New Year Large Print Activity & Puzzle Book for Seniors

Detailed Answer Guide

Gentle Edition

This guide goes with your printed book, activity by activity, in the same order. Find the page number in the footer of your activity, then look for it here. The picture and grid answers are shown larger than in the book, with extra help such as where each hidden word starts and what changed in each picture.

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Section 1: Countdown & Celebration

Page 5: Sudoku

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7	9	1	5	2	6	3	4	8
8	3	4	1	9	7	2	5	6

Page 6: Rhyme Time

CHEER → NEAR
TIME → LIME
FRUIT → SHOOT
CAKE → MAKE

Page 7: Word Scramble: Dressing Up

Words: BRACELET, NECKLACE, SHOES, BUCKLE

Pages 9-10: Two Lists to Remember

List: MARBLES, DOLL, TOP, BALLOON, DOMINOES, KITE

Page 11: Which One Doesn't Belong?

Odd word out: KAZOO (The others are all looking back & ahead.)

Pages 12-13: Word Search: Countdown & Celebration



Where each word starts (rows count down from the top, columns across from the left), and which way it reads:

CHAMPAGNE row 1, col 11, down

CHEERS row 6, col 3, right

CHIME row 3, col 4, right

CLOCK row 5, col 1, down

COUNTDOWN row 8, col 1, right

GLITTER row 4, col 2, right

HORN row 7, col 3, right

KISS row 9, col 3, right

MUSIC row 2, col 3, right

SHINY row 5, col 6, right

Page 14: Say It Backwards

Little ones blow their horns with delight. → delight with horns their blow ones Little.

We watch the parade on television together. → together television on parade the watch We.

Sparklers glow in the cold dark air. → air dark cold the in glow Sparklers.

Pages 15-16: Silly Sentence

Correct sentence: B. The Party Guest found a sparkly clock.

Pages 17-18: Photo Detective



This photo is from the 1960s.

A 1960s couple toasts the New Year in front of a foil curtain, with a beehive hairdo and hi-fi stereo console.

Clues to look for:

- Tall teased beehive hairdo
- Sleeveless sheath dress with pearl necklace
- Skinny tie and black-framed glasses
- Hi-fi stereo console with a record turntable
- Silver foil fringe curtain and balloons
- Wide-bowl champagne coupe glasses

Page 20: Picture Search

There are 4 matching pictures. Each one is circled.



Page 21: What's Around You

Make a list of sounds you might hear at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Examples: BELLS, CHEERING, HORNS, FIREWORKS, SINGING, CLAPPING, COUNTDOWN, LAUGHTER, CLOCK CHIMES, WHISTLES, SHOUTING, MUSIC, POPPING, DRUMS, KAZOOS, RATTLES, CHURCH BELLS, TRUMPETS, APPLAUSE, STOMPING, and many more.

Make a list of hot drinks that warm you on a cold day.

Examples: COCOA, TEA, COFFEE, HOT CIDER, HOT CHOCOLATE, CHAMOMILE TEA, PEPPERMINT TEA, GREEN TEA, WARM MILK, HERBAL TEA, BROTH, SPICED CIDER, CHAI, BLACK TEA, DECAF COFFEE, HONEY TEA, LEMON TEA, SOUP, CIDER, CAPPUCCINO, LATTE, and many more.

Page 22: What's Different?



This is the bottom picture from your puzzle. Each number marks one difference.

1. Snowman
2. Sled
3. Tree to bare
4. Crescent moon

Page 23: Spot the Different One

The different picture is number 1, counting left-to-right, top-to-bottom.

Page 24: Riddle Recall: A Fresh Start

A chance to do something new or different. → OPENING

The first light of a brand new day. → SUNRISE

A clean one of these means starting fresh with nothing held against you. → SLATE

Page 25: Trivia Time

1. What is a hand-held firework that sparkles called? → A sparkler
2. What is lowered in New York City's Times Square at midnight? → A lighted ball
3. Which ancient people are among the first known to celebrate a new year? → The Babylonians

Page 26: Sort Them Into Groups

Healthy Habits: VITAMIN, STEPS, BREATHE
Games & Entertainment: JUGGLER, DECK, CIRCUS

Page 27: Think of Words: Party Food & Snacks

Example answers: BUFFET, BROWNIE

Pages 29-30: Detailed Picture Recall

Missing items: #3 mug, #6 cuckoo clock

Section 2: New Year Resolutions

Page 32: Complete the Saying

Ring in the NEW YEAR
Better safe than SORRY
Close your eyes and make a WISH
No news is good NEWS
All that glitters is not GOLD

Page 33: Put Them In Order: Healthy Habits

Order: CHECKUP, STRETCH, STROLL, YOGA

Page 34: Picture Sequence Hunt

The sequence (bell, champagne glass, calendar) appears 3 times. Each hidden copy sits on a gray band.



Page 35: Remember the List: New Hobbies

Words: FISHING, ORIGAMI, DRAWING, KNITTING

Page 36: Matching Pairs

Pairs: Mop-D, Party-A, Parade-C, Resolution-B, Cheese-E

Page 37: What Comes Next?

Missing value: 6 (full sequence: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)

Page 38: Rhyme Time

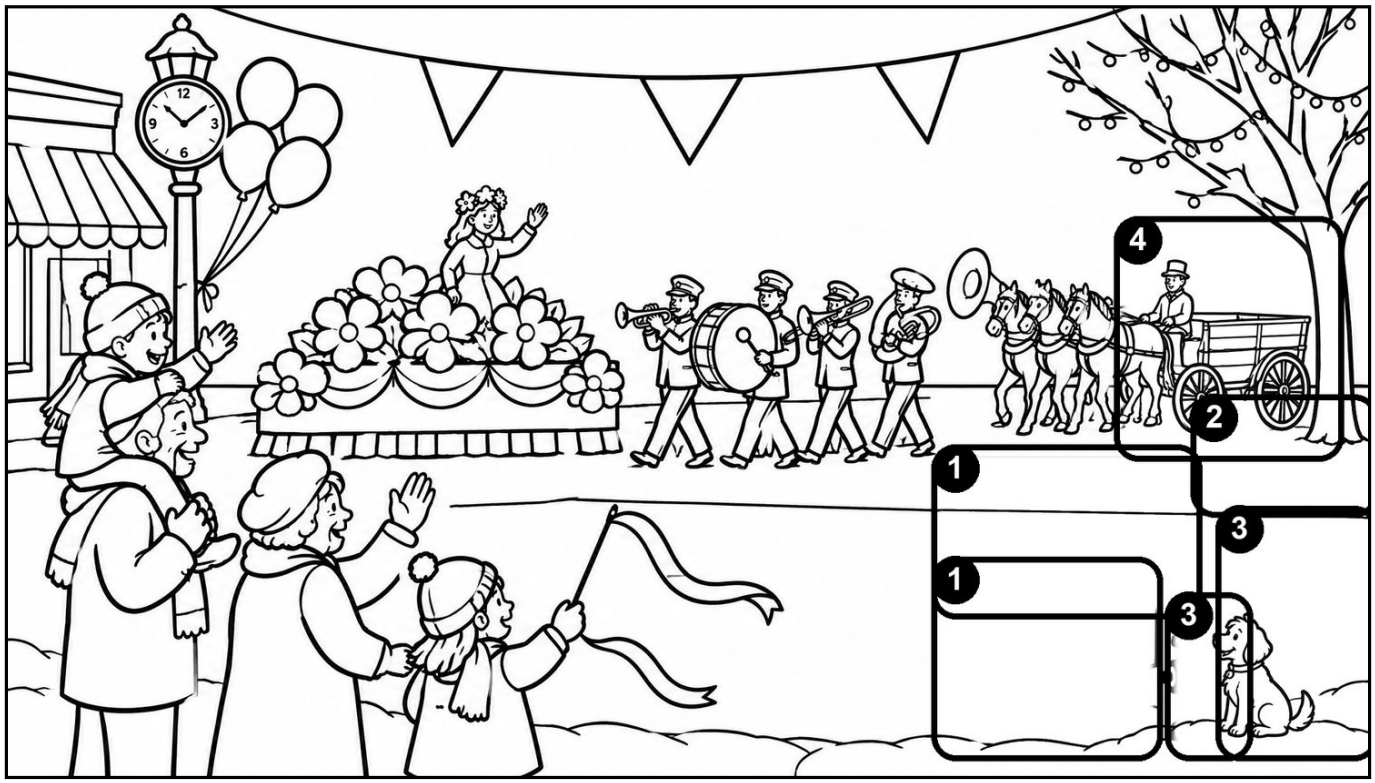
FRIEND → TREND
LIGHT → RIGHT
SKY → FLY
JOY → ENJOY

Page 39: Picture Search

There are 4 matching pictures. Each one is circled.



Page 40: What's Different?



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1. Chestnut cart

2. Bench
3. Mailbox replaced by puppy
4. Carriage to wagon

Page 41: Which One Doesn't Belong?

Odd word out: SILVER (The others are all dressing up.)

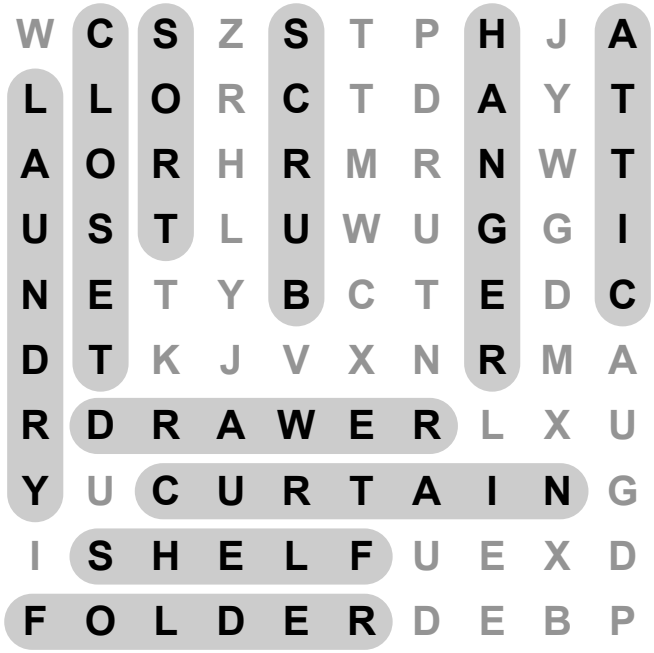
Page 42: Matching Pairs

Pairs: Drum-A, Salt-B, Warm-D, Ice-C, Mittens-E

Page 45: Trivia Time

1. What is the New Year's celebration in Scotland called? → Hogmanay
2. How many days are in a regular year? → 365
3. In Scots, what do the words Auld Lang Syne mean? → Times gone by

Pages 46-47: Word Search: Home Reset



Where each word starts (rows count down from the top, columns across from the left), and which way it reads:

ATTIC row 1, col 10, down
CLOSET row 1, col 2, down
CURTAIN row 8, col 3, right
DRAWER row 7, col 2, right
FOLDER row 10, col 1, right
HANGER row 1, col 8, down
LAUNDRY row 2, col 1, down
SCRUB row 1, col 5, down
SHELF row 9, col 2, right
SORT row 1, col 3, down

Page 48: Sort Them Into Groups

Around the World: BERLIN, SYDNEY, LONDON

New Year Resolutions: READ, JOURNAL, KINDNESS

Page 49: What Comes Next?

Missing value: 12 (full sequence: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)

Page 50: What's Around You

Make a list of things you might wear to a fancy party.

Examples: TUXEDO, GOWN, TIE, BOW TIE, SEQUINS, PEARLS, HEELS, DRESS SHOES, SUIT, JACKET, GLOVES, SHAWL, CORSAGE, EARRINGS, NECKLACE, BRACELET, VEST, CUFFLINKS, SASH, PARTY HAT, SCARF, BROOCH, and many more.

Make a list of things you find on a calendar.

Examples: MONTHS, DAYS, WEEKS, DATES, HOLIDAYS, BIRTHDAYS, NUMBERS, PICTURES, YEAR, APPOINTMENTS, SEASONS, MOON PHASES, WEEKENDS, ANNIVERSARIES, SQUARES, NOTES, REMINDERS, PHOTOGRAPHS, BOXES, and many more.

Page 51: Put Them In Order: New Year Resolutions

Order: ACHIEVE, BALANCE, CHANGE, PROGRESS

Pages 53-54: Two Lists to Remember

List: CRAYONS, STAMP, ENVELOPE, BINDER, SCISSORS, GLUE

Section 3: Winter Season

Page 56: Say It Backwards

Fireworks light up the winter sky. → sky winter the up light Fireworks.

We raise our glasses for a toast. → toast a for glasses our raise We.

Friends gather to celebrate together tonight. → tonight together celebrate to gather Friends.

Page 57: Think of Words: Lights & Sparkle

Example answers: GLOW, GLEAM, GLINT

Page 58: Complete the Saying

Turn the PAGE
So long, farewell, to the year now GONE
Birds of a feather flock TOGETHER
Easy as PIE
Age is just a NUMBER

Pages 59-60: Detailed Picture Recall

Missing items: #1 key, #8 bell

Page 61: Word Scramble: Quiet Evening

Words: SLIPPERS, SLUMBER, EMBERS, TEAPOT

Pages 62-63: Photo Detective



This photo is from the 1960s.

A 1960s New Year's Eve house party: young couples dance the twist beside a record player under crepe streamers.

Clues to look for:

- Tall teased bouffant and bubble-bob hairdos
- Short sleeveless shift dresses
- Men's slim suits with skinny ties
- Record player with stacked LP albums
- Wood-paneled walls with starburst clock
- Low-heeled pointed pumps

Page 64: Sudoku

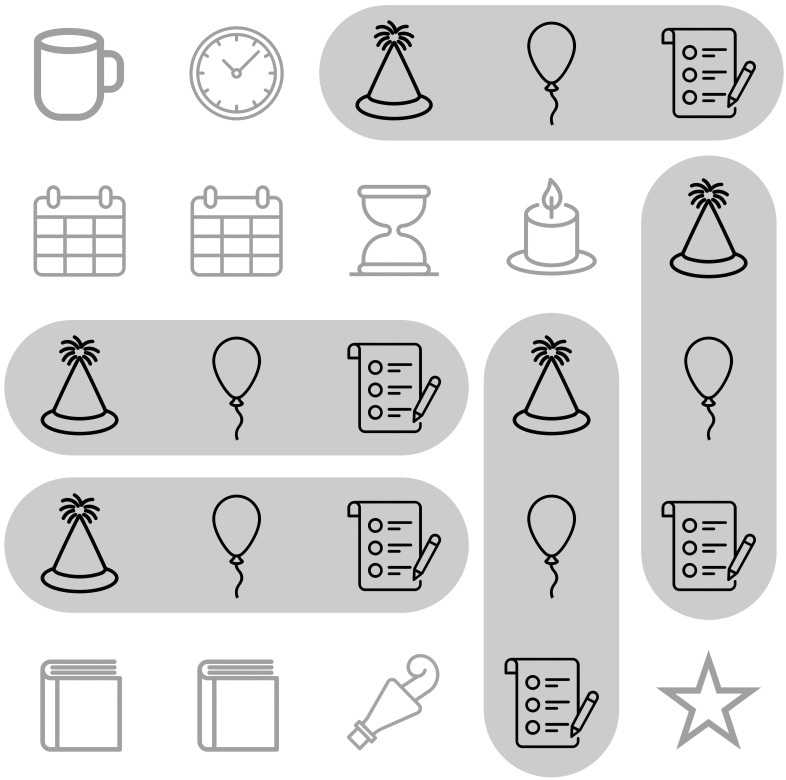
9	7	8	5	2	1	3	6	4
1	2	5	3	6	4	8	7	9
4	6	3	8	7	9	5	2	1
7	8	4	9	5	2	1	3	6
6	3	1	4	8	7	9	5	2
2	5	9	1	3	6	4	8	7
5	9	7	2	1	3	6	4	8
3	1	2	6	4	8	7	9	5
8	4	6	7	9	5	2	1	3

Pages 65-66: Silly Sentence

Correct sentence: D. Grandpa dropped a sparkly confetti cannon.

Page 67: Picture Sequence Hunt

The sequence (party hat, balloon, resolution list) appears 5 times. Each hidden copy sits on a gray band.



Page 68: Riddle Recall: Countdown & Celebration

Small colorful paper pieces thrown in the air during a celebration. → CONFETTI
The stroke of twelve, when the new year officially begins. → MIDNIGHT
A small stick that sparkles and glows when lit. → SPARKLER

Page 69: Remember the List: Quiet Evening

Words: ARMCHAIR, YAWN, SOFA, RECLINER

Page 70: Spot the Different One

The different picture is number 3, counting left-to-right, top-to-bottom.

Page 71: What Comes Next?

Missing value: November (full sequence: August, September, October, November, December)

Pages 72-73: Word Search: Winter Season



Where each word starts (rows count down from the top, columns across from the left), and which way it reads:

CHILLY row 3, col 3, right

ICE row 4, col 4, down

JANUARY row 2, col 2, right

SCARF row 7, col 3, right

SHORT row 1, col 2, right

SLED row 2, col 1, down

SNOWMAN row 1, col 9, down

WARM row 5, col 6, down

WIND row 4, col 5, right

WINTER row 5, col 8, down

Page 74: Sudoku

6	5	2	4	9	1	7	3	8
3	7	8	6	5	2	9	4	1
4	9	1	3	7	8	5	6	2
2	3	7	1	6	5	4	8	9
1	6	5	8	4	9	3	2	7
8	4	9	2	3	7	6	1	5
5	2	3	9	1	6	8	7	4
7	8	4	5	2	3	1	9	6
9	1	6	7	8	4	2	5	3

Page 75: What's Around You

Make a list of kind things to say to a friend on New Year's Day.

Examples: HAPPY NEW YEAR, BEST WISHES, GOD BLESS YOU, I MISS YOU, THANK YOU, YOU ARE SPECIAL, HEALTH AND JOY, STAY WELL, LOVE YOU, CHEERS, GOOD LUCK, BLESSINGS, CONGRATULATIONS, HAVE A GREAT YEAR, YOU ARE KIND, SEE YOU SOON, HUGS, THINKING OF YOU, WARM WISHES, and many more.

Make a list of ways to stay healthy and strong.

Examples: WALKING, STRETCHING, YOGA, SWIMMING, DANCING, GARDENING, EATING FRUIT, DRINKING WATER, GOOD SLEEP, DOCTOR VISITS, FRESH AIR, LAUGHING, VITAMINS, REST, BIKING, DEEP BREATHING, HEALTHY MEALS, HIKING, LIGHT WEIGHTS, BALANCE EXERCISES, and many more.

Page 77: Trivia Time

1. What do people make on New Year's to improve their lives? → Resolutions
2. Which important document took effect on January 1, 1863? → The Emancipation Proclamation
3. Which famous parade is held on New Year's Day in Pasadena? → The Rose Parade

Page 78: Word Scramble: Games & Entertainment

Words: MUSICAL, RIDDLE, CHARADES, JOKE

Section 4: A Fresh Start

Pages 81-82: Two Lists to Remember

List: HAT, RAINCOAT, BACKPACK, UMBRELLA, BOOTS, GLOVES

Page 83: Picture Sequence Hunt

The sequence (gift box, book, clock) appears 4 times. Each hidden copy sits on a gray band.



Page 84: Complete the Saying

Nothing ventured, nothing GAINED
Practice makes PERFECT
Don't count your chickens before they HATCH
You can't judge a book by its COVER
It is always darkest before the DAWN

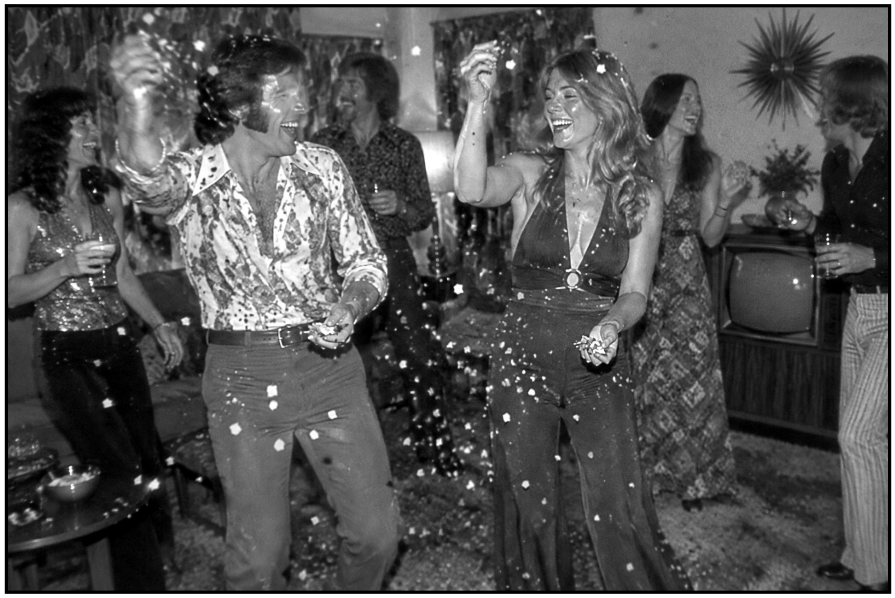
Page 85: Say It Backwards

The party table is full of snacks. → snacks of full is table party The.
Confetti falls softly on the cheering crowd. → crowd cheering the on softly falls Confetti.
The clock tower glows against the night sky. → sky night the against glows tower clock The.

Page 86: Put Them In Order: Months & Seasons

Order: AUTUMN, MAY, MONDAY, REMINDER

Pages 87-88: Photo Detective



This photo is from the 1970s.

A 1970s New Year's Eve party: friends in wide collars and flared pants toss confetti in an orange-and-gold living room.

Clues to look for:

- Wide-collar patterned shirt and flared trousers
- Halter jumpsuit with wide bell-bottoms
- Long feathered hair and bushy sideburns
- Wood-cabinet console television
- Orange shag carpet and starburst wall clock
- Gold and orange patterned drapes

Page 89: Sort Them Into Groups

Wishes & Hopes: DELIGHT, WISH, GRACE

Time & Clocks: ERA, TICK, MOMENT

Page 90: Riddle Recall: A Fresh Start

A trip or path you take, often used to describe life's changes. → JOURNEY

A hopeful outlook that good things are coming. → OPTIMISM

A new one of these begins with each new year. → CHAPTER

Page 91: Remember the List: Time & Clocks

Words: FOREVER, WATCH, WEEK, TOCK

Page 92: Matching Pairs

Pairs: Popcorn-E, Key-B, Tick-A, Hourglass-C, Begin-D

Page 93: Spot the Different One

The different picture is number 1, counting left-to-right, top-to-bottom.

Page 94: What's Different?



This is the bottom picture from your puzzle. Each number marks one difference.

1. Snowman and bench to crate
2. Puppy added
3. Mailbox
4. Street lamp smaller

Page 95: Picture Search

There are 3 matching pictures. Each one is circled.



Page 96: Rhyme Time

DANCE → STANCE
GLAD → BAD
RICE → PRICE
START → PART

Pages 97-98: Silly Sentence

Correct sentence: B. The Neighbor found a squeaky noisemaker.

Pages 99-100: Detailed Picture Recall

Missing items: #3 candle, #5 book

Page 101: Think of Words: A Fresh Start

Example answers: BEGINNING, BRIGHT

Page 102: Which One Doesn't Belong?

Odd word out: PUNCH (The others are all home reset.)

Page 103: Put Them In Order: Time & Clocks

Order: ALARM, EVE, HANDS, SCHEDULE

Section 5: Looking Back & Ahead

Page 106: Matching Pairs

Pairs: Pearls-B, Snow-E, Paint-D, Yesterday-C, Bread-A

Page 107: Which One Doesn't Belong?

Odd word out: PARTY (The others are all lucky foods.)

Page 108: Think of Words: Lucky Foods

Example answers: TANGERINE, TURNIP

Pages 109-110: Detailed Picture Recall

Missing items: #2 cuckoo clock, #5 key

Page 111: Word Scramble: Around the World

Words: ROME, SCOTLAND, AUSTRIA, DENMARK

Page 112: Say It Backwards

A new page waits in my diary. → diary my in waits page new A.
We hold hands and sing an old song. → song old an sing and hands hold We.
The snowman wears a tiny party hat. → hat party tiny a wears snowman The.

Page 113: What's Around You

Make a list of things you can do indoors on a quiet winter evening.

Examples: READ, KNIT, DO PUZZLES, PLAY CARDS, WATCH A MOVIE, LISTEN TO MUSIC, WRITE LETTERS, BAKE COOKIES, SEW, PAINT, DRINK TEA, TELL STORIES, LOOK AT PHOTOS, PLAY CHECKERS, CROSSWORDS, CALL A FRIEND, NAP, SING, and many more.

Make a list of things you might see at a New Year's Eve party.

Examples: BALLOONS, STREAMERS, CONFETTI, PARTY HATS, NOISEMAKERS, CLOCK, FOOD TABLE, SNACKS, MUSIC, DANCING, FRIENDS, FAMILY, CANDLES, DECORATIONS, SPARKLERS, LIGHTS, PUNCH BOWL, BANNER, TELEVISION, CAKE, GLITTER, and many more.

Page 114: Trivia Time

1. Which tool shows the days and months of the year? → A calendar
2. What do people often do at the stroke of midnight? → Kiss or hug loved ones
3. An extra day is added to which month in a leap year? → February

Page 115: Remember the List: Looking Back & Ahead

Words: MILESTONE, MEMORY, GRATEFUL, APPRECIATE

Page 116: Complete the Saying

Wonders never CEASE
You are what you EAT
For auld lang syne, my DEAR
Home is where the HEART
May all your dreams come TRUE

Page 117: What's Different?



This is the bottom picture from your puzzle. Each number marks one difference.

1. Cupboard to open shelf and broom
2. Stool replaced by cat
3. Streamers on light

4. Teapot

Pages 118-119: Word Search: Parade & Football



Where each word starts (rows count down from the top, columns across from the left), and which way it reads:

BAND row 7, col 4, down

CLARINET row 2, col 5, down

DRUMMER row 4, col 2, down

HALFTIME row 3, col 7, down

KICKOFF row 3, col 6, down

MARCHING row 2, col 2, right

MASCOT row 2, col 1, down

TOUCHDOWN row 11, col 3, right

TROMBONE row 3, col 11, down

TROPHY row 4, col 9, down

Page 120: Sudoku

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3	4	9	8	1	2	6	7	5
1	8	2	5	7	6	9	3	4
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Pages 121-122: Silly Sentence

Correct sentence: D. Cousin Lucy tossed a wobbly confetti cannon.

Page 123: Spot the Different One

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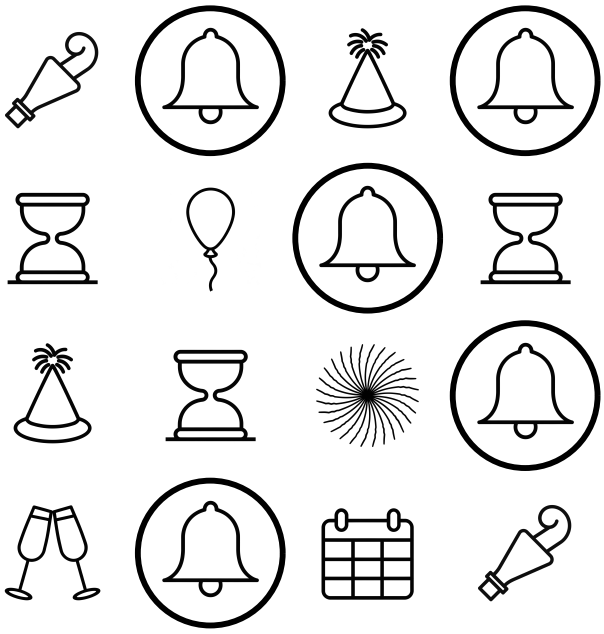
Page 124: Picture Search

There are 5 matching pictures. Each one is circled.



Page 125: Picture Sequence Hunt

The sequence (house, mug, top hat) appears 5 times. Each hidden copy sits on a gray band.



Page 126: Rhyme Time

BEGIN → GRIN
LUCK → DUCK
GIFT → SWIFT
RING → WING

Page 127: What Comes Next?

Missing value: 3 (full sequence: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Page 128: Sort Them Into Groups

Quiet Evening: HUSH, AFGHAN, NEWSPAPER
Winter Season: INDOORS, BLANKET, HIBERNATE

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