

Christmas Games

Catch the Cup Challenge-

Supplies-Cups

How to play: Person in front throws the cup over their head while the person behind works to catch the cup, using no hands.

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Three Man Hula Hoop Relay-

Supplies- Hula Hoops

How to Play - Three people are playing with two people (one on each side of the hula hoop) and the other person is the one broad jumping into the hoop. The outside two people continue to move the hula hoop forward after they go through it.

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Chain Race-

Supplies: Nothing

How to play- Two people are standing and linking arms while two people are crouched down and linking arms. They will take turns staying linked and going over the other two people and continuing to repeat the process until at a designated point.

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Where's the Marshmallow-

Supplies: Cups and Marshmallows

How to play-Line up 8 cups upside down and then put a marshmallow on top. The first person goes to the table and flips the cup over and puts the marshmallow inside the cup. When they finish, the next person goes to the table and puts the cup upside down and marshmallow on top. The process continues until everyone has had a turn for their group.

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Christmas Tree Tower Challenge-

Supplies: Green cups and gold/yellow/silver cups

How to play: Each person takes a turn trying to stack the green cups as high as they can and then placing the star (silver or yellow cup) on top. The first team to get them all stacked wins. The video shows two different colors, but both teams would use green and then one yellow/silver/gold one for the topstar.

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Straw Challenge-

Supplies: Straws and water bottles

How to play: Each person takes a turn putting a straw into a water bottle. The straw needs to be held in between their nose and lip, and they can't use their hands to help once the straw is in place.

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Don't drop the tube challenge-

Supplies: Wrapping paper tubes, bows or balls, 2 baskets/containers

How to play: One person is holding the wrapping paper tube with one hand. They will let go of the tube and grab a bow/ball/object from one basket to the other. They will have 30 seconds to see how many they can get moved over without the tube falling.

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Tree Stack Challenge-

Supplies: Cups and a ball

How to play: You need 15 cups stacked up like a tree. Place a ball on top of the tree. The race is to keep the ball on top of the cup while getting all of the cups stacked into one pile.

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Human Cup Tower-

Supplies: Cups

How to play: One student is holding a pose, but can not be laying on the ground. The rest of the team is working to get as many possible cups to be sitting on their body.

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Torch Challenge-

Supplies: Pool noodles and cups

How to play: Each person is holding two pool noodles. One of the pool noodles has an upside down cup on it representing their torch. The game is played by trying to protect your torch light, but using your other noodle to try and knock the cup off of the other people's noodle.

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Don't touch the color I say-

Supplies: 4-6 Different colors of paper/cups/items

How to play: Students will have 4-6 different colored cups/papers/objects in front of them on a table. The caller will call out one of the /itemson the table. The people playing have to grab a cup/paper/object that is NOT the color/item called out. You are out if you grab the color they call.

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Stack Off-

Supplies: Cups and large object to hide the stack

How to play: There will be a stack of 15 cups that will be revealed to the contestants for 15 seconds. At the end of the 15 seconds they will be hidden again and the contestants must remember the pattern and create their own cup stack to match the one they looked at.

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Who is?-

Supplies: Questions to read out loud

How to play: Two people are sitting in a chair with 10-15 people behind them. The announcer gives a call like "who is the worst driver" and students have to move behind the person that they think is the worst driver. Use multiple questions and students keep moving to the person they think it is.

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What is?-

Supplies: Questions to read out loud

How to play: Questions are read out and contestants have to give the wrong answer to the questions. For example: What planet do we live on? They shout out the answer, but it can't be Earth.

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Snowball Drop

Supplies Needed – Red solo cups, painter's tape or masking tape, white ping pong balls

How to Play – Set up by taping 5 red solo cups to the end of a long table for each player. Have players stand at the other end of the table across from their set of solo cups. Each team can have two players working together or choose one individual to compete for each team. Players or Team members are given 10 ping pong balls.

Keep it Up

Supplies Needed – Red & Green Balloons

How to Play – Give each player 3 balloons. When the timer starts players need to keep all the balloons in the air for 1 minute. If any balloons touch the ground the player is out.

Trim the Tree

Supplies Needed – Fake mini Christmas trees & small round ornaments (I bought these all at Dollar Tree)

How to Play – Give each player a tree and 20 ornaments. When the timer starts see who can hang all the ornaments on the tree before the 1-minute timer goes off

Christmas Charades & Pictionary

Supplies Needed – Free Printable Christmas Charades or Free Printable Christmas Pictionary Words List

How to Play – For Christmas Charades players will act out holiday-themed words and have their teammates guess in one minute what word they're acting out.

Get directions and grab your free printable Christmas Charades Ideas and Word Lists for Kids.

When playing Christmas Pictionary you will draw holiday-themed words and try to get your teammates to guess the correct word. For this game, you will need also need a tabletop easel pad to draw on.

Shovel'n Snow

Supplies Needed: Pompoms or cotton balls and two bowls.

Fill one bowl with fifteen white pom poms/cotton balls. Players must transfer all of the pom poms/cotton balls from one bowl to the other using only a plastic spoon in their mouth. Points go to all players who successfully complete the challenge in under one minute – ready, set, GO!

Hot Chocolate Toss

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Six Mugs, Large Marshmallows, and Brown Shredded Paper Filler (*optional, but adds a level of difficulty*)

HOW TO PLAY: Place the mugs in a triangular formation at the end of a table. Players stand at the opposite end of the table and attempt to toss a marshmallow into each mug in under a minute.

CANDY CANE HOOK ‘EM

SUPPLIES NEEDED: LOTS of Wrapped Candy Canes and a Small Deep Bowl

HOW TO PLAY:

Players place a candy cane into their mouth, curved side out, and use the candy cane to hook another candy cane from the pile and transfer it to a bowl – no hands allowed!

REINDEER GAMES

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Antler Headband and Inflatable Rings

HOW TO PLAY: Choose one player to be the “reindeer” and wear the antler headband (or inflatable antlers). Other players take turns trying to toss rings around the antlers in under one minute. Score 5 points for landing five rings in under a minute or award one point per successfully landed ring.

COOKIES FOR SANTA

SUPPLIES NEEDED: COOKIES AND CHAIRS FOR STUDENTS TO SIT IN

HOW TO PLAY: Place a cookie on your forehead and try to get it into your mouth using only your facial muscles – no hands allowed! Award points to the players who can successfully complete the challenge in under a minute.

THE SCENTS OF CHRISTMAS

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Small Boxes, Number Stickers, Small Plates, Scented Holiday Objects (we used cranberries, oranges, gingerbread, pine needles, cinnamon sticks, peppermint candies and candy canes).

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill each box as desired and assign a number to each box (party hostess will need to keep a cheat sheet handy). Players have one minute to smell each box and match them with the plated objects. I prefer to fill the boxes with cotton balls that have been scented with fragrance and essential oils rather than the actual food item because it’s cleaner and allows all of the boxes to have equal weight. The fragrances that I used were Orange, Cranberry, Gingerbread, Pine, Peppermint, and Cinnamon.

CHRISTMAS TREE STACK

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Green plastic cups (stickers to decorate)

HOW TO PLAY: Players must stack up 10 cups and then place them back into a single stack in the fastest time possible.

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

SUPPLIES NEEDED: boxes, number stickers, and jingle bells

HOW TO PLAY: Fill each box with a different number of jingle bells (see note below) and assign a number to each box (again, the party host/hostess will need to keep a cheat sheet handy). Players have one minute to shake each box, listen closely to the bells, and arrange the boxes in order of least jingle bells to most jingle bells. **NOTES:** Using a variety of jingle bell sizes makes this game more challenging because the weight won't necessarily correlate with the number of bells in the box!

Dancing Snowman

SUPPLIES NEEDED: White plastic cups and balloons

HOW TO PLAY: Arrange the snowman cups into a tower at the very end of a table. Players stand at the opposite end of the table and blow up their balloon and then use the air to make the snowman dance off the end of the table.

ORNAMENT ROLL

Supplies Needed: Ball ornaments, gift boxes, painters tape

How to Play: Give each player an ornament and a gift box and have stand behind a lined taped on the ground with painter's tape. Tape another line across the room (best done in a large empty room or gym). To play, players must fan their gift box toward their ornament to get it to roll across the room and over the other line. Players can't actually touch the ornament with the box, just use it to create wind to "blow" it.

Snowball Toss

Supplies Needed: *Large wreath, string or people, and marshmallows*

How to play: Hang a wreath in an open doorway or have someone hold the wreath and supply players with marshmallows. See who can throw the most marshmallows through the wreath in one minute.

Snowman Stack

Supplies Needed: 3 golf balls or marshmallows

How to play: Stack the 3 golf balls or 5 marshmallows to form a snowman

Connect Four

Supplies Needed: egg crates from 5 dozen cartons and 2 colors ping pong balls in separate bowls

How to play: Stand at one end of a long table with your bowl of ping pong balls. The competitor is standing next to you with their bowl of ping pong balls. Each person is bouncing their ping pong balls to the other end to land them in the egg crate. The first person to get 4 in a row wins.

Tic tac toe

Supplies needed: Painters Tape X's and O's or two different items

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Suck it up

Supplies Needed: red and green M & M's, plates, bowls, straws

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Snowball Relay

Supplies: ping pong balls, spoons, cones

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Throw Ping Pong Balls (Snowballs) into the cup at the other end. Team with the most snowballs in the cups after 1 minute wins.



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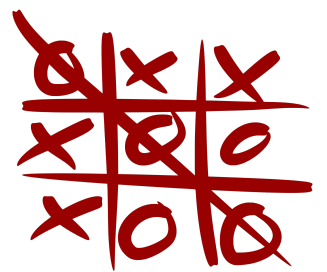
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Winter Mixers

Four Corners- Choose one and go to that corner

Favorite Cookies

Chocolate chip cookie

Gingerbread cookies

Frosted cookies

Sugar cookies

Movies Genre

Hallmark

Christmas Cartoons

Classics

Christmas Comedy

Best/favorite holiday movie

Polar Express

Elf

Home Alone

How the grinch stole Christmas

Snow Day Activities

Sledding

Build a snowman

Snowball fight

Staying in by the fire

Christmas Cartoon

Rudolf

Frosty

The Grinch

Charlie Brown Christmas

Christmas Drinks

Hot chocolate

Peppermint Mocha

Sparkling cider

Egg Nog

Activities

Seeing Lights
Gingerbread house
Christmas Caroling
Reading Christmas books

Christmas songs

All I want for Christmas is you
It's the most wonderful time of the year
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Rock around the Christmas tree

Christmas hymns

The first Noel
Mary did you know?
Silent night
Joy to the world

On the Slopes

Skiing
Snowboarding
Sledding
Staying in the lodge

Gifts

Christmas Eve
Early Christmas morn
Christmas Day
A few presents even and all day

What smell reminds you the most of Christmas?

Pine trees
Fire
Peppermint
Gingerbread

Never Have I Ever-

- Stayed up all night on Christmas Eve
- Secretly peeked at presents before Christmas
- Decorate a gingerbread house
- Worn matching pajamas with your family
- Volunteered during the holidays
- Exchanged a secret santa gift
- Watched the Nutcracker Ballet
- Regifted a present I received

This Or That- Introduce yourself to someone new

- Icicle or snowflake (favorite snow memory)
- Wool Sweater or Puffy Jacket (favorite sweater or coat as a kid)
- Snowball fight vs Building a snowman (best snowball fight or snowman built)
- Ice Skating or sledding (favorite memory ice skating or sledding)

Break the Ice- Find someone new for each one

- Name and describe yourself in 3 words
- What is the worst advice you have ever been given?
- What is your most used phone app?
- Are you more productive in the morning or at night?
- Which song could you listen to over and over again?
- What is the worst chore you've ever had?
- When you were in kindergarten, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- If you could move to another country, where would it be?
- What's the story behind your cell phone wallpaper?

Icebreaker- Find someone new after each question

- What is your dream holiday vacation?
- What is your favorite snow day memory?
- What's the weirdest Christmas tradition you keep?
- Do you prefer to celebrate Christmas with your immediate family or with extended family?
- What was the best gift you've ever received?
- What's your favorite holiday smell?
- What's the best gift you've ever given someone?
- Do you have a New Year's Eve tradition? If so, what is it?
- What challenged you the most last year?

-What is something you are looking forward to in the New Year?