



# Preparing for Christmas



Ho ho ho! These children are on the nice list this year. Each will receive something unique, suited to their tastes.



Alexis is always checking out her reflection in the mirror.



Bill is no grammarian— singular vs plural, past vs present, who care?



Carla is so stealthy you won't hear her sneak up on you.



Dan is a bit of a goofball, and when he's out on the water, he looks odd from every angle.



Eric talks through his ideas aloud with his rubber duck.

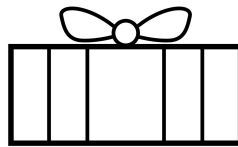


Francis likes to read the newspaper.



Gloria dots her Q's and crosses her V's and has it all together from K to D.

On Christmas Day, the seven children will unwrap their packages and discover what's inside. What should *you* expect from Christmas this year?



The answer-checker will confirm answers to subpuzzles.

## Battleship

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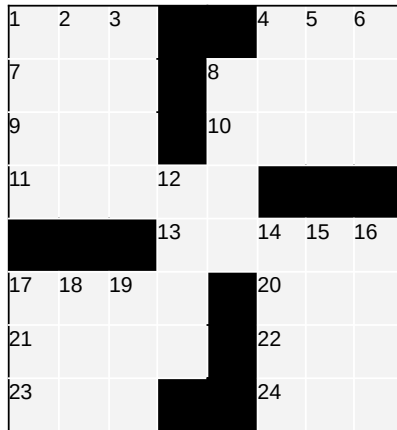
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(Battleship rules)

## Clues

- Serene, as waters [4]
- Honey wine [4]
- Malcolm or McKellen [3]
- Made happen [6]
- Common greeting [5]
- Sound of exasperation [4]
- \_\_\_\_ Girl (2014) [4]
- Was aware of [4]
- Makes blunt [5]
- Alley-\_\_\_\_ (basketball phrase) [3]

## Crossword



### Across

- 1: Accelerated, as an engine
- 4: First part of the answer
- 7: Cut, as a tree or employee
- 8: Allocates (out)
- 9: Prepared olives or peaches
- 10: Is in debt to
- 11: Bent down
- 13: Ringing of bells
- 17: \_\_\_\_\_ for Godot
- 20: Siestas
- 21: Traveled a circular path
- 22: Made the score even
- 23: Second part of the answer
- 24: Coming to a close

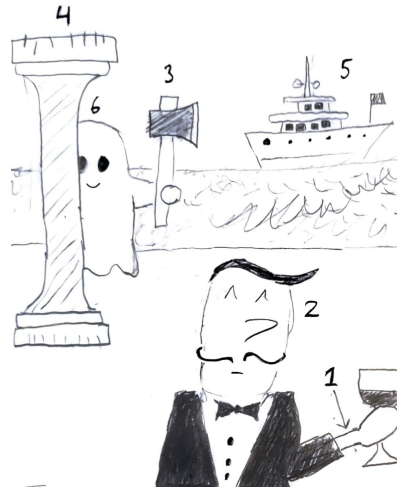
### Down

- 1: Emulate Eminem
- 2: Gets off the highway
- 3: Nixed by Nixon
- 4: \_\_\_\_\_ machine
- 5: Have
- 6: What happens at a 6 Down
- 8: Sulking
- 12: Choose
- 14: Paid for cards?
- 15: "Let sleeping dogs \_\_\_\_"
- 16: *Need for* \_\_\_\_\_
- 17: Exists
- 18: Exists
- 19: Decorating a cake

## Cryptogram

"Nqbt" vkmwtv nbcx Kxkdcs

## Drawing



AACEEGHIILLMMMOMOORSSSTTTUXY

## Jumble

DEPO

MENIAC

TASR

RATCEIL

## Word Search

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| T | V | Q | A | U | T | B | R | W | ADIDAS  |
| N | S | L | P | M | E | E | L | F | BEANIE  |
| K | W | S | O | I | P | M | U | T | DRESS   |
| T | S | B | E | R | N | D | R | M | FLEECE  |
| P | I | H | L | R | I | I | S | H | SLIPPER |
| Y | S | A | D | O | H | L | E | C | T-SHIRT |
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| I | E | O | D | B | T | E | O | E |         |