

Who Loves Christmas? Activities A1+

Step 1 - Pre-reading activities

1. Match each Christmas word to a picture.

a bauble ● a candy cane ● a card ● Christmas stockings ● a Christmas tree
● cookies ● fairy lights ● a fireplace ● mistletoe ● presents ● Santa Claus ● a star



If you need help: There are baubles, and fairy lights on the Christmas tree. The star is on top of the tree. The mistletoe is over the door. The presents are in front of the Christmas tree. The candy cane is in the sack. The stockings are hanging on the fireplace. Santa Claus has red and white clothes and a white beard. The cookies are next to the card and a glass of milk.

 **2. Match the adjective to the emoticon.**

- annoyed
- happy
- sad
- furious
- enthusiastic
- surprised
- laughing (out loud - LOL)!
- grumpy
- miserable
- greedy



a. _____



b. _____



c. _____



d. _____



e. _____



f. _____



g. _____



h. _____



i. _____





j. _____



Step 2 - Reading and Speaking

1. Put in the correct column who likes (and loves) Christmas and who doesn't like Christmas.

● people of Who-ville ● the Grinch ● Cindy-Lou ● Cindy-Lou's friends

2. Match the names to what they are.

The Grinch ● Cindy-Lou ● Max ●	● a little girl ● a dog ● a creature
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3. Description of the Grinch.

a. Circle all the words to help you describe the Grinch. Then finish the sentence.

bizarre ● loyal ● isolated ● happy ● furious ● green ● funny
annoyed ● helpful ● excited ● grumpy ● miserable ● shy

The Grinch is a _____ creature.

b. One word in the box can be used to describe Max. Can you find it? Finish the sentence.

Max is a _____ dog.

4. Match the words that correspond to the Grinch's job and his hobbies.

job	•
hobbies	•

- a ruin Christmas
- put a Santa costume on
- invent machines
- steal Christmas trees, decorations, stockings, presents and food

5. Fill in the blanks using the words in the last paragraph

The Grinch is a _____, based on the _____ *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*. _____ imagined this green creature. His texts are _____ and _____ because they _____.



Step 3 - Sounds of English: Pronouncing your "i" correctly

Do you hear /ɪ/ like "fish" or /aɪ/ like "eye"? Be careful, one word has two different "I" sounds.

	/ɪ/	/aɪ/
Grinch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who-ville	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
lives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
isolated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
his	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
this	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
decides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
surprised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
film	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	/ɪ/	/aɪ/
classic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
illustrated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
like	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
recite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
fireplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
write	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
disguises	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
himself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
miserable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Step 4 Language skills - Simple present and preterite, the indefinite article

1. First, conjugate the verbs in parentheses in simple present. Don't forget: a verb conjugated at the 3rd person singular takes an "s" at the end.

The Grinch _____ (be) a green creature. He _____ (live) in a cave with his dog, Max. He _____ (invent) machines. He _____ (not / like) Christmas. In fact, he _____ (detest) it! He probably never _____ (write) Christmas cards! So he _____ (decide) to ruin Christmas for the people living in Who-ville. He _____ (steal) the Christmas trees, decorations, stockings, presents and food, but _____ (be) very surprised on Christmas morning.

2. a. Now transform the paragraph above in the past. Look at the last paragraph of the article for some help.

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b. Conclusion: in the past, a lot of verbs end with _____. They are called REGULAR VERBS. Some verbs get transformed. They are called _____ VERBS.

3. In English, "a" is the indefinite article. It is used for non-specific and singular word. You must use "an" in front of a word beginning with a vowel or a silent consonant. Use **a** or **an** or **Ø** in front of the following words. Get help from the article if necessary.

- a. ____ creature
- b. ____ cave
- c. ____ isolated cave
- d. ____ dog
- e. ____ machines
- f. ____ enormous fan
- g. ____ fan
- h. ____ decorations

- i. ____ stockings
- j. ____ costume
- k. ____ new film
- l. ____ Christmas card
- m. ____ presents
- n. ____ book
- o. ____ American children's book