



Children's University Australia

Christmas Holiday Activities



Each activity in this booklet is worth half an hour in your passport – complete as many as you can and return them to your schools CUA coordinator next year!



Activity 1: Christmas Find-a-Word

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

CHRISTMAS
SANTA
SLEIGH
REINDEER
PRESENTS
HOLIDAYS
SUMMER
SHOPPING
GIFTS
FAMILY
GINGERBREAD
CANDYCANE
STOCKING
CELEBRATE
RUDOLPH
TREE
WREATH
GIVING
JOLLY
DECEMBER



Activity 2 : Acrostic Poem

An acrostic poem is a type of poetry where the first letter of each line spells out a word. Create your own acrostic poem for the word below

C
H
R
I
S
T
M
A
S



Activity 3: Merry Christmas!

Christmas is celebrated in different cultures and countries all over the world. Even though the message is often the same, it always sounds a little different.

Draw a line connecting the following versions of 'Merry Christmas' with the language it originates

Feliz Navidad	Portugese
Frohe Weihnachten	Vietnamese
Eid Milad Saeid	Indonesian
Giáng sinh vui vẻ	Russain
Selamat Natal	Japanese
Buon Natale	France
Merikurisumasu	German
Boas Festas	Arabic
Joyeux Noel	Italian
Hristos Razdajetsja	Spanish



Activity 4: Create Your Budget

Christmas shopping can be very complicated when you have lots of people to buy for – and also very expensive. In this activity, imagine you won \$500 to spend on your Christmas shopping this year. Look through catalogues you receive, and create a collage in the space below of the things you would buy for your family and friend – but remember you only have \$500 to spend.

When you've finished, show how much money you spent in total and if you have any left.

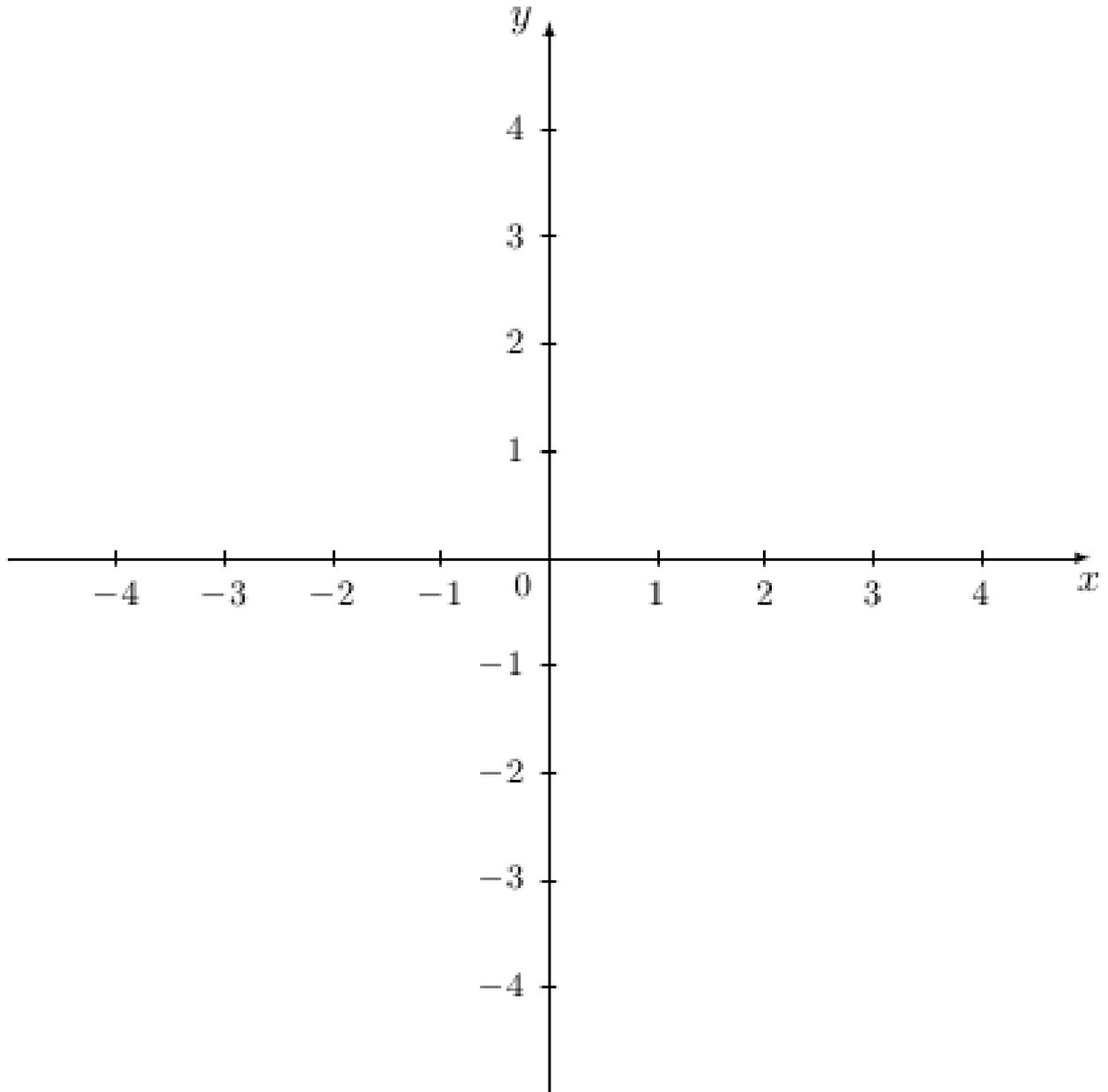


Activity 5: Plotting your Christmas Tree

In order to do this task, you can use the axes on the next page. If you have not already learned about how to properly plot points during maths – you may wish to skip this activity!

Now follow the instructions below to make your Christmas pattern!

1. Plot the points $(0,4)$ and $(-1,3)$. Join them with a line (using a ruler).
2. Plot $(-0.5,3)$. Join it with $(-1,3)$.
3. Plot $(-1.5,2)$. Join it with $(-0.5,3)$.
4. Plot $(-1,2)$. Join it with $(-1.5,2)$.
5. Plot $(-2,1)$. Join it with $(-1,2)$.
6. Plot $(-1.5,1)$. Join it with $(-2,1)$.
7. Plot $(-2.5,0)$. Join it with $(-1.5,1)$.
8. Plot $(-2,0)$. Join it with $(-2.5,0)$.
9. Plot $(-3,-1)$. Join it with $(-2,0)$.
10. Plot $(-0.5,-1)$. Join it with $(-3,-1)$.
11. Plot $(-0.5,-1.5)$. Join it with $(-0.5,-1)$.
12. Plot $(-1,-1.5)$. Join it with $(-0.5,-1.5)$.
13. Plot $(-0.5,-3)$. Join it with $(-1,-1.5)$.





Activity 6: Gingerbread Playdough

Follow the instructions below to make your own batch of gingerbread playdough. Take a photo as evidence to show your CU coordinator.

Ingredients:

Flour
Salt
Cinnamon
Ginger
Vegetable oil
Water

Recipe

Step 1 – Measure out the following amounts of each ingredient

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 cup of salt
- 1 tablespoon of cinnamon
- 1 table spoon of ginger
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- 1 cup of water

Step 2 - Mix with a wooden spoon until well mixed.

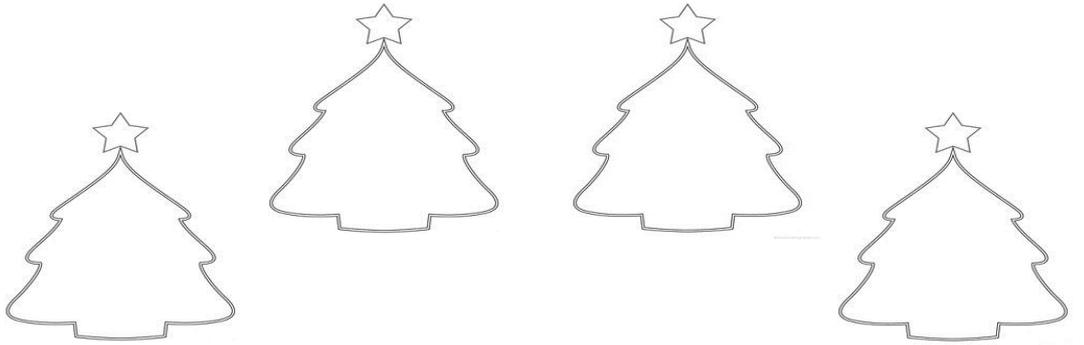
Step 3 - When it is too hard to mix, take out of the bowl and knead on the counter.

Step 4 – Use your imagination to create whatever you like!

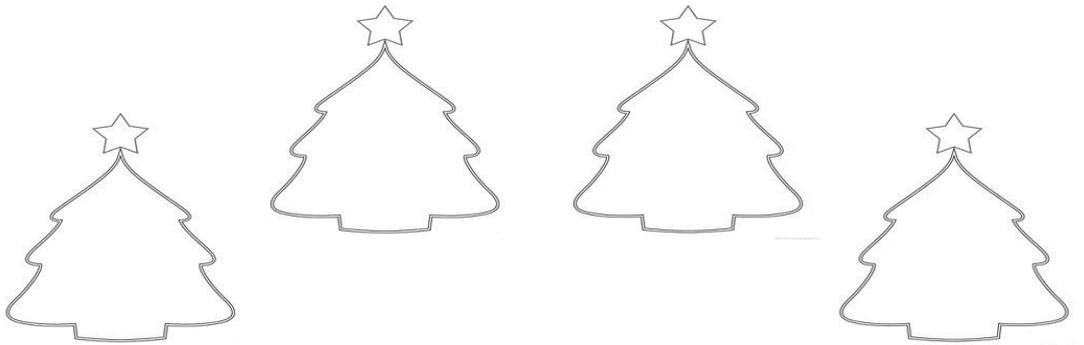


Activity 7: Decorate the tree

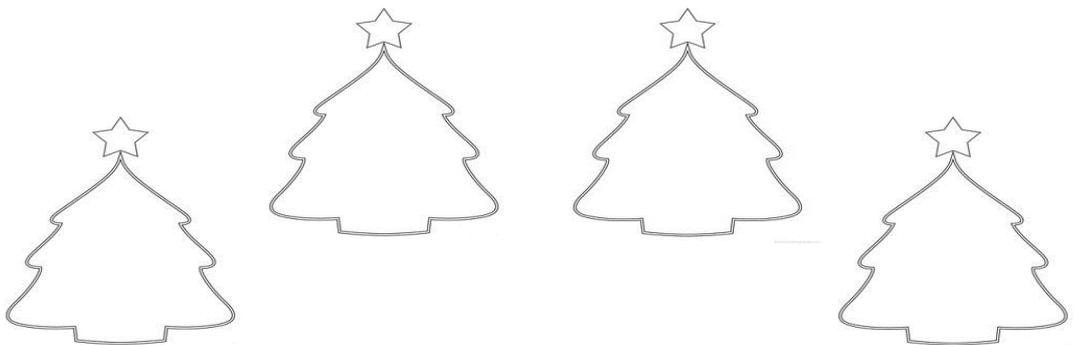
Decorate each Christmas tree with a different prime number of baubles...



You have 32 baubles in total. Spread them evenly over the trees



Decorate each tree with a different number of baubles. The number must be a multiple of both 3 and 6.





Activity 8: Sporting Triumphs in 2015

2015 has been another huge year in sport across both Australia and the world. Use your research skills (or your memory!) to answer the following questions:

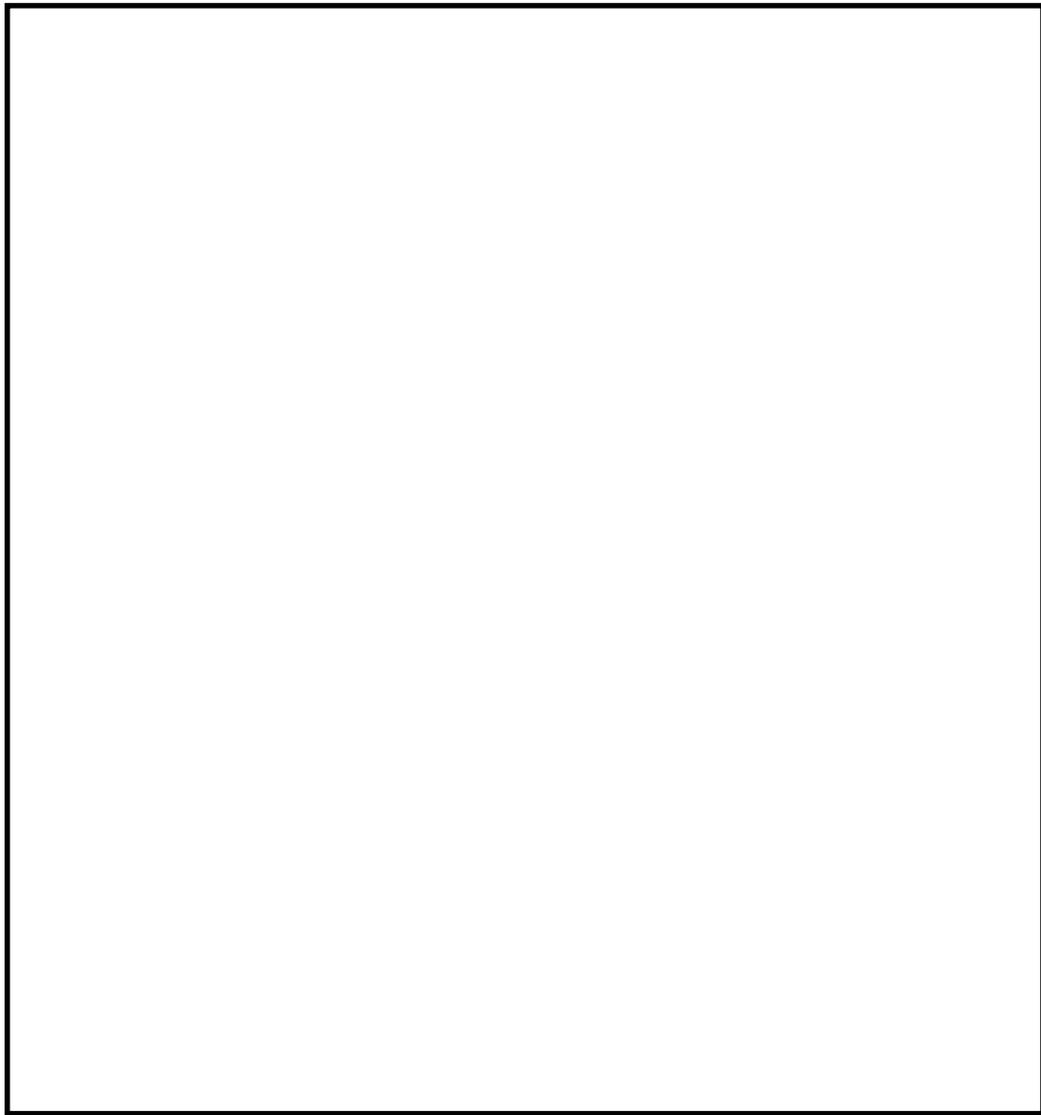
1. Which player won the Brownlow Medal in 2015?
2. Which team won the A-League Grand Final in 2015?
3. Which country hosted the 2015 Cricket World Cup?
4. Who did Australia face in the Grand Final of the 2015 Rugby World Cup?
5. Which country broke the record for the Womens 4 x 100m relay in 2015?
6. New Zealand and Australia faced off in the final of the Netball World Cup. What was the final score?
7. The New Zealand Breakers won the 2015 NBL Championship. How many times have they achieved this feat?
8. Who was named Australia's test cricket captain earlier this year?
9. Which team won the 2015 UEFA Champions League?
10. Which team finished bottom of the SANFL in 2015?



Activity 9: Healthy Eating at Christmas

It's hard to think about Christmas without getting excited at all the food on offer! Delicious as it is, it is not always a healthy option!

Below, create a poster promoting healthy eating at Christmas! You may choose to draw some suggestions for healthy options, or what foods people should avoid.





Activity 10: 2015 in Review

Another year has gone by and we've all had lots of experiences and learned new things. Have a think back over your year and answer the questions below

What is your best memory of 2015?

Did you make any new friends in 2015? Write about them

What was your favourite song this year? Why did you like it?

What was your favourite thing about your classroom teacher this year?

What is one thing you are looking forward to in 2016?

