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Hello, dear readers!

As the new year of 2026 has just begun, it's the perfect time to discover what the year holds for you. Whether you're aiming for new achievements or just want some guidance, our fun and friendly horoscope for students is here to help. Let's see what the stars have in store for you this year!



Aries (March 21 – April 19)

This year, Aries students will find new motivation to study. Your hard work will pay off, especially in subjects you love. Don't forget to take breaks and stay active!



Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Libras will enjoy making new friends and participating in group activities. Your creative ideas will bring positive change to your classroom.



Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Taurus students will enjoy collaboration with friends. Team projects will be successful, and you'll learn a lot from working together. Keep your focus on your goals!



Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

2026 will bring interesting challenges for Scorpio students. Facing them bravely will make you stronger and more confident.



Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

2026 is a year of curiosity for Geminis. Explore new hobbies and subjects. It's a great time to ask questions and discover fresh ideas.



Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Sagittarius students will be eager to learn about different cultures and places. It's a great year for adventures and new experiences.



Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Cancer students will feel more confident in expressing themselves. Remember to balance school work with fun activities and family time.



Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Capricorn students will achieve big goals through patience and effort. Keep working hard, and success will come your way.



Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Leos will shine in school performances and presentations. Your natural talent will attract attention. Believe in yourself and keep shining!



Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

This year, Aquarius students will come up with innovative ideas. Your creativity will help in solving problems and making new friends.



Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

This year, Virgos will improve their organization skills. Staying tidy and planning ahead will help you succeed in exams and projects.



Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Pisces students will find peace and inspiration in art and music. Trust your intuition and enjoy expressing your feelings.

CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

Welcome to a fun and challenging word search! Sometimes, all it takes to brighten your day is a little puzzle to keep your mind sharp and your spirits high. Dive into the jumble of letters and see how many words you can find. Are you ready? Let's get searching and have some fun!

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CHRISTMAS

Try to find all the words in 4 minutes

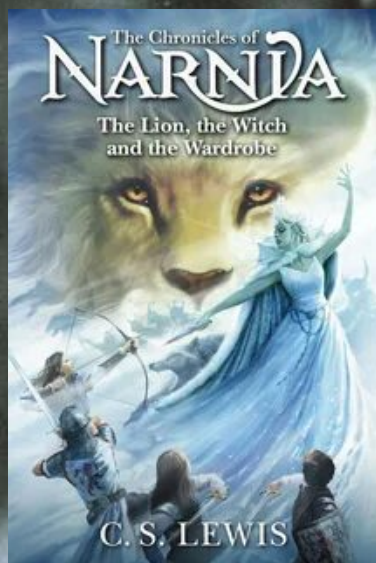
What to read in the winter?

A selection of atmospheric books

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Peggy Lee

This gorgeous picture book, based on the beloved song Winter Wonderland, takes you on a charming journey through sparkling winter landscapes. With beautiful wildlife to be seen on every page.



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Clive Staples Lewis

The first book in the Chronicles of Narnia series. Almost everyone has either read this series or watched the movies based on it. However, this series is a treasure trove of new expressions and pleasant emotions. This book is perfect for winter reading. The eternal winter that reigns in Narnia is finally replaced by summer. And we can thank the main characters of this fairy tale, the young Pevensie siblings, for this.

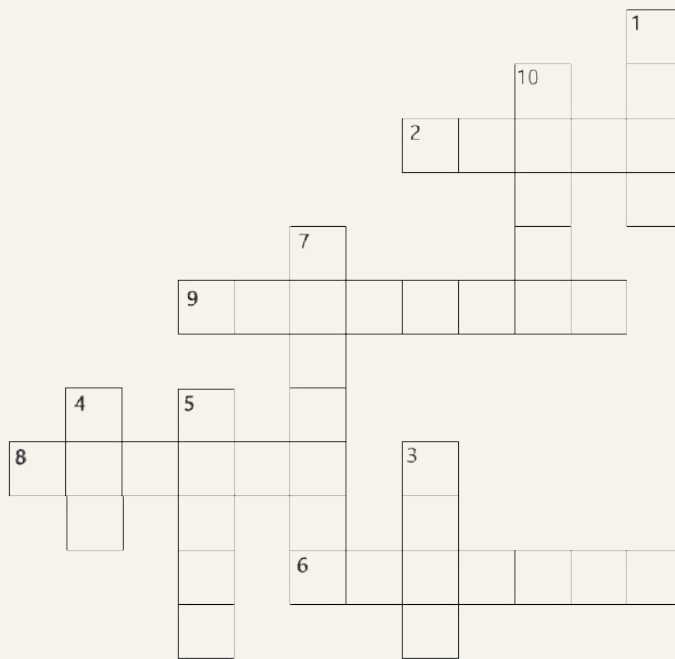
A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens

A world-famous novella that tells the story of a wealthy but miserable old man, Ebenezer Scrooge, who, after being visited by ghosts from his past, present, and future, realizes that there is more to life than money. He opens his heart and changes his miserly lifestyle.



Winter Crossword Puzzle



Across:

- 2. A smooth surface on which children can go down for fun, usually found in playgrounds.
- 9. A severe snowstorm with strong winds and blowing snow that reduces visibility.
- 8. A hanging piece of ice that forms when melting snow or ice refreezes as water drips down.
- 6. A figure made of snow, usually with stones or coal for eyes and a carrot for the nose, built during winter.

Down:

- 1. A vehicle used for sliding over snow, often pulled by a dog or used by children for fun.
- 3. Tiny, unique ice crystals that fall from the sky during winter.
- 4. Frozen water, often found in winter or when liquids turn solid.
- 5. A piece of cloth worn around the neck to keep warm.
- 7. Gloves with a single compartment for the fingers and a separate one for the thumb, worn to keep hands warm in winter.
- 10. White ice points that forms on surfaces when the temperature drops below freezing.



Winter Activities



7 ideas to do in the winter

Winter is a magical season, full of snowy adventures and cozy moments. It's the perfect time to slow down, have fun, and create lasting memories. If you're wondering how to make the most of this winter, here are seven wonderful ideas to inspire your chilly days and frosty nights. Let the season bring joy, warmth, and exciting new experiences!

Bild a Readind Fort

Drape blankets over chairs and add pillows for the perfect cozy reading nook



Host a Hot Cocoa Bar

Set out mugs and fun toppings like marshmallows, sprinkles and whipped cream



Sock Snowball Fight

Crumple up white socks for a safe and fun way to have an indoor snowball fight



Bake Winter Cookies

Turn your kitchen into a bakery with fun snowman and mitten-shaped cookies



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Bungle up and head outside to find pinecones, evergreen branches, and berries



Craft Sled Ornaments

Use popsicle sticks to create cute, decorative sleds for the holidays



Craft Paper Snowflakes

A classic craft using just paper and scissors to create beautiful window decor

Let's cook together!

Chocolate Marshmallow Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (230 g) unsalted butter, room temperature
1 cup light brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups (280 g) all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups chocolate chips (or chopped dark chocolate)
1 cup mini marshmallows or chopped marshmallows



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, cream together butter, brown sugar, and white sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, then blend in the vanilla.

In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt.

Gradually add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture, mixing until just combined.

Fold in the chocolate chips and marshmallows.

Drop spoonfuls of dough onto the prepared baking sheet, spacing cookies about 2 inches (5 cm) apart.

Bake for 10–12 minutes, until edges are golden. The center may look slightly soft.

Let cool on the sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Tips:

To prevent marshmallows from fully melting, add them closer to the end of baking or use finely chopped marshmallows.

Add a pinch of ground cinnamon for depth of flavor.

For a denser cookie, reduce the flour by 2–3 tablespoons.



New Year's Film Journey

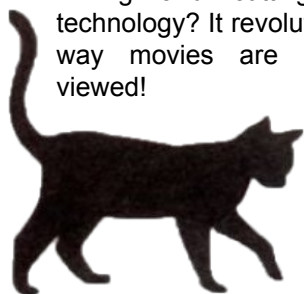
I like to watch movies very much. My favorite movie is "Home Alone." It is very funny and nice. The main character of the movie is called Kevin. I like him very much. Kevin is a little boy whose family accidentally leaves him at home for Christmas. But he is a very smart and independent boy. He can cook, go to the store, and clean the house. One day, he finds out that his house is going to be robbed. Kevin decides to protect his home. He prepares different traps for the robbers to fall into. Then he calls the police. After that, he makes a wish to get his family back. At the end of the movie, everyone comes back.

Vlasova Yana 8k



Interesting fact

Did you know that the highest-grossing film of all time, "Avatar," was made with a combination of live-action filming and cutting-edge 3D technology? It revolutionized the way movies are made and viewed!



«Stranger Things» is a Netflix series from the 1980s. It mixes sci-fi, horror, and stories about growing up. The story is about kids who live in Hawkins, Indiana. A girl named Eleven has special powers — she can move things with her mind. There's a scary parallel world called the Upside Down. The series shows a lot of 1980s culture — movies, music, and clothes. The music in the series includes 1980s hits and new songs. The show is about friendship, family, and fighting evil. «Stranger Things» received good reviews and was nominated for awards. Every new season has new mysteries and continues the main story.

Kazakova Darya 8k

My favorite New Year's movie is «The Grinch». The Grinch is a green, fluffy character who hates New Year. He hates it because of childhood trauma. He tried everything possible to ruin the New Year for everyone. The Grinch did bad things, but later he changed himself. This movie is very interesting. It teaches children kindness and shows how not to act. At the end of the movie, the Grinch becomes kind and gradually begins to love New Year. So far, this movie is one of my favorites!

Fedorova Darya 8k

What is your favorite New Year's movie?



Winter

Ice upon the branches .
Snow upon the ground.
Wind among the evergreens,
So cold the distant sounds.
Flakes of snow fall heavy,
As daytime turns to night.
Forest life protected,
In a cloak of silver white.

Midnight fades to daybreak,
As stillness calms the view.
Tiny snowflakes drifting,
Toward the spectacle anew.
A misty veil of droplets,
Shields new snow from the sun.
Nature sleeps in silence,
In a winter just begun.

Pamela Joyce Randolph

Winter idioms

- To break the ice – разрядить обстановку
- Pure as the driven snow – чист как снег
- To be snowed under – быть заваленным делами
- To put something on ice- отложить в долгий ящик
- To run hot and cold – колебаться
- To be on thin ice - рисковать
- Give someone the cold shoulder – игнорировать кого-то, относиться холодно



Winter Vocabulary

Heat- обогревать
Blanket-шерстяное одеяло
Duvet-пуховое одеяло
Scarf-шарф
Furnace-очаг, печь
Skate-кататься на коньках
Ski-кататься на лыжах
Sled- кататься на санках
Pinecone- сосновая шишка
Icicle-сосулька
Snowy days-снежные дни
Snowfall-снегопад
Frosty-морозный
Blizzard- снежная буря

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