

# The Night Before Christmas

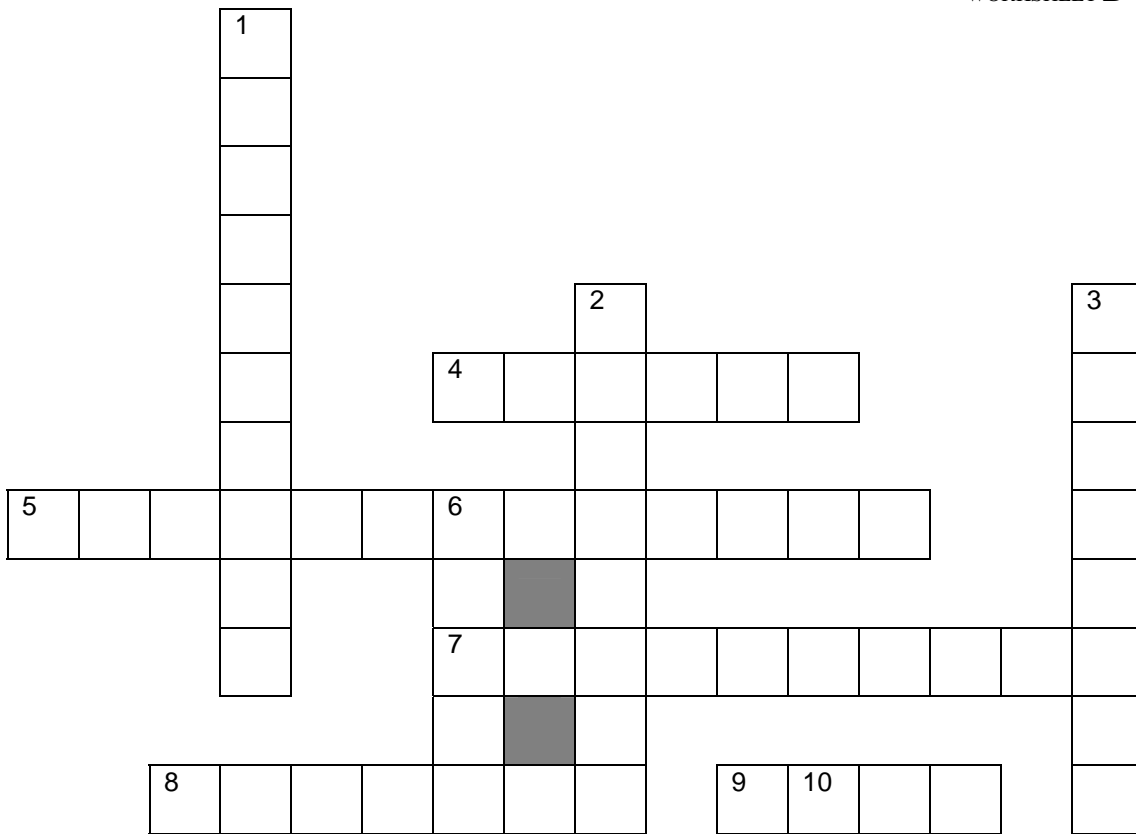
WORKSHEET A

**A**unt Joan had already drunk too much hot **mulled wine** and was trying to pull uncle Phil under the **mistletoe**, knowing that he would have to kiss her. Poor Phil tried so hard to escape. Then we heard singing from outside and when we went to the front door to listen, we saw about ten **carol singers** gathered around the door. Some of them were holding **candles** so that they could keep warm and read the words of the songs. As I listened to them singing I looked up into the night sky and saw a bright **star** shining down. We gave them some money and some warm food and they moved to the next house. There were some final preparations we had to make for Christmas Day. We stuck some pieces of **holly** up on the wall to make the living room look festive. The mixture of green leaves and red berries looked lovely, but sometimes the sharp leaves stuck in our fingers. We had a little bit of **tinsel** left, so we wrapped it around the **Christmas tree**, although we had to be careful because I knocked two **baubles** off the tree and broke them. Finally, we each hung our **stocking** by the fireplace and hoped that **Santa Claus** would come and fill it with wonderful **presents**. I woke in the middle of the night hoping to catch sight of the **reindeer** pulling the **sleigh** across the starry sky, but they had already been and gone. I slipped back under the covers and started to dream about roast **turkey** and cranberry sauce...

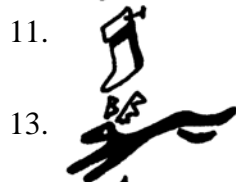
1. The words in **bold** above are all hidden in this puzzle and may appear in any of these directions  $\leftrightarrow \updownarrow \nearrow \nwarrow$ . How many can you find?

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i	z	u	x	v	g	e	a	m	f	h	h	t	n	t
w	w	f	a	i	p	n	i	u	h	r	q	k	i	o
m	a	c	e	l	d	i	e	n	i	v	j	u	w	c
e	b	l	i	l	c	z	h	s	d	l	a	u	d	k
t	s	v	e	v	o	a	t	x	k	e	j	n	e	i
o	a	s	z	i	k	m	t	z	b	t	e	e	l	n
s	e	t	r	u	a	b	r	n	s	s	o	r	l	g
e	p	r	e	s	e	n	t	s	a	t	t	r	u	l
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u	z	j	o	i	i	u	r	s	n	v	j	l	i	t
p	q	z	x	m	u	s	t	b	a	u	b	l	e	s

2. Complete the crossword on Worksheet B using the same words.



Clues across



Clues down

