

# Solution - Wayward Holiday Cards

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Five words match with each holiday, using rules clued by the holiday.

New Year's – Words that make a phrase when preceded by "New": BALANCE, DEAL, ENGLAND, HORIZONS, MEXICO

Groundhog Day – Words that can be repeated multiple times in a row: BORA, BUFFALO, DOT, HO, LOCATION

St. Patrick's Day – Shades of green: EMERALD, JADE, LIME, OLIVE, SEA

Easter – Possible meanings of holding up two fingers (which looks like bunny ears): PEACE, SCISSORS, TWO, V, VICTORY

4th of July – Fourth letter is J: CONJURE, LOGJAM, NINJA, PREJUDICE, SUBJECT

Thanksgiving – Rhymes with a game bird: LOOSE, PERKY, PLEASANT, THICKEN, YUCK

The remaining 5 words go with Halloween, and can be arranged to form the Halloween-themed clue SCREAM ACTRESS PLAYED GALE WEATHERS, which clues the answer **COURTENEY COX**.

## Author Notes

An additional set that was not used in the final puzzle was Labor Day: COLOR, FLAVOR, MOLD, NEIGHBOR, SMOLDER. Testers pointed out that the rule could also be matched with 4th of July.