

Wednesday 10th December
Morning Challenge

Try and make these sentences even more interesting.

Lorenzo was in a strange land.

He walked along the path.

There were toadstools.



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TBAT: spell Year 3/4 words.

Spelling thief (on whiteboards or the back of literacy book)

The spelling elf has taken some of the letters from our spelling words! Work out which letters are missing and write the correct spelling in your book.

Beli_ve

Co_tinu_

Ap_ear

Arr_ve

Of_en

Wo_en

Gr_up

Des_ribe

Bre_th

Heig_t



Put each of your spelling words into a full sentence including a conjunction.

8 Times Table Christmas Dice Multiplication

Cross out Rudolph's nose!



Instructions

1. Roll two dice.
2. Add the numbers together to find the sum.
3. Multiply by eight.
4. Cross out the answer.



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TBAT: solve 8 times tables word problems.



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3 in 3

$$5 \times 8 =$$

Double 36?

Mrs Evans has made 7 Christmas cakes. She cuts each cake into 8 slices. How many slices does she have altogether?

If she had 3 **less** cakes how many slices would she have now?

If she had 4 **more** cakes how many slices would she have now?

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Let's count the 2 times tables

Now, lets count the 4 times tables

Finally, lets count the 8 times tables.

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Fill in the missing numbers from the 8 times tables

____, 16 , 24 , ____ , 40_, _____, _____ , 64, _____, _____ , 88, _____ .

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Model

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There are 8 peas in every pod. How many peas are there in 3 pods?

Amy wins 4 marbles every day for 8 days. How many marbles does she win altogether?

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3. Ben orders 6 pizzas that are cut into 8 slices. How many slices are there altogether?



9. There are 8 bananas in a bunch. There are 8 bunches. How many bananas are there altogether?



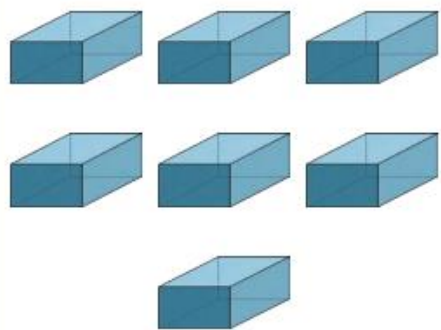
Each snack box holds **8 biscuits**.
The teacher fills **7 boxes**, but then takes **10 biscuits out**
to give to another class.
How many biscuits are left in the boxes?

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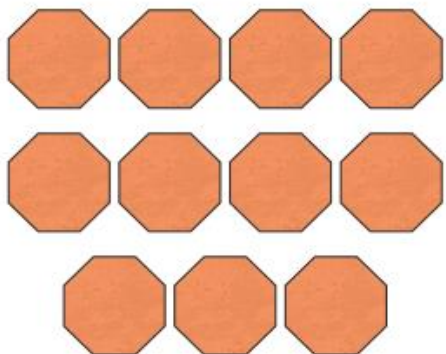
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Independent Task:

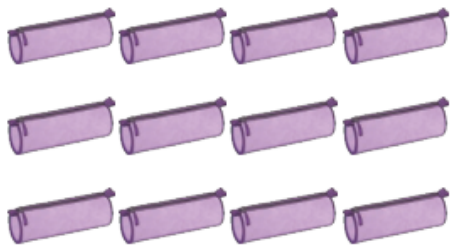
5. Cuboids have 8 vertices. There are 7 cuboids. How many vertices are there altogether?



10. How many sides are there on 11 octagons altogether?



6. There are 8 pencils in each pencil case. There are 12 pencil cases. How many pencils are there altogether?



12. Theme park tickets are £8 each. A group of 9 people go to the theme park. How much do they pay altogether?



Challenge:

There are 8 crayons in each pack.

The art club buys 5 packs, then finds 3 more packs in the cupboard.

They give 12 crayons to Year 2.

How many crayons do they have now?

Mastery:

Each plant pot needs 8 scoops of soil.

Mrs Patel has 50 scoops of soil.

How many pots can she fill completely, and how many scoops will be left over?

Mastery greater depth:

A bus has rows of seats with 8 seats in each row.

There are some number of rows, and the total number of seats is a number between 50 and 80.

How many rows could the bus have?

Explain why only these numbers work.

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TBAT: retell a story.

3 in 3 (on whiteboards)

As James and the Snowman soar through the crisp night sky, the world below glimmers like a patchwork of silver and shadow. The wind rushes past them, cool and gentle, carrying the distant twinkle of Christmas lights and the soft hush of sleeping towns. Above, the stars seem close enough to touch, guiding their flight as the Snowman holds James's hand with warm, magical assurance. Together, they glide effortlessly through the moonlit air, wrapped in a moment that feels both wondrous and dreamlike.

1. What did the wind carry as it rushed past James and the Snowman?
2. How did the stars appear to James and the Snowman?
3. What did the Snowman do to guide James during their flight?

Find synonyms for the word twinkle.

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Which order do we usually write a story in? Chronological order or non chronological order?

How can we make a verb even better by giving the reader a picture of what is being said?

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Talk partners

Read through your first paragraph from yesterday. Share the ideas you are most proud of. Have you used interesting adjectives? Adverbs?

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On a frosty white morning, with snow falling swiftly from the sky, I eagerly put on my warm coat and green wellies. I hurried outside, feeling the crunch of snow under my boots. Excitement filled the air as I delicately rolled the snow into big, round balls, carefully stacking them on top of each other. With dark coal eyes, a green peaked hat, a warm cotton scarf, and an orange carrot nose, my snowman started to come to life. I kept an eye on him as the day grew dark, staring at the magical friend I had created in the snowy stillness.

Throughout the night, I woke up and couldn't resist checking outside. With curiosity lighting up my eyes, I crept cautiously downstairs and then ventured outside. To my amazement, the Snowman had come to life! Overflowing with excitement, I showed him lots of new things, from clothes to how to ride a skateboard. I even showed him how to drive a car! Our adventure reached new heights when, together, we strode outside and suddenly found ourselves soaring through the sky! Over the city, we watched the twinkling lights and swirling snow. The world below us transformed into a magical winter landscape. I couldn't believe my eyes!

The next morning, I woke up with excitement bubbling inside me. I rushed downstairs and out the door, not even stopping to say good morning to my parents who were having breakfast. My heart sank when I reached the spot where my snowman stood just hours before. The magical friend I had built with so much joy had melted away in the morning sun. It was a bittersweet moment, and even though I felt a bit sad, I knew I would always cherish the incredible adventure we shared.

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Shared write

Adjectives	frosty, white, magical, twinkling, swirling, warm, dark, orange, green, incredible, exciting, curious, adventurous
Verbs	hurried, rolled, stacked, stared, crept, ventured, soared, transformed, melted, cherish
Nouns	snowman, scarf, hat, carrot, boots, adventure, friend, landscape, lights, morning, night
Feelings	excitement, amazement, curiosity, joy, sadness, wonder
Time Conjunctions	suddenly, throughout the day, next morning, swiftly, eagerly

Include fronted adverbials to show place in each paragraph.

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Q: What is the Winter Solstice?

Keywords

Winter Solstice	the shortest day of the year and the start of winter in the Northern Hemisphere
Druid	a wise person or priest who helps lead pagan ceremonies
pagan	a person who believes in gods and goddesses linked to nature.

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Q: What is the Winter Solstice?

Long before Christians celebrated Christmas people in the UK marked the **Winter Solstice**.

There is evidence it has been marked since the Stone Age.

I wonder why this festival is called the **Winter Solstice**?

I wonder why this date is important?



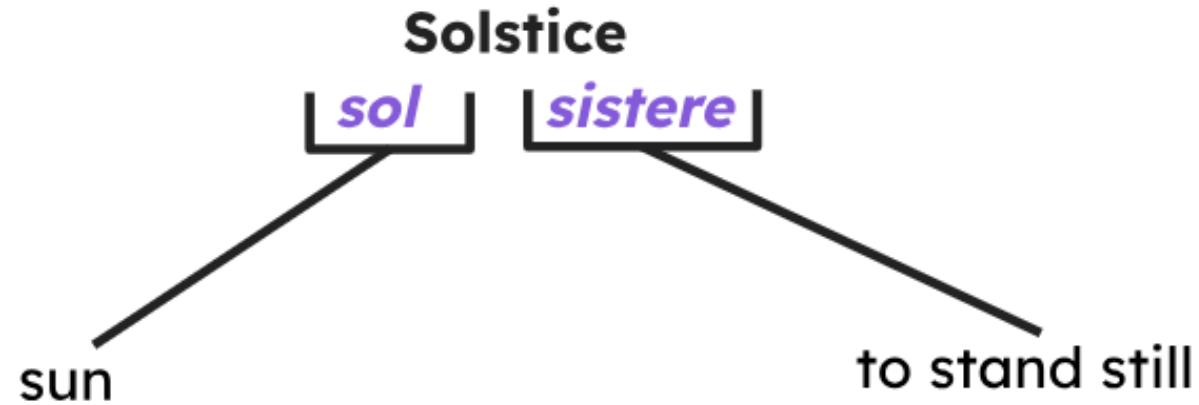
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Solstice comes from the Latin word sōlstitium.

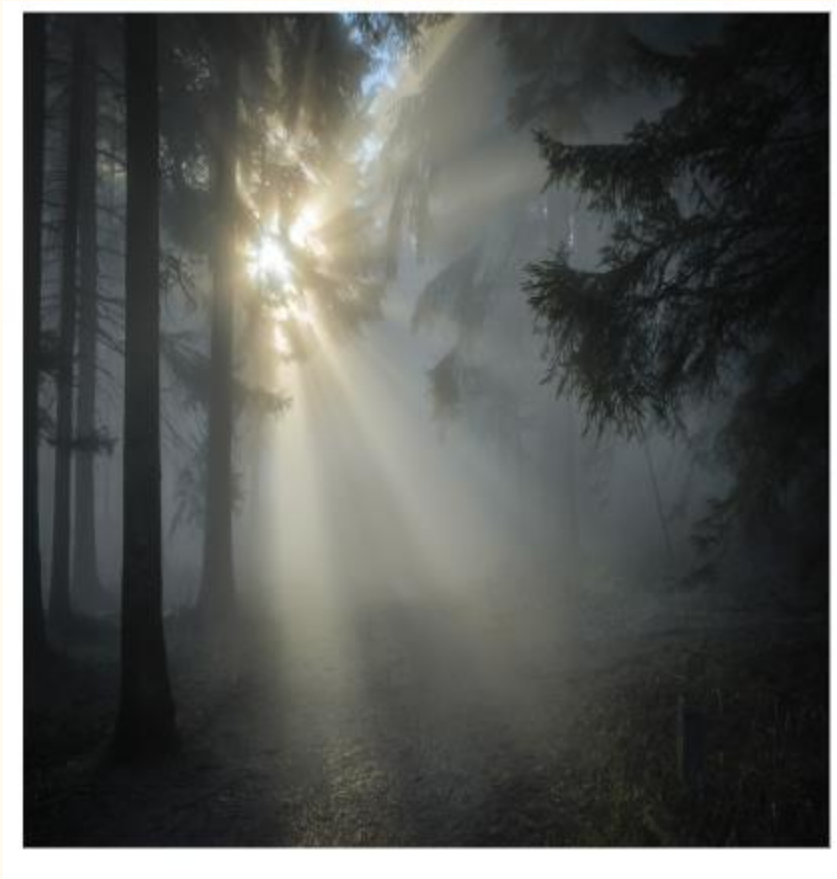


Solstice means sun stands still. So during the **Winter Solstice**, the Sun looks like it stops moving across the sky for a short while.



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Talk Partners:

Have you noticed how the light changes as we move into winter?

What happens to the length of the days in winter?

What date is the shortest day in the year?

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The **Winter Solstice** happens around the 21st of December every year. It is the shortest day and the longest night of the year.

People in ancient times saw it as a time of darkness, but also the beginning of longer days ahead.

Why do you think they looked forward to longer days ahead?



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For many ancient cultures, the **Winter Solstice** was a time to celebrate the return of light.

People believed that after the solstice, the Sun would return and bring warmth and light again.

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People celebrated the **Winter Solstice** with fire, food, and decorations to welcome back the Sun.

Later, Christmas was placed near the solstice to share the message of light and hope.

This helped people connect the similarities of the birth of Jesus with the return of light and hope.

Early Christians described the birth of Jesus as bringing light to the world.

So the Church placed the festival of Christmas close to the **Winter Solstice** to connect the light of Jesus with the returning light of the Sun.

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This is Stonehenge. It is an ancient circle in Wiltshire in the South West of England. It was built over 1,500 years from 3,000 BCE.



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On the morning of the **Winter Solstice**, people gather there to watch the **sunrise**.

The stones are carefully placed so the **Sun shines through at the moment of the solstice**.

Many people, including **pagans** and **Druids**, visit to celebrate the return of the light.



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Q: What is the Winter Solstice?

A **Druid** is a wise person or priest who helps lead **pagan** ceremonies. They often guide us during special times like the **Winter Solstice**. Here are some **Druids** at Stonehenge.



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