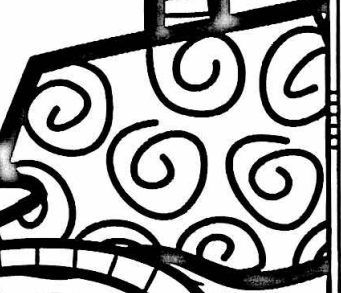
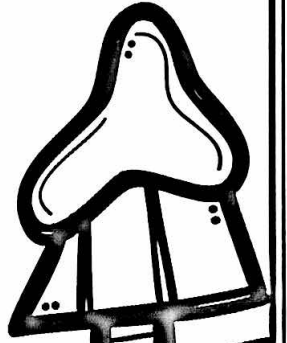
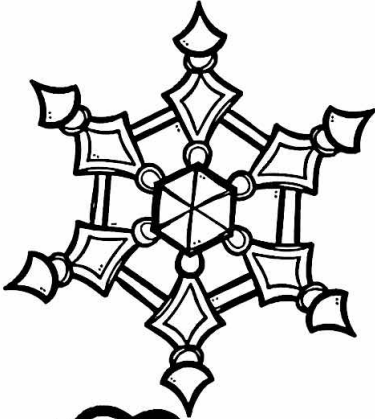
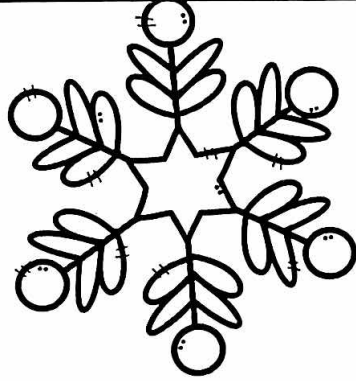
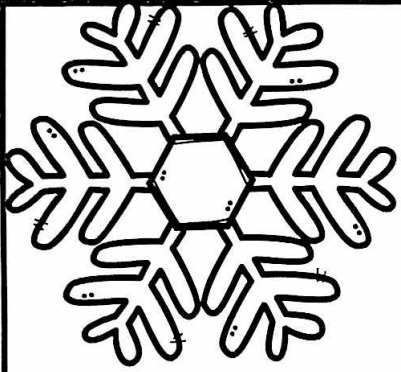


# WINTER BREAK Packet



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Compare Numbers

Directions: Compare the two numbers in each box by writing  $>$ ,  $<$ , or  $=$ .

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1,425      1,525

9,167      9,913

5,245      5,245

5,096      5,152

1,496      1,596

1,424      1,424

1,788      8,011

1,753      6,110

3,973      7,030

1,382      1,477

3,501      5,488

4,628      9,667

2,109      7,210

7,345      7,345





# CHRISTMAS in FINLAND

Christmas is a very important occasion in Finland. In fact, it is so important that preparations begin a month in advance! The festive season commences on the First Advent, which is the first Sunday in December. There are street lighting events, parades and Christmas markets. In the following weeks, people clean their houses, send greeting cards, purchase gifts and plan special holiday meals. Advent calendars are extremely popular as a way for children to count down the days until Christmas.

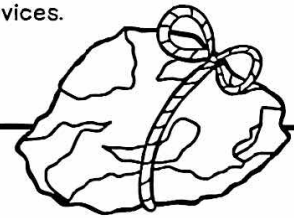
Christmas Eve is the day when the celebrations begin in earnest. After eating rice porridge for breakfast, people buy spruce trees and decorate them in the living rooms of their homes. When it gets dark—which is at three o'clock in the afternoon—families go on walks to visit the graves of their loved ones. It is also traditional to enjoy a relaxing sauna on Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Eve dinner is a huge feast, certainly a lot bigger than the meals on Christmas Day. People eat foods such as baked ham, pork and mashed potatoes, served with casseroles, salmon and turkey, and then pastries, fruit salad and pudding for dessert. The pudding is served with plum jam, and it has one almond (or nut) hidden in it. The person who receives the serving with the nut is believed to have good luck for the year to come.

Finnish people believe that Father Christmas lives in their country in an area called Lapland. He is sometimes called 'Joulupukki', which means "the Christmas Goat". This is due to an old Finnish tale of a Yule Goat who gradually became Father Christmas over time. Father Christmas rides on a sleigh pulled by reindeer. If the children have been good, he leaves a gift under the Christmas tree. However, if they have been naughty, they only receive a lump of coal. Gifts are also given to animals, such as strings of nuts hung from trees for the birds.

Christmas Day is for quiet family time, although people may attend early church services.

On Boxing Day, it is common to see families enjoying outdoor activities, such as ice-skating, skiing and sleigh rides.



*Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

1) What time does it get dark in Finland during Christmas?

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2) What is Lapland?

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3) Why do you think Finnish people might use the sauna on Christmas Eve?

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4) What outdoor activity would you like to partake in on Boxing Day? Why?

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Answer the following extension questions.

5) What was the author's purpose for writing the text? Explain how you know.

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6) Explain the illustration on the first page. What is it?

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7) What gift might the following pets receive for Christmas from 'Joulupukki'?

<u>DOG</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>CAT</u>

8) These words are from the passage. Write 3 or more rhyming words of your own.

<u>tree</u>	<u>meals</u>	<u>coal</u>	<u>sleigh</u>
<u>dinner</u>	<u>street</u>	<u>plum</u>	<u>goat</u>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Add or subtract each of the following.

# Add Or Subtract

$$\begin{array}{r} 6,033 \\ + 8,570 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9,295 \\ - 180 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6,745 \\ + 640 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5,817 \\ + 183 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4,338 \\ + 1,900 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 818 \\ + 107 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6,190 \\ - 280 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2,507 \\ + 3,009 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{r} 6,280 \\ - 5,300 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4,064 \\ - 490 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9,260 \\ - 306 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



# CHRISTMAS *in* ITALY

Christmas in Italy is a long celebration that lasts for about a month. It begins on December 8 with the Feast of Immaculate Conception. During this time, Nativity scenes (known as 'precepe') are set up in public areas, such as town squares, shops and churches. These scenes are also displayed in prominent places in people's homes. Many of the cribs are quite elaborate. They can be set up in a 'Tree of Life', which is a pyramid-shaped wooden box with many tiered shelves. Some of these boxes are several feet tall and filled with candles, fruit, pinecones, colored paper and figurines. The traditional handcrafted figurines represent Jesus's birth in the stable. However, modern precepes often include famous people, village landscapes and unusual animals. Baby Jesus is added to the scene on Christmas Eve to signify his birth.

On Christmas Eve, after fasting for the day, people consume a meal called 'Cenone'. For many families, this dinner is small and meatless. In Italian-American households and in some regions in southern Italy, 'Cenone' is more likely to be a feast with multiple types of fish, including salted cod, eel, sardines and squid. In such places, it is known as 'The Feast of the Seven Fishes' or 'La Vaglia'. After eating, people will attend Midnight Mass.

When families return from Midnight Mass, they may drink a mug of hot chocolate and eat a slice of 'panettone', which is a sweet bread loaf filled with candied fruit and raisins.

On Christmas Day, people wish each other a "Buon Natale!" Christmas dinner is an important meal and may consist of roast beef, stuffed capon or turkey. Dessert is likely to be more panettone or 'torrone', which is Italian nougat made from egg white, honey, sugar and nuts.

Small toys or candy are delivered to children on Christmas morning by Santa Claus ('Babbo Natale'). However, the main gifts are received on Epiphany, which is on January 6. Children leave stockings by the fireplace on Epiphany Eve and a kind, old witch named Befana is believed to leave presents for them. Befana wears a black shawl that is covered in soot, and she rides a broomstick.



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*Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

1) What can be found within a 'precepe'?

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2) What is 'panettone'?

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3) Do you think Italian children prefer Christmas Eve or Epiphany Eve? Explain your reason.

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4) Would you like to participate in 'The Feast of the Seven Fishes'? Why/Why not?

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Answer the following extension questions.

5) If it were your choice, which items would you like to include in a 'precepe'?

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6) Explain the illustration on the first page. Who is it?

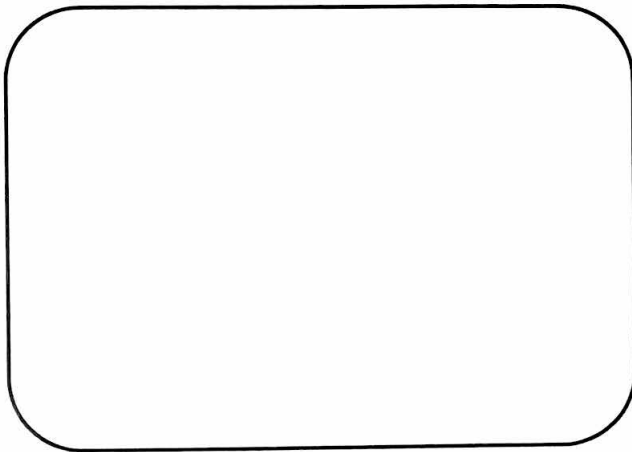
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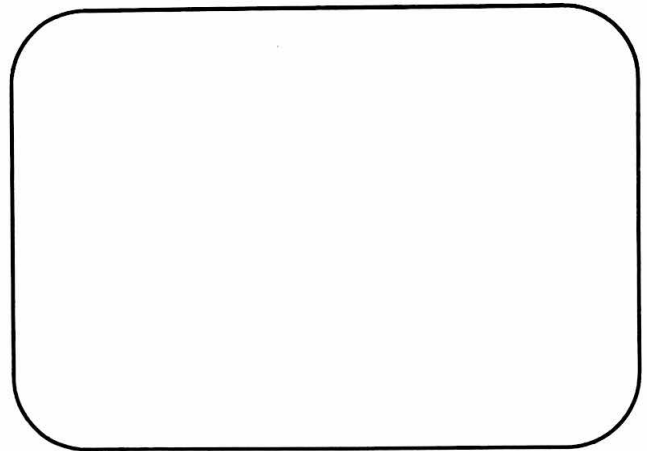
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7) Compare your Christmas traditions to those in Italy.

### DIFFERENCES



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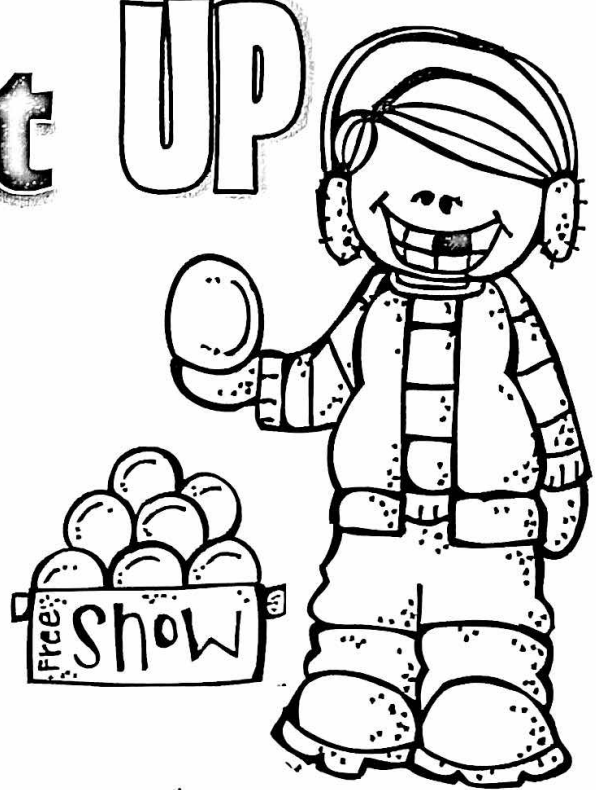
8) Draw and label 4 things that you know about Italy that are not in the passage.


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Multiply It UP

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 521 \\ \times \quad 3 \\ \hline 1,563 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 250 \\ \times \quad 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 743 \\ \times \quad 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 824 \\ \times \quad 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 639 \\ \times \quad 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 937 \\ \times \quad 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 580 \\ \times \quad 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Solve Winter Equations

Directions: Solve each of the following word problems. Show your work!

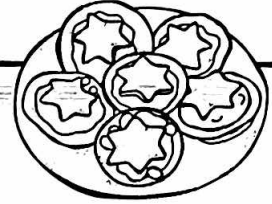
1. A polar bear has five rows of fifty snowballs each. How many snowballs does the polar bear have?

2. At the zoo, the zookeepers make 4,000 pounds of ice. The zookeepers can make 400 pounds per day. How many days will it take to make 4,000 pounds of ice?

3. Each basket can hold twenty snowballs. Mrs. Miller gives one basket to two hundred students. How many snowballs will the children have altogether?

4. Mrs. Scott needs to buy pencils for ten schools. Each student must have four pencils. Mrs. Scott will need to buy 80,000 pencils. The pencils come in packs of 800. How many packs of pencils will she need to buy?

# CHRISTMAS in ENGLAND



In England, department stores, buildings and streets start to look festive in November. Christmas lights, such as those displayed on Oxford Street in London, are often switched on for the first time by a celebrity at an event. People begin to decorate their

homes in early December. Trees, ornaments and lights are frequently put on show both inside and outside the home. In addition, many households will hang up an Advent calendar to count down the days until Christmas.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas Day ('Advent'), family and friends post cheerful Christmas cards to each other, containing well wishes such as "Seasons Greetings" or "Merry Christmas". Carol singing is popular during this time. Carolers may perform in public places, or they may go door-to-door to spread the holiday spirit.

Father Christmas delivers gifts to English children. On Christmas Eve, the children leave stockings or pillowcases by the fireplace or under the Christmas tree. It is tradition for parents to tell stories about Father Christmas, and then leave out a plate of fruit mince pies for him, as well as a dish of carrots for his reindeer. Fruit mince pies are a popular dessert in England. They are pastries filled with dried fruit, spices, sugar, apple and orange rind. Many people will also attend church services or Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

In England, presents are opened on Christmas morning. The rest of the day is spent with loved ones, as nobody is required to work on Christmas Day. The traditional Christmas dinner is a roasted turkey, served with Yorkshire pudding, baked potatoes, cranberry and vegetables, and then for dessert, either a plum pudding or a Christmas cake covered with marzipan, icing and topped with a sprig of holly. Cardboard crackers are opened during the meal. The crackers usually contain paper crowns, small toys, and pieces of paper with jokes on them.

The day after Christmas is a holiday called Boxing Day. It is known for its many sales, where stores open their doors early and offer cheap "after Christmas" prices. Shoppers line up for hours in order to get the best deals. Additionally, Boxing Day is a time for countryside strolls and watching the football or horse racing on television.

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*Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

1) What happens during 'Advent'?

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2) What do children do to ensure Father Christmas brings them gifts?

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3) Why do you think shoppers "line up for hours" on Boxing Day?

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4) Do you think you would enjoy eating fruit mince pies? Why/Why not?

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Answer the following extension questions.

5) Write a list of Christmas carols that English carolers might sing.

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6) Write a short Christmas message to someone in your family.

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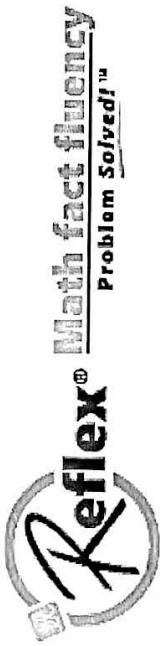
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7) List some of the following parts of speech from the reading passage...

<u>ADJECTIVES</u>	<u>PAST TENSE VERBS</u>

8) Draw and label 4 unique items that you would like to find in a Christmas cracker.

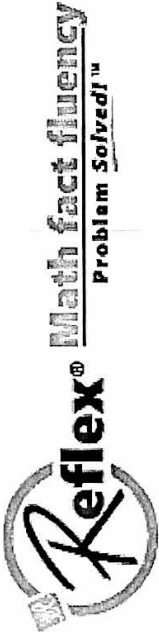

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**Directions:** Knowing our basic facts is important! Let's improve our reflex math fluency percentage by logging onto reflex math at home. When you complete the log, bring it in into school to receive a prize! **Note: This is not required, but strongly encouraged!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Minutes on Reflex Math</u>	<u>Did you get a green light?</u> <u>Circle one.</u>
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