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# **Candy Cane pin**

Everyone gets a pin with a candy cane

The word to avoid is **CHRISTMAS**

If someone hears you say it, you give them all your candy canes, they add that to their pins

Winner is the last person left with all candy canes (or person at end with the most)

# **Trim the Tree**

Everyone gets a green piece of paper

Hold it over your head

Rip out the shape of a Christmas Tree

# **Christmas Mittens**

It’s like a relay race

Make two groups

Each group gets a pair of oven mitts and a pile of wrapped candy (like Hershey Kisses)

Each person has to completely remove the wrapping from a piece of candy while wearing oven mitts

Pass the mitts to the next person

First team done wins!

# **Ornament Exchange**

* Read ‘Twas the night’
* On **THE** go right.
* On **A** go left
* On **ALL** go across the room (at least two seats away).
* Every other verse, put them in the middle and choose a new one

***Practice***

'Twas **THE** night before HmmHmmm [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;  
***Words***  
**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 down for **A** long winter's nap,  
***Middle***  
When out on **THE** lawn there arose such **A** clatter, I sprang from **THE** 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.  
***Words***  
**THE** moon on **THE** breast of **THE** new-fallen snow, Gave **THE** lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But **A** miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
***Middle***  
With **A** little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in **A** moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;  
***Words***  
"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN! On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONDER and BLITZEN!  
To **THE** top of **THE** porch! to **THE** top of **THE** wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away **ALL**!"  
***Middle***  
As dry leaves that before **THE** wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to **THE** sky,  
So up to **THE** house-top **THE** coursers they flew, With **THE** sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
***Words***  
And then, in **A** twinkling, I heard on **THE** roof, **THE** prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around, Down **THE** chimney St. Nicholas came with **A** bound.  
***Middle***  
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** peddler just opening his pack.  
***Words***  
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 of his chin was as white as **THE** snow;  
***Middle***  
**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** bowlful of jelly.  
***Words***  
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;  
***Middle***  
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;  
***Words***  
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 HmmHmm [CHRISTMAS] TO **ALL**, AND TO **ALL** **A** GOOD-NIGHT!

# **Name That Carol**

Pair up

Fill in as many carols as you can!

***Sample:***

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| Trio of Monarchs | **We Three Kings** |

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| 1. Perambulating Through a December Solstice Fantasy | **Walking in a Winter Wonderland** |
| 1. A Dozen Earthly Rotations of Yule Periods | **The 12 Days of Christmas** |
| 1. Quadruped with Crimson Proboscis | **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer** |
| 1. Fantasia of a Colorless December 25 | **I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas** |
| 1. Adorn the Vestibule | **Deck the Halls** |
| 1. Homo Sapiens of Crystallized Vapor | **Frosty the Snowman** |
| 1. Desire a Pair of Incisors at Yuletide, Exclusively | **All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth** |
| 1. Discernment of my Female Progenitor Osculating Le Pere Noel | **I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus** |
| 1. Cerulean Solstice | **Blue Christmas** |
| 1. Grant Permission for Precipitation | **Let it Snow** |
| 1. Necessitation of Pachyderm at Winter Holiday | **I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas** |
| 1. Reverberating Carillon of the Rebellious albeit Popular Instrumentation of Youth Culture | **Jingle Bell Rock** |

# **Santa or Scrooge**

Icebreaker

Talk to others and find out their Christmas secrets. Have them sign their name.

You can use the same person more than once, but *only* after you’ve talked to everyone at least once.

You can’t use yourself on your own sheet!

**Santas!**

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|  | **Has finished Christmas shopping!** |
|  | **Has celebrated Christmas in another country!** |
|  | **Went Christmas caroling last year!** |
|  | **Knows all the reindeer names!** |
|  | **Has made eggnog (or wassail, or figgy pudding or fruitcake)!** |
|  | **< Bonus! Discover another Santa story! >** |

**Scrooges!**

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|  | **Has never had a white Christmas!** |
|  | **Has returned a Christmas gift for cash/credit!** |
|  | **Has discovered (searched for, peaked at) a present before Christmas!** |
|  | **Has never seen “It’s a Wonderful Life”** |
|  | **Has never made a snowman!** |
|  | **Has gifted a fruitcake!** |
|  | **< Bonus! Discover another Scrooge story! >** |