

The Family Guide to Christmas Party Games

Volume 1



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What's It Worth?

Age: All ages

No. of Players: small or large group

Equipment: Each guest brings two gifts (one valuable and one useless) wrapped neatly; two standard decks of cards

Time: 10+ minutes

Aim: To have fun distributing gifts at a Christmas party.

What's It Worth? is an entertaining and fun gift giving games for your next Christmas party. You will need to organise this game with your guests a week, or more, before the party.

1. Each person should bring two gifts. One gift should be to an agreed value (for example, \$10) while the other should be worthless (like an old shoe or a used train ticket). The valuable gift should be suitable for males or females of any age, if possible. Both gifts should be wrapped neatly and in a way that disguises them, so no one can tell the difference between a valuable gift and a useless gift.
2. All gifts are placed together in one pile.
3. Each person chooses two playing cards from a deck of cards. (If there are more than 26 people, each person receives only one card but there are two rounds in the game.)
4. The master of ceremonies (MC) shuffles the second deck of cards and picks a card. If someone has the matching card they can choose and immediately open one gift from the pile, but not the one they brought. The MC continues to pick cards one at a time until every player has chosen two gifts.

Note: There is always the chance that a player will choose two worthless prizes or two valuable gifts. After the game is finished, players may like to swap gifts to make it fair for all players.





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Christmas Treasure

Age: All ages

No. of Players: 2 at a time

Equipment: Two blindfolds; a number of small Christmas 'treasures' (a small chocolate bar for example); table; timer

Time: Less than a minute per turn

Aim: To 'capture' the treasure.

Christmas Treasure is a hilarious and fun Christmas party game which can be enjoyed by everyone.

1. Two players are blindfolded, one with a small Christmas 'treasure' in their hand.
2. The players start on opposite corners of a table and must keep one hand on the table at all times.
3. The player with the treasure quietly moves around the table to avoid the other player who tries to sneak up and 'capture' the treasure by touching the first player on the top of the head within thirty seconds
4. If successful, the hunter gets to keep the treasure. Otherwise, the first player can keep it.
5. Two new players then take their turns at the table, until everyone has won a treasure.





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Pin the Nose on Santa

Age: All ages (but especially for young children)

No. of Players: Small group

Equipment: A large picture or drawing of Santa (without his nose); enough red noses (cut out circles of red paper) for each player; tape or pins to hold the noses on; a blindfold

Time: 10+ minutes

Aim: To pin the nose in the correct position on Santa's face.

Pin the Nose on Santa turns a classic party game into a Christmas party winner.

1. Draw Santa's face on a large sheet of cardboard (or cut out a picture and paste onto cardboard). Cut out circles of red cardboard (or colour them in) with a pin in one end to use as Santa's nose, or use a cotton ball and a pin. If you prefer, you can use the printable Santa face (shown below) which is available as a full page printout in the appendix.



2. Children take turns to be blindfolded and attempt to pin the nose in the right place on Santa without hints from other players.

3. The place where they pin the nose is marked, with the closest to the correct position winning the game.





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Christmas Word Jumbles

Age: All ages

No. of Players: Any number

Equipment: Pen; a sheet of jumbled Christmas words

Time: 5+ minutes

Aim: To rearrange the letters and find the words.

Christmas Word Jumbles are a set of puzzles, where the letters of common Christmas words are arranged in random order.

Before you play, you will need to print out one or more of the free Jumbles pages that can be found in the appendix. Print one page for each player. There are puzzles for different skill levels.

After you print out a puzzle, rearrange the letters to find some common words related to Christmas. For example, rearranging ELNO becomes NOEL.

NAME: _____

Christmas Word Jumbles
Baby Level

Unscramble these Christmas words:

1. SOLENA _____
2. CLUARD _____
3. ELUJ _____
4. ATREVI _____
5. YBSA _____
6. JZTI _____
7. GELHT _____
8. ELVTE _____
9. ETUJ _____
10. RTSE _____

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Easy level #1
For younger children

NAME: _____

Christmas Word Jumbles
Medium Level

Unscramble these Christmas words:

1. INQORSTWAX _____
2. RGHOTWYH _____
3. AMTQYK _____
4. SPMNH _____
5. ATUJALJHC _____
6. RSPHDS _____
7. CHLSEY _____
8. DLNCS _____
9. HMDEN _____
10. HTTSLHE _____

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Medium level #1
For older children or adults

NAME: _____

Christmas Word Jumbles
Medium Level

Unscramble these Christmas words:

1. EULNDY _____
2. RCHMWTSMAC _____
3. GULMNTYH _____
4. MTHLHED _____
5. STYHOPRHC _____
6. TQULNTHVUT _____
7. HIKDNLGDI _____
8. CONGSHLUT _____
9. AKGJLHMPGAA _____
10. STYHMPKSHVAM _____

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Medium level #2
Another puzzle for older children or adults

