

## **Song: Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer**

I initially wondered if this was maybe too babyish for high school kids but no, they love it! Especially the girls at my commercial high school – in all grades. Even the few boys in class don't seem to think it's too uncool to join in the fun too.

They're very familiar with the equivalent song in Japanese about the "tonakai" (reindeer) and all know the tune, which is the same, but are amused that in the English version, the tonakai actually has a name!

The katakana in the song worksheet are based on the Rudolph handout given out at the mid-year conference, but one of my JTE's (who speaks English really well) offered to help revise them as she felt some of them weren't quite accurate. Of course for many words, there are various different katakana translations that come close to the correct pronunciation although none are proper English! I also considered not having the katakana there at all but my JTE's suggested leaving them in, as long as we practiced the pronunciation (saying before singing) – and when following the rhythm of the music there's no time to fit those dreadful extra syllables in anyway! As a result, their pronunciation ends up way better than it is in their speaking.

For the coolest reindeer pics ever, for decorating the worksheet, see the Word document "Christmas pictures – Small".

## RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Rudolph, the red - nosed reindeer

ルドルフ ザ レド ノーズド レインディア

Had a very \_\_\_\_\_ nose

ハド ア ベリ \_\_\_\_\_ ノーズ

And if you ever saw it

アンド イフ ユー エバ ソー イト

You would even \_\_\_\_\_ it glows

ユー ウド イーベン \_\_\_\_\_ イト グロウズ

All of the other reindeer

オール オブ ズイ アザ レインディア

Used to \_\_\_\_\_ and call him names

ユースト トリ \_\_\_\_\_ アンド コール ヒム ネームズ

They never let poor Rudolph

ゼイ ネバ レト プアー ルドルフ

Join in any reindeer \_\_\_\_\_

ジョイン イン エニ レインディア

Then one foggy \_\_\_\_\_ eve

ゼン ワン フォギ \_\_\_\_\_ イーブ

Santa came to say:

サンタ ケイム トリ セイ

"Rudolph with your \_\_\_\_\_ so bright

ルドルフ ウイズ ユオアー \_\_\_\_\_ ソー ブライト

Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

ウオント ユー ガイド マイ スレイ トオナイト

Then how the reindeer \_\_\_\_\_ him

ゼン ハウ ザ レインディア \_\_\_\_\_ ヒム

As they \_\_\_\_\_ out with glee

アズ ゼイ \_\_\_\_\_ アウト ウイス グリー

"Rudolph, the red - nosed reindeer

ルドルフ ザ レド ノーズド レインディア

You'll go down in history."

ユール ゴー ダウン イン ヒストリー

Missing words:

games

ゲームズ

shouted

シャウトド

nose

ノーズ

laugh

ラーフ

Christmas

クリスマス

shiny

シャイニ

say

セイ

loved

ラブド

## **Christmas pictures Bingo**

Very simple but they love it and learn / practice Christmas vocab. After testing / teaching / practicing Christmas words, using pictures to prompt, we play Bingo: They choose 9 words of the 15 to 20 or so shown in pictures and write them on their Bingo sheets; I then hold up the pictures without saying the words, and they must mark the matching words. 2 lines = Bingo.

The 1<sup>st</sup> years at my commercial & technical high schools really get into this. If done slowly with lots of explanations & testing of understanding, it can easily fill a period.

For pictures I used, see "Christmas pictures on the Internet" below or open the Word document "Christmas pictures – Large".

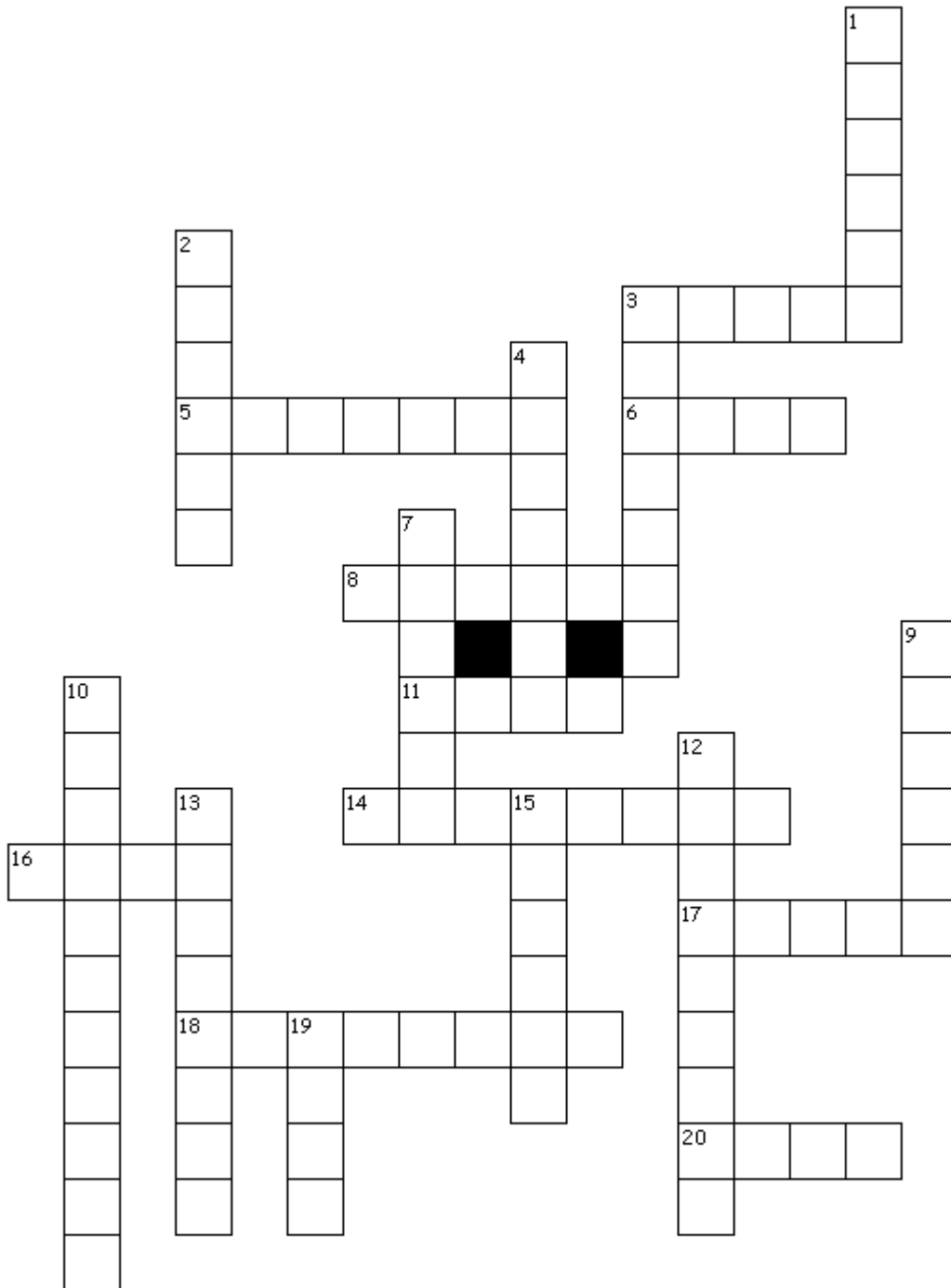
## **Christmas Crossword Puzzle**

I made it using [www.puzzlemaker.com](http://www.puzzlemaker.com) and copied it into here.

Below you'll find 1) the puzzle itself, 2) the clues as given to the students in gap-fill format, and 3) a copy of the clues exactly as typed into puzzlemaker, so if you want to add in or take out any words, or change the clues, you can copy the last page and paste it straight into puzzlemaker! And then re-work it as you wish. (Criss-cross Puzzle as they call it, Step 4: Enter the words and clues.)

I'm using it for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at my technical & commercial high schools. Some of the words are quite difficult for them but they really get into it. I usually use pictures on the board to give a few more hints. And if I know it's going to be too difficult even with those, I write in the initial letter of every word and even write in a few full words (the most difficult ones).

# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**CLUES: ACROSS**

3. In some countries, families have a delicious big \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas day.
5. The most famous reindeer is called \_\_\_\_\_ the Red-nosed Reindeer. There's a song about him!
6. Santa Claus puts presents under the Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ and into the Christmas stockings.
8. In some countries, families have a delicious big \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas Eve (the night before Christmas).
11. The elves help Santa Claus to make \_\_\_\_\_ for childrens' presents.
14. On Christmas morning, families wake up early to open their \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. Santa Claus lives at the North \_\_\_\_\_ with Mrs Claus, his reindeers and his elves.
17. People send Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ to each other. They write a message inside each one.
18. Christmas is on \_\_\_\_\_ 25th.
20. Santa Claus only brings presents to children who have been \_\_\_\_\_ through the year!

**CLUES: DOWN**

1. Santa Claus travels around the world in a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Christians in many countries go to \_\_\_\_\_ at Christmas.
3. Children write \_\_\_\_\_ to Santa Claus, asking for things they would like for Christmas.
4. Santa Claus climbs through the \_\_\_\_\_ to get into people's houses.
7. In Japan, Christmas is in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_ , so it is very cold and people stay indoors to keep warm.
9. There are different kinds of Christmas songs. Traditional Christmas songs are called Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. Before Christmas, families put Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ inside their houses (and sometimes outside too).
12. The night before Christmas, children put Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ up, so Santa Claus can put presents into them.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ pull Santa's sleigh.
15. In some countries, Christmas is in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_ , so people go to the beach and have barbecues!

19. My favorite part of a Christmas lunch or dinner is Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ !

DECEMBER Christmas is on \_\_\_\_\_ 25th.

DECORATIONS Before Christmas, families put Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ inside their houses (and sometimes outside too).

CARDS People send Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ to each other. They write a message inside each one.

LETTERS Children write \_\_\_\_\_ to Santa Claus, asking for things they would like for Christmas.

POLE Santa Claus lives at the North \_\_\_\_\_ with Mrs Claus, his reindeers and his elves.

TOYS The elves help Santa Claus to make \_\_\_\_\_ for childrens' presents.

GOOD Santa Claus only brings presents to children who have been \_\_\_\_\_ through the year!

STOCKINGS The night before Christmas, children put Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ up, so Santa Claus can put presents into them.

SLEIGH Santa Claus travels around the world in a \_\_\_\_\_.

REINDEER The \_\_\_\_\_ pull Santa's sleigh.

RUDOLPH The most famous reindeer is called \_\_\_\_\_ the Red-nosed Reindeer. There's a song about him!

CHIMNEY Santa Claus climbs through the \_\_\_\_\_ to get into people's houses.

TREE Santa Claus puts presents under the Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ and into the Christmas stockings.

PRESENTS On Christmas morning, families wake up early to open their \_\_\_\_\_ .

DINNER In some countries, families have a delicious big \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas Eve (the night before Christmas).

LUNCH In some countries, families have a delicious big \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas day.

WINTER In Japan, Christmas is in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_ , so it is very cold and people stay indoors to keep warm.

SUMMER In some countries, Christmas is in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_ , so people go to the beach and have barbecues!

CHURCH Christians in many countries go to \_\_\_\_\_ at Christmas.

CAROLS There are different kinds of Christmas songs. Traditional Christmas songs are called Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ .

CAKE My favorite part of a Christmas lunch or dinner is Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ !