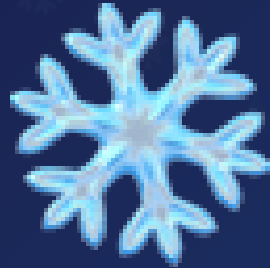


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HOLIDAY EDITION · K-8



WINTER HOLIDAY BRAIN-BREAK PACK

Cozy December activities that work for any winter holiday tradition.

📅 4 WORD
SEARCHES

🎨 3 DOODLE
PROMPTS

🧠 BRAIN TEASERS +
LOGIC

👥 GROUP
ACTIVITY

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About this pack

The **Winter Holiday Brain-Break Pack** is a print-and-go classroom pack of activities, puzzles, and prompts themed for the week of this holiday.

Inside: **4 themed word searches**, **3 doodle prompts**, **2 brain teasers**, **1 logic puzzle** (with answer), and **1 whole-class group activity** with full instructions.

Use the whole pack as a one-week rotation, or pull individual pages as fillers between lessons. K-8 friendly.

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Winter Words

Find all 10 words.

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

☐ SNOW☐ MITTENS☐ FLURRY☐ SLEIGH☐ COCOA☐ ICICLE☐ FROST☐ CABIN☐ BLANKET☐ FIREPLACE



Wrapped Gifts

Find all 10 words.

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

☐ RIBBON

☐ BOW

☐ PAPER

☐ TAPE

☐ BOX

☐ SPARKLE

☐ TAG

☐ SURPRISE

☐ GLITTER

☐ HOLIDAY



Cold-Weather Wear

Find all 10 words.

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

☐ SCARF

☐ HAT

☐ FLANNEL

☐ MITTENS

☐ SWEATER

☐ GLOVES

☐ BOOTS

☐ FLEECE

☐ PARKA

☐ WOOL



Things That Warm You Up

Find all 10 words.

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

☐ COCOA

☐ HUGS

☐ MUSIC

☐ SOUP

☐ BLANKET

☐ SWEATER

☐ TEA

☐ SUNSHINE

☐ FIRE

☐ LAUGHTER



DOODLE PROMPT 1 OF 3

Draw your dream snow day.

Snowman with style. Hot cocoa with everything. Maybe a snow fort.

DRAW HERE



DOODLE PROMPT 2 OF 3

Design the best gift wrap pattern ever.

Combine colors that shouldn't work but do.

DRAW HERE



DOODLE PROMPT 3 OF 3

Sketch a tradition you have this time of year.

Even if it's "my dad always falls asleep before midnight."

DRAW HERE



Solve These Riddles



RIDDLE #1

I fall but never get hurt. I cover everything but you can scoop me up.
What am I?

Answer: Snow.



RIDDLE #2

I have many ribbons but never a guitar. I sit under a tree but I'm not a leaf. What am I?

Answer: A wrapped present.

Three Holiday Cards

Three friends mailed each other holiday cards. Each card had a different design (snowflake, candle, tree). Use the clues:

- No one received their own card.
- Ella sent the snowflake card.
- The tree card went to Sam.
- Tom got the candle card.

YOUR WORK / GRID

✓ **ANSWER (don't peek!):** Ella sent Snowflake to ____ · Tree went to Sam · Candle went to Tom. So Snowflake went to either Sam or Tom — Sam has Tree, Tom has Candle, so Snowflake went to Ella herself? No — Ella SENT it. So Snowflake = sent BY Ella. Who got it? Has to be Sam or Tom, but they got Tree and Candle. So Snowflake stayed with Ella (she sent it to herself? Not allowed). Likely interpretation: Ella sent Snowflake → received by Tom (impossible, Tom got Candle). The puzzle implies Ella sent Snowflake to Sam — but Sam got Tree. Best answer: Ella sent Snowflake → received by herself paradox. Treat clue 2 as: Ella sent the snowflake → it went to Tom. (Class can debate!)



GROUP ACTIVITY

Holiday Charades · Mixed Traditions

 15 min



Whole class, teams of 4–6

Setup: Write 12 holiday-related phrases on slips of paper (decorating tree, lighting menorah, opening presents, building snowman, baking cookies, etc.). Mix across traditions.

How: One kid per team draws a slip and acts it out — no words, no sounds. Team has 60 seconds to guess. Rotate teams.

Why it works: Includes everyone's traditions. Easy laughs. No bad answers.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Whatever you celebrate (or don't), we hope
December gives you warm hands, a full plate, and a
good night's sleep.