

Christmas List

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I am flat broke from overspending at Christmas time. But I need to go shopping again soon because I am completely out of self-respect. I've said things I wish I could take back and I am not feeling too good about myself.

I also want to exchange a carton of self-righteousness for an equal amount of humility. I hear that it is less expensive and wears well, and while I'm at it I'm going to check on tolerance and see if there is any available in my size.

I must remember to try to match my patience with the little I have left. My neighbor is loaded with it and it looks awfully good on her. I was told the same department has a repair shop for mending integrity. Mine has become frayed around the edges from too much compromising. If I don't get it refurbished soon, there won't be any left.

I almost forgot the most important thing of all -- compassion. If I see some--no matter what the color, size or shape -- I'm going to stock up heavily regardless of the price. I have run out of it so many times and I always feel ashamed when it happens.

I don't know why it has taken me so long to get around to shopping for these items. They don't cost nearly as much as some of the frivolous things I bought at Christmas time. And I'll get a lot more satisfaction from them.

Yes, I'm going shopping today and I can leave my checkbook and credit cards at home! The things I'm looking for have no price-tags. It is time for me to get back to the real meaning of Christmas.

PEPPERMINT BARK

Ingredients

- 10 regular size candy canes
- 2 pounds (1 kg) white chocolate

Cooking Instructions

Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper or parchment paper. Unwrap candy canes and place in a heavy-duty zip-top plastic bag. With a hammer or rolling pin, crush the candy into chunks.

Set aside.

In a double boiler or saucepan set over a pot of hot (not boiling) water, melt white chocolate, stirring until smooth. Be careful not to scorch the chocolate, as white chocolate scorches easily. Stir in most of the crushed candy canes, reserving about 1/4 cup of chunks to sprinkle on top.

Pour chocolate mixture onto prepared cookie sheet, spreading into an even layer. Sprinkle the reserved chunks on top. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or until set.

Remove bark from parchment paper and break into chunks by hand. Then enjoy and share!

December is the most popular month for nose jobs.

ISAIAH 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

It is estimated that 400,000 people become sick each year from tainted Christmas leftovers.

Holly berries are poisonous.

MERRY CHRISTMAS OZARK!

During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5340 times every minute in the United States.

The average American takes six months to pay off the holiday credit card bills.

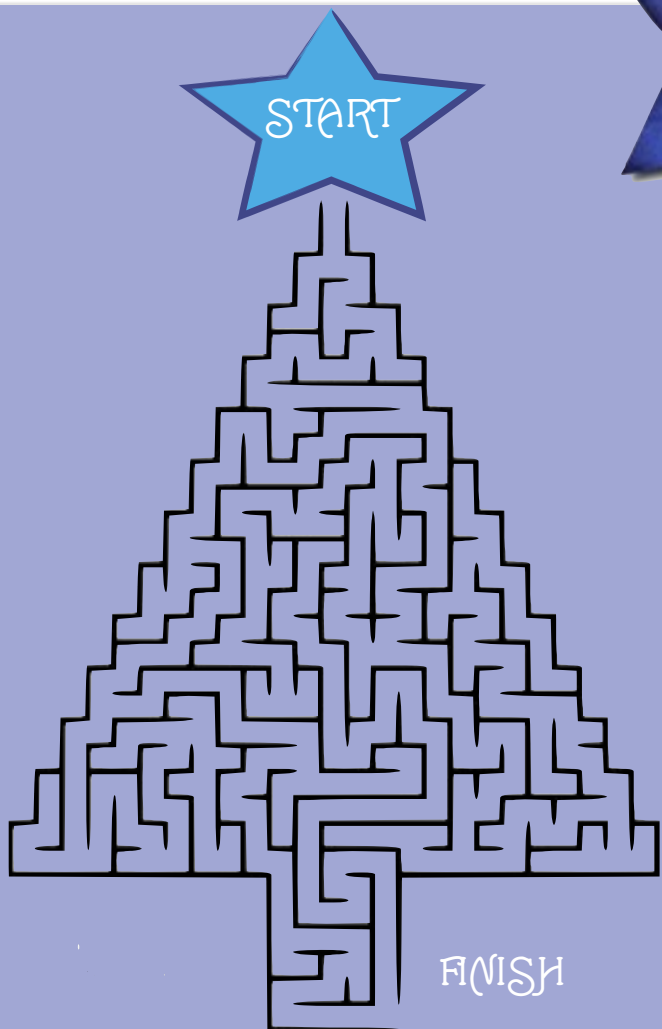
CHRISTMAS SUDOKU!

Play this just like normal sudoku, only use the letters that make up the word "Christmas" instead of numbers!

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"Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving.

The first Christmas tree was made of goose feathers.



From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was outlawed in Boston.

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- RTAS _____
- ESEHDESR _____
- MOKDE _____
- JWORIS _____
- RBB _____
- JHOPS _____
- RMGEN _____
- TECHHEBE _____
- SSJE _____
- MRA _____
- IGFST _____
- IATES _____
- AGISEN _____

↑ UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS ↑

- ANGEL
- BELS
- CANDIES
- CANDYCANES
- CAROLS
- DECORATIONS
- FRUITCAKE
- GIFTS
- GREETING CARDS
- HOLLY

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- LIGHTS
- MANGER
- MARY
- MISTLETOE
- MARRH
- ORNAMENTS
- POINSETTIA
- SLEIGH
- SNOWFLAKES
- SNOWMAN

The first state to recognize the Christmas holiday officially was Alabama.

