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## Escape Room

Your class is planning a special holiday celebration. Your teacher thought that it would be a fun idea to include holiday items, such as food, toys, and decorations, from other countries around the world. It is your job to gather the celebration essentials before the holiday party begins.

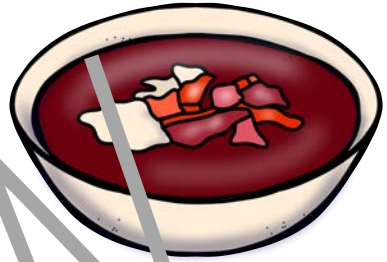




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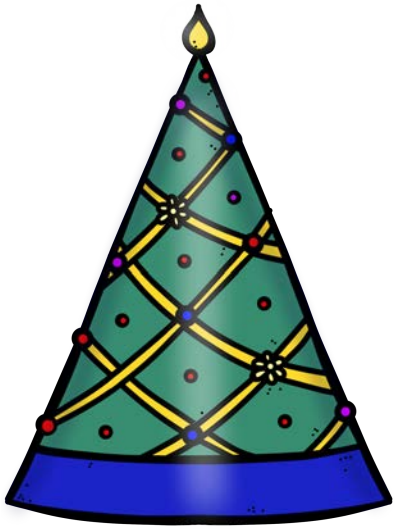
# RUSSIA

Your first stop is Russia. Russia celebrates Christmas on January 7. In Russia, Father Frost and his granddaughter, the Snow Maiden, deliver presents to children under decorated New Year trees. On Christmas Eve, many people have 12-dish dinners, which are usually made up of a beetroot soup called *borscht*, vegetables, sauerkraut, and porridge dishes. You most likely won't find any meat at this meal. The Christmas Day meal, however, is considered a feast and includes a roast pork or goose, meat dumplings, and desserts like gingerbread cookies. Another holiday tradition in Russia is where children go around to the homes of friends and family while singing Christmas carols and wishing people a happy new year.



BORSCHT

NEW YEAR TREE





FATHER CHRISTMAS AND THE SNOW MAIDEN

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# RUSSIA'S ITEM

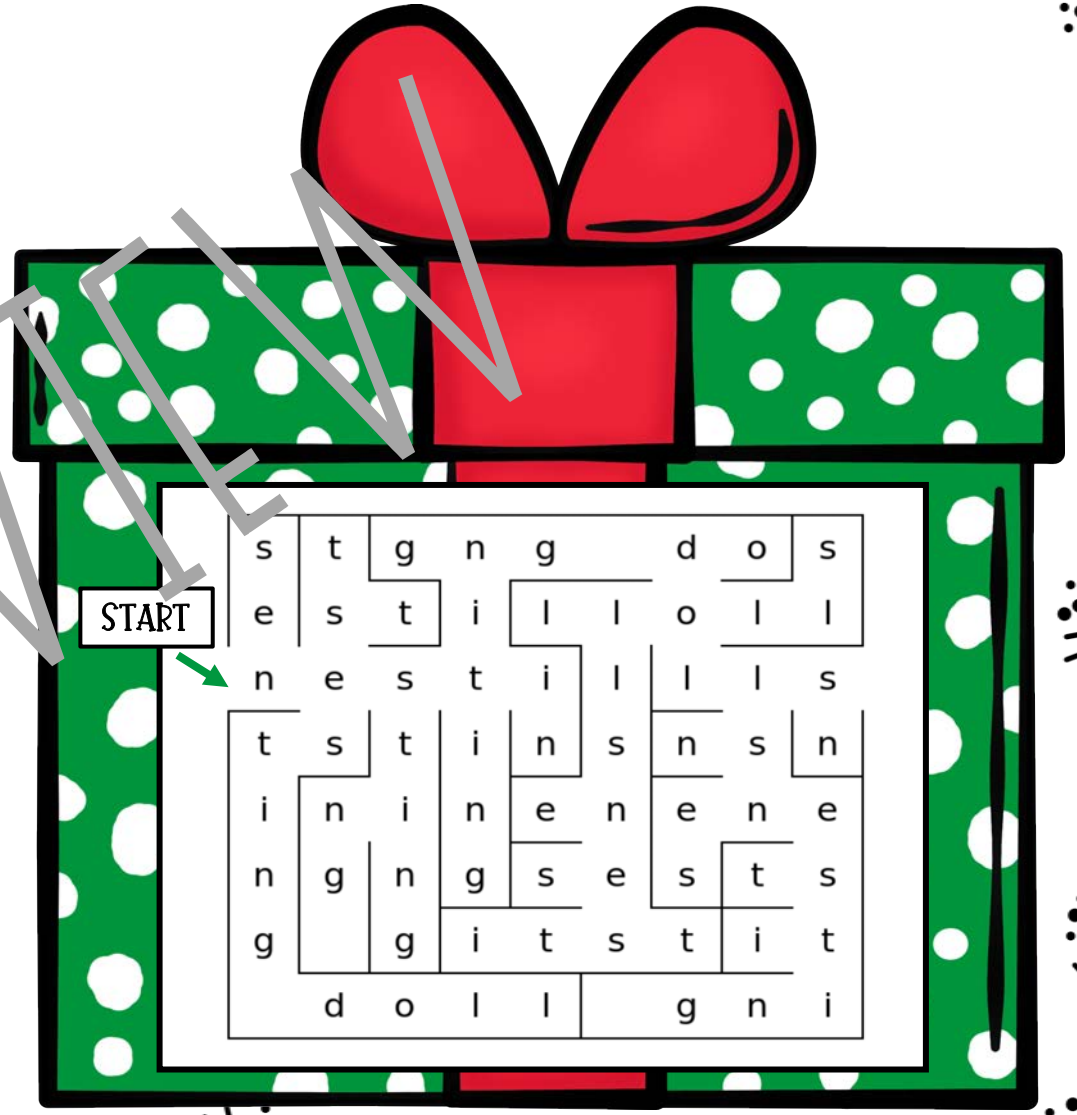
Father Frost and the Snow Maiden left a popular children's toy under the New Year tree for the students to enjoy at the holiday celebration. Solve the maze to figure out what is inside the present.

Hint: two words (9 letters)

## ANSWER:

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# NESTING DOLLS

Great job on solving that maze! I'm sure your class will have a great time playing with the nesting dolls. Our next stop is Germany!

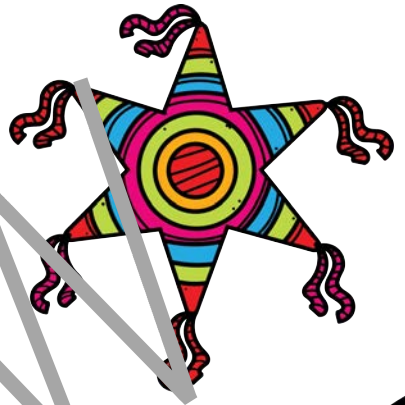


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# MEXICO

The Mexican celebration of Christmas is called Las Posadas. Las Posadas begins December 16 and ends December 24. Each night of Las Posadas, children go door to door to the houses of neighbors, friends, and family members as they reenact part of the Christmas story. The children are told that there is no room until they reach the last home. At the last home, they are welcomed in, and this is where the party is held. Each night of Las Posadas, a new home welcomes them in and has a party. Piñatas are often part of the celebration. Children take turns hitting the paper mâché object with sticks until candy falls out. On January 6, Mexico celebrates Día de los Reyes, which means "Day of the Kings". On the night before Día de los Reyes, the children leave their shoes outside. In the morning, the shoes are filled with toys and sweets from the Three Kings. On this day, people eat a sweet bread called Rosca de Reyes (Ring of the Kings).



PIÑATA

ROSCA DE REYES





THE THREE KINGS

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# ISRAEL

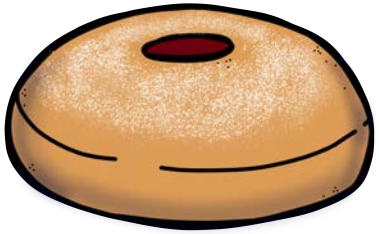
Even though the Christmas story took place in Israel, most people in Israel do not celebrate Christmas. Instead, people celebrate the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, which is celebrated around the same time as Christmas. Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration. Many families exchange gifts each night for those eight days. On the first night, many families have big dinners. Potato *latkes* (fried potato pancakes), beef brisket, and jelly donuts are often served. After dinner, families light the menorah candles. Each night, a new candle is lit. During the lighting of the candles, a blessing is given, and a special Jewish hymn is sung. On each night, children are given small gifts, Jewish money coins, or even chocolate coins.



LATKES

MENORAH





JELLY DONUT

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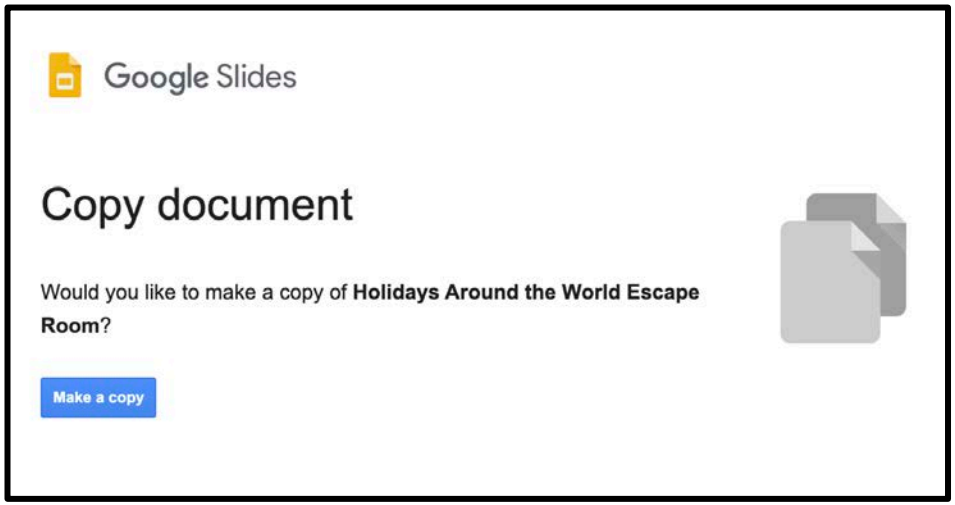
## Teacher Directions, File Links, & Answer Key





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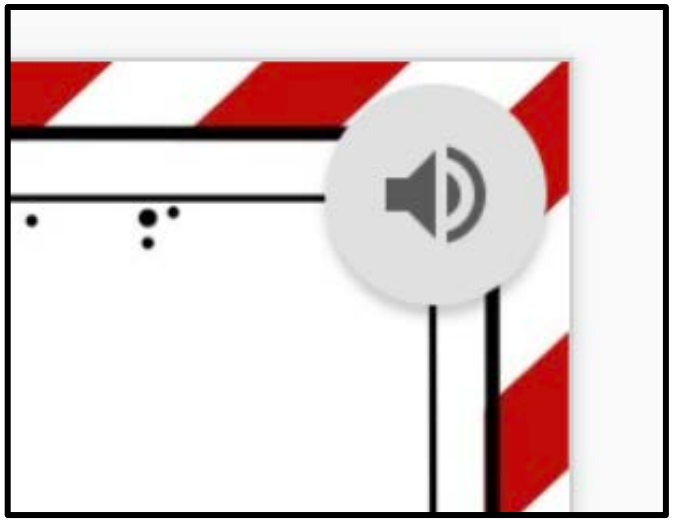
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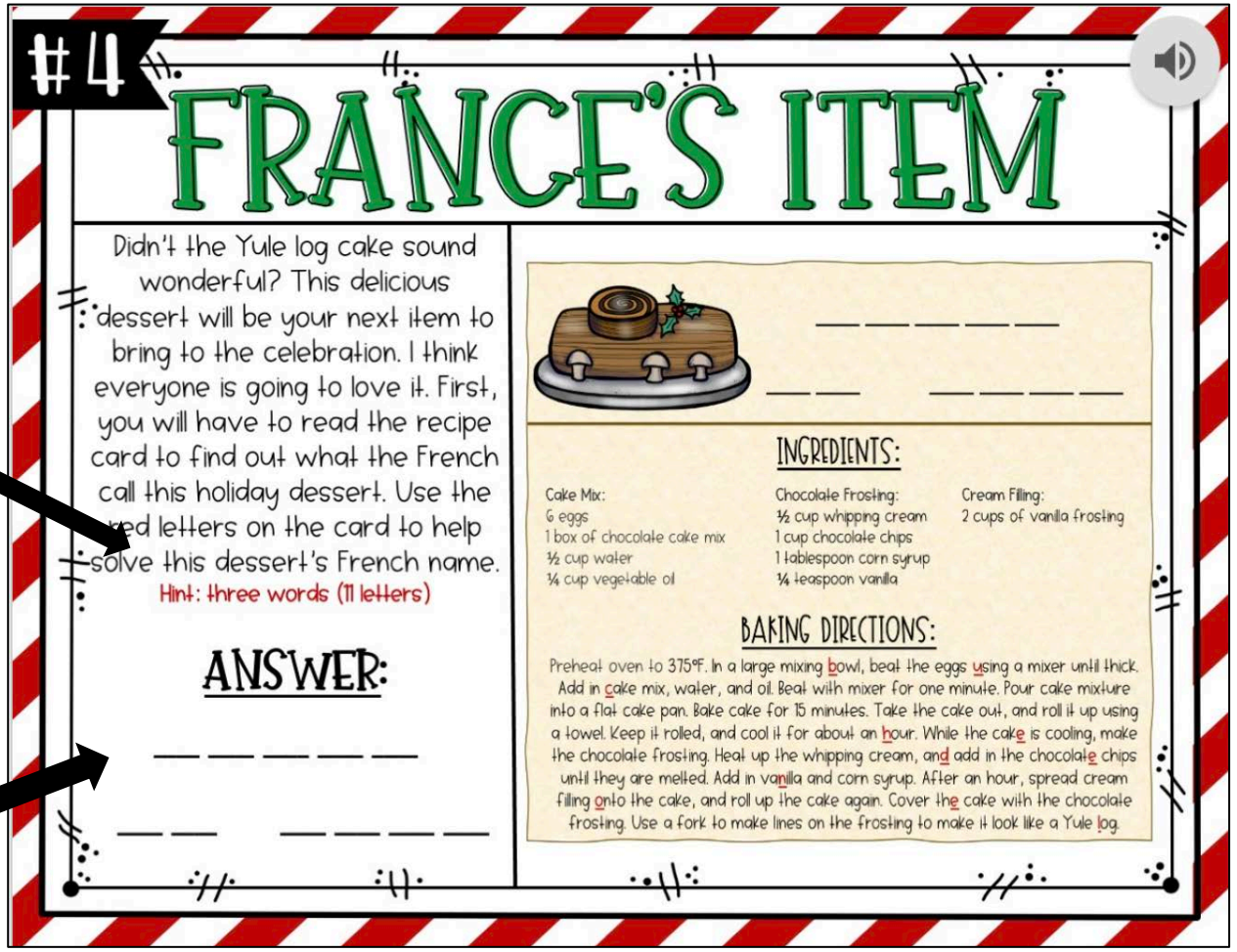


# TASK CARDS

Here is the task number.

This is where your students will find the hint to how many letters/words is in the items name.

This is where your students can type or write in their answer. Students can also utilize the google form to submit their answer.



# INFORMATION CARD

Each task has an information slide about how each country celebrates as well as their traditions. On the right side there are vocabulary words with images to help students better understand the content.

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## ENGLAND

In England, most towns and cities decorate the streets with Christmas lights. The most famous display of lights is in England's capital city, London. Many people also decorate their homes with lights, Christmas trees, and mistletoe. On Christmas Eve, children hang up stockings over their fireplaces or above their beds in hopes that Father Christmas (Santa Claus) will fill them up that night with presents and treats. They also leave out mince pies, drinks for Father Christmas, and carrots for his reindeer. Children also write letters to Father Christmas to tell him what they wish to receive for Christmas. On Christmas Day, families exchange gifts with each other and share Christmas meals. At the Christmas meal, people eat turkey, vegetables, and stuffing. Christmas pudding and Christmas cake are usually on the menu. At Christmas dinner, people wear paper crowns on their heads.



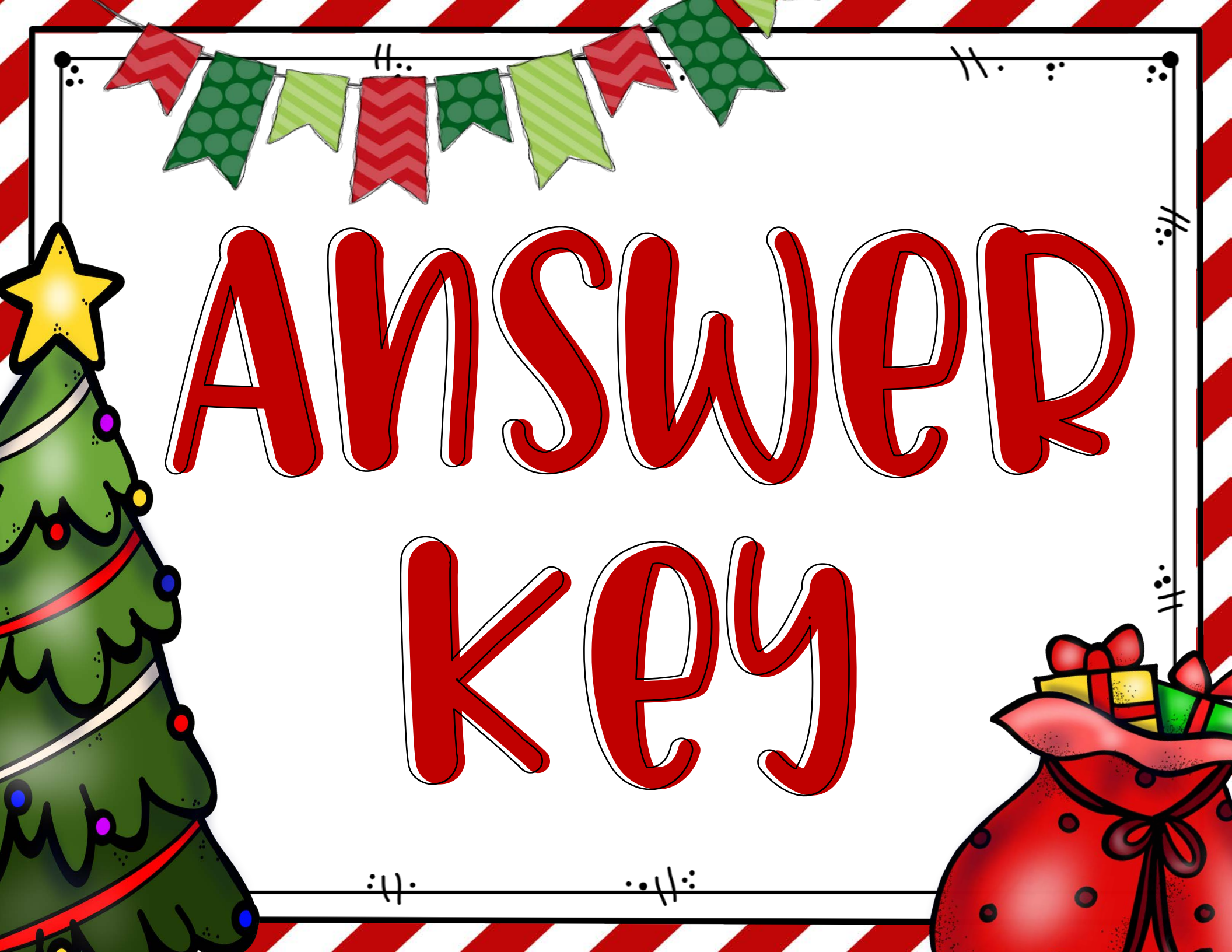
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STOCKING





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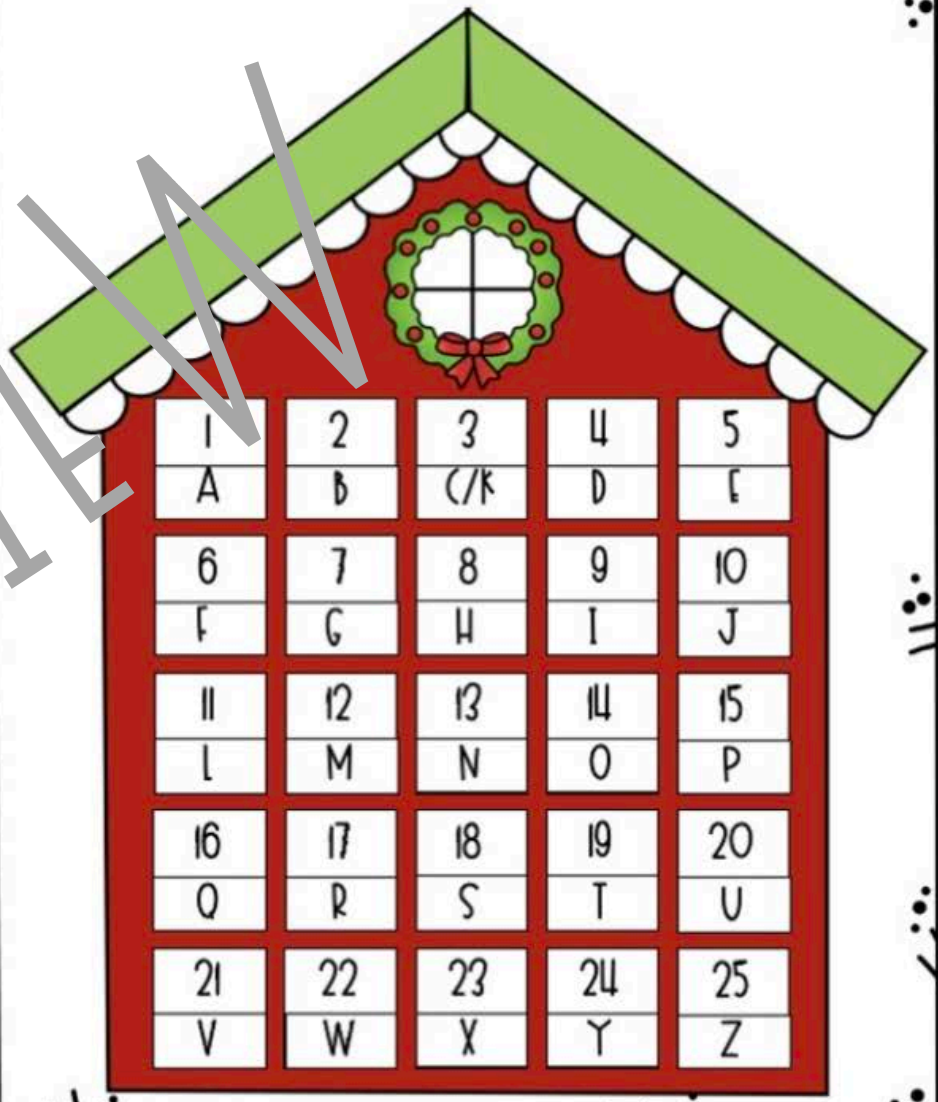

Answer
key

# #2

# GERMANY'S ITEM

The next item needed for the party is a fun and yummy tradition that started in Germany but has since been adopted as a tradition in many other countries, as well. Use the advent calendar cipher to solve for the next celebration item.

Hint: two words (15 letters)




## ANSWER:

| g | i | n | g | e | r | b | r | e | a | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 9 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 4 |

| h | o | u | s | e |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 14 | 20 | 18 | 5 |

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# ISRAEL'S ITEM

The last item you'll bring to the celebration is a famous Jewish game that is played on Hanukkah. Below are the lyrics to a song that people like to sing while playing it. The name of the game is in the song twice! Use the pigpen cipher to figure out the name of the game.

Hint: 1 word (7 letters)

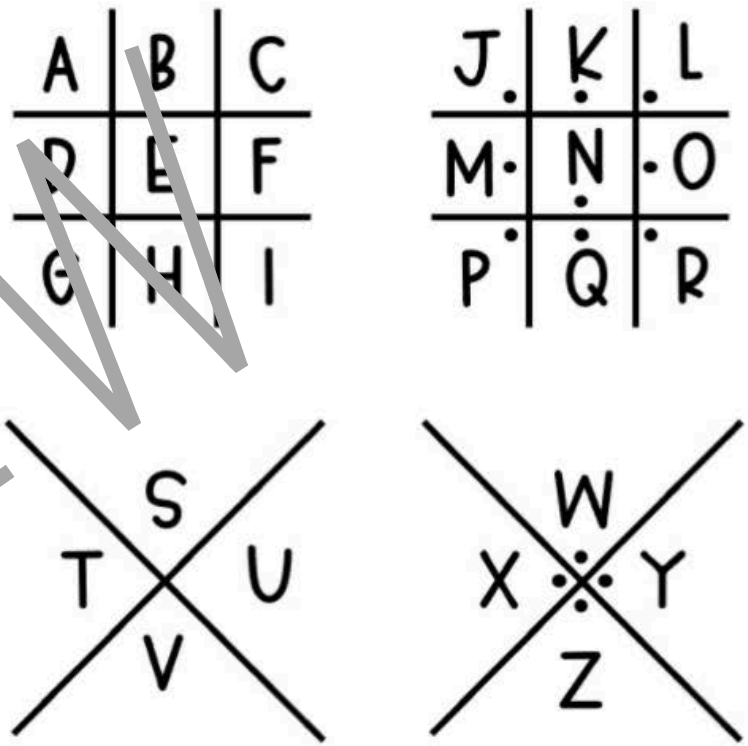
SONG:

I have a little _____

I made it out of clay

And when it's dry and ready

Then, _____ I will play!




ANSWER:

d r e i d e l

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