

Rhyme Time

Here are all of the rhyming words from the poem, "A Visit From St. Nick". The bold ones are correct, but you have to circle the matching rhyme found on the next line. The first pair is done for you. Answers are on the last page.

house

mouse, spouse

care

chair, there

beds

heads, threads

cap

clap, nap, slap

clatter

batter, matter, shatter

flash

dash, mash, sash

snow

below, blow, glow

appear

career, reindeer

quick

Nick, Vick, Wick

came

frame, name, same

Vixen

Blitzen, Ditzen, Pritzen

wall

all, call, fall

fly

shy, sky, why

flew

crew, new, too

roof

goof, hoof, poof

around

bound, ground, sound

foot

boot, put, soot

back

pack, sack, track

merry

berry, cherry, flurry

bow

flow, glow, snow

teeth

'neath, sheath, wreath

belly

jelly, smelly, telly

elf

himself, myself, shelf

head

bed, dread, red

work

jerk, shirk, twerk

nose

pose, rose, those

whistle

bristle, gristle, thistle

sight

fright, night, right

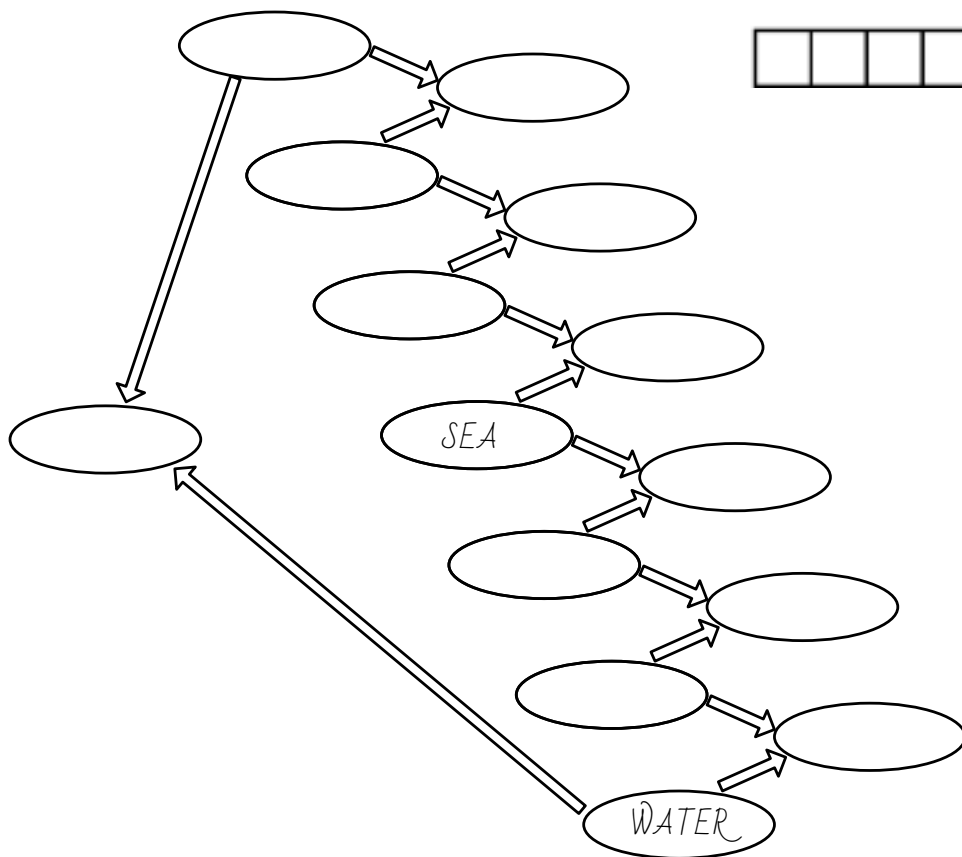
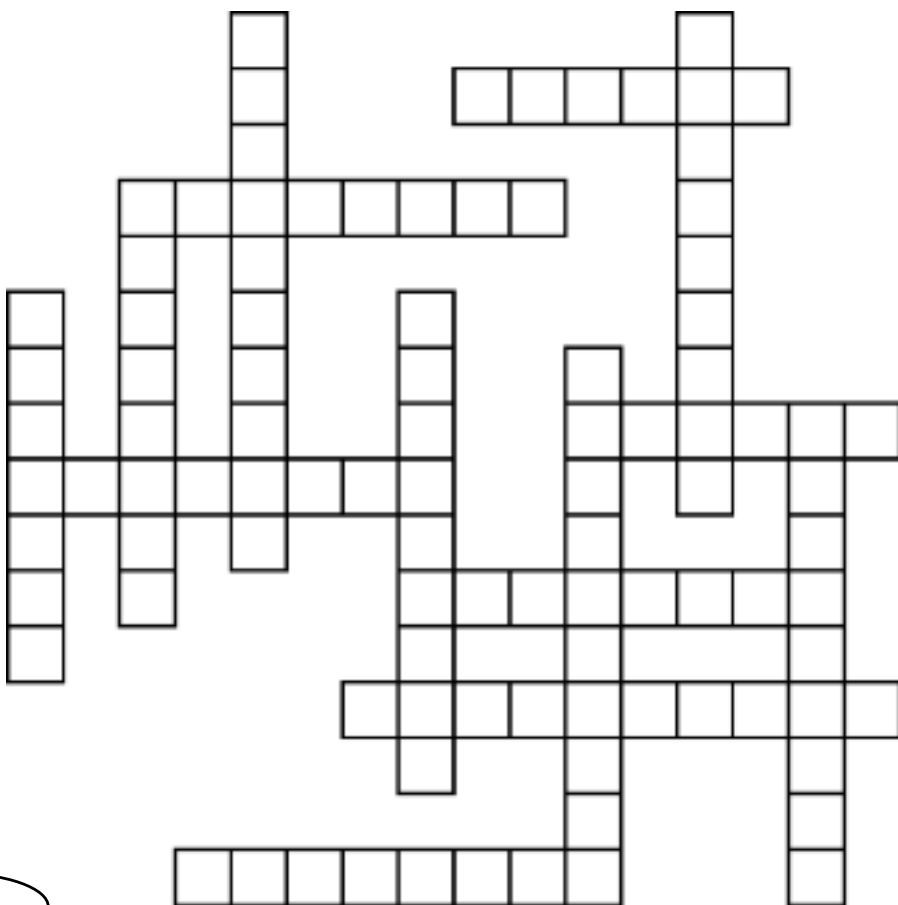


Compound Matchups

Carefully work between the word pool, fill-in grid and "molecule" to determine the 14 compound words. Each word is used *twice* and always appears in the same position in both compound words, as indicated by the arrows in the molecule. To get started, SEA and WATER were placed. Since they are not connected, you know that SEAWATER is not one of the words.

Answers are on the last page.

OX	RACE
SEA	SICK
CART	HORSE
HAND	PROOF
HEAD	SOUND
HOME	TRACK
MADE	WATER



Your Words

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____



Deck the Halls

The wreath has 16 letters. Using each letter only once, find pairs that can be combined with the letters **W R E A T H** and reordered to make eight 8-letter words. For example, you could use the **N** and one of the **E**'s to form **WATERHEN**.

It is possible to make more than 8 different words, so try to use all 16 letters.

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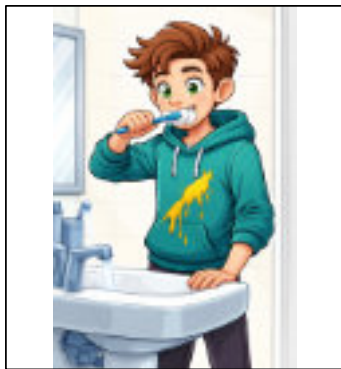
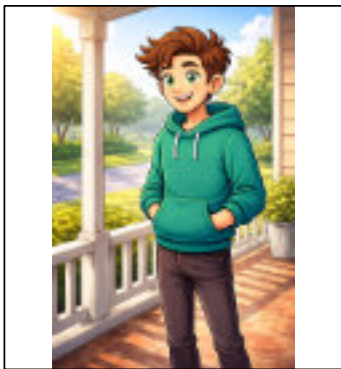
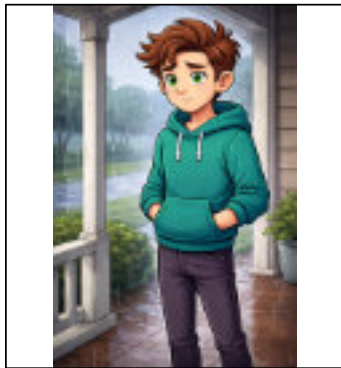
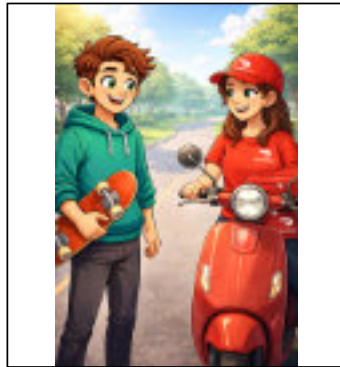
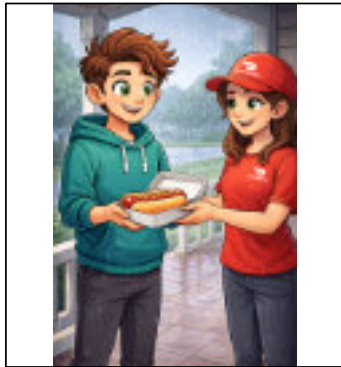


Under the Tree

Timmy's little sister tore all the pages out of her picture book! Fortunately, Timmy remembers the story.

Can you sort the pages from 1 to 9?

Answer is on the last page.



- Bob wanted to ride his skateboard but it rained all morning.
- Bob's friend, Diana, delivers food for extra cash. He hopes she's safe in all the rain!
- To check on her, he orders a hotdog.
- The sun finally comes out and Bob runs into Diana again.



Answers

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'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



Answers

Compound Matchups

6 Letters
OXCART
OXHEAD

7 Letters
SEASICK

8 Letters
HANDCART
HANDMADE
HOMEMADE
HOMESICK
SEAHORSE

9 Letters
RACEHORSE
RACETRACK
WATERHEAD

10 Letters
SOUNDPROOF
SOUNDTRACK
WATERPROOF



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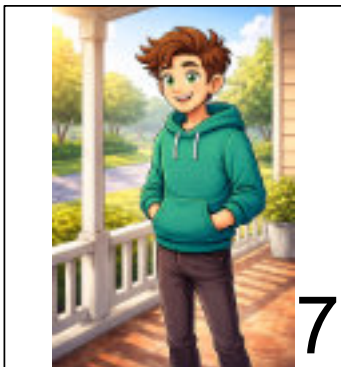
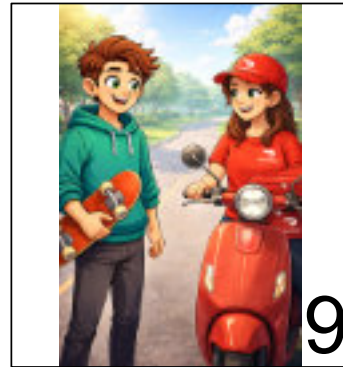
AWEATHER [HAWEATER, WHEATEAR] (A,E)
ENWREATH [WATERHEN, WREATHEN] (E,N)
SWATHIER [WATERISH] (I,S)
THWACKER (C,K)
THWARTED (D,T)
WATCHERS (C,S)
WHATEVER (E,V)
WHEATIER (E,I)

Bonus words
SWATHERS
TARWHINE
WEATHERS
WREATHED
WREATHES



Answers

Under the Tree



Mitchell Allen is a life-long puzzle enthusiast, story-teller and programmer. One day, he decided that it would be cool to mash all three hobbies into one mad creation. You are holding it. If you, too, appreciate cleverly crafted puzzles mixed in with your classic wordplay staples, you'll love the kinds of puzzles and activities Mitchell has planned.

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