D R
A T V M Y M E K O E
G I F T S E G Y C A
C H R I S T M A S T
S L L E B U E W M H
N O E L P E R O E N
C A N D L E S N R A
H O L I D A Y S R V
F L C A R O L S Y W

Bells

Candle

Cards

Carols

Christmas

Gifts

Holiday

Merry

Noel

Snow

Tree

Wreath



Winter word search

O S N O K D F R S N E Y Y Q S
A E E N I X V N A E C V O C S
F A D V V M O Q D Z I K A I H
R O T A O W J Y L O F R R K H
S S L A B L L M E R F R E R P
B A N A H L G R V F G T O U O
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T I C S A F F I R E P L A C E
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Y Z R Y K H B A S H O V E L Y
J A S V L I B I K C J H B C X
G R S U H I Z U X E G I K H K
C D R D T A O C G R X S D V M
C P P V O C Q K V O U L P U R

Blanket

Chilly

Frost

Hat

Scarf

Snowflake

Blizzard

Coat

Frozen

Hibernate

Shovel

Boots

Fireplace

Gloves

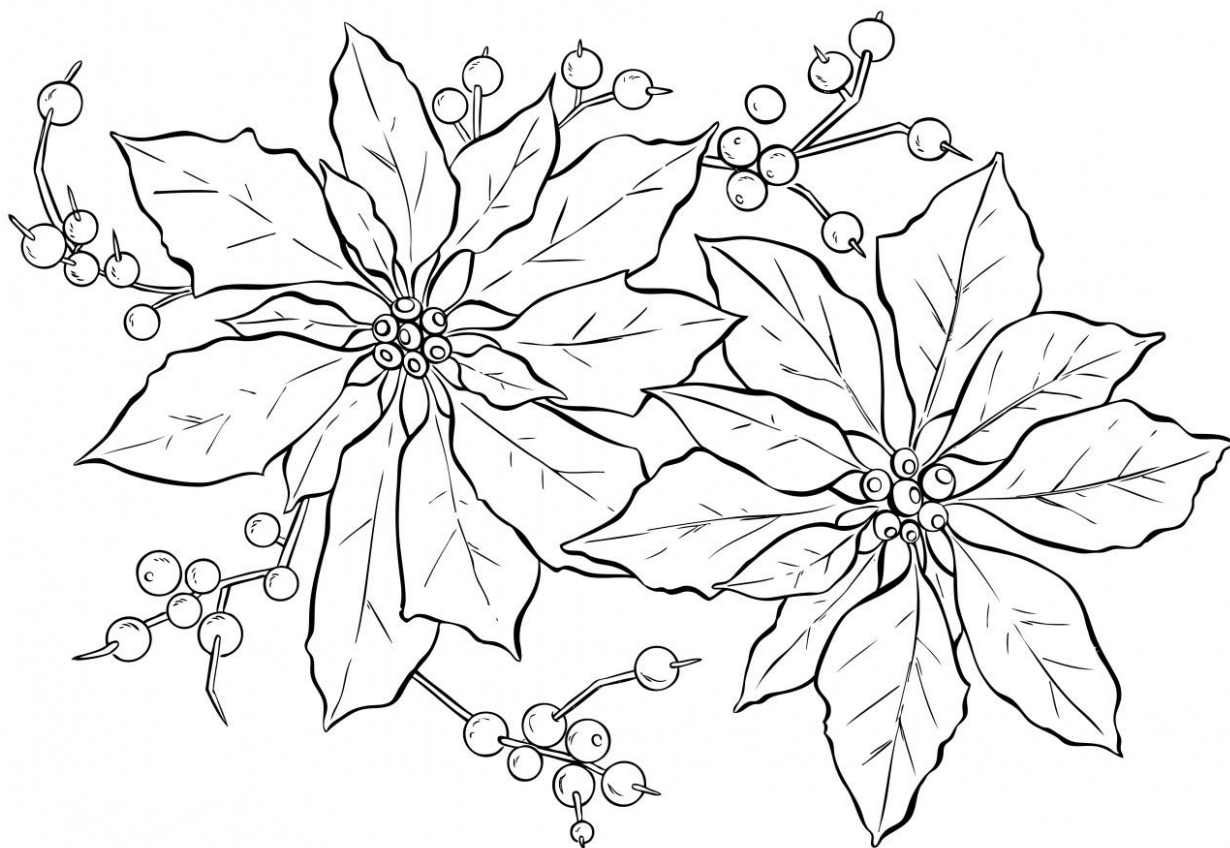
Ice

Snowball

Colouring sheet



Colouring sheet



Answers

Winter general knowledge quiz

1. Hibernation
2. Bird
3. Sleet
4. Rovers Return
5. Toboggan
6. The Northern Lights
7. The Nutcracker
8. John Lennon, George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr
9. Calf
10. 364
11. Wren
12. 1971
13. 20
14. Paddington
15. 21st December
16. Lucifer
17. 26th December
18. Baked Alaska
19. Panettone and Pandoro
20. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph

What am I?

1. Sledge
2. Hot water bottle
3. Candle
4. Snowball
5. Fire