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Christmas Reading Comprehension

**Who is St. Nicholas?**

The Santa Claus we know today is based on a real person.

Saint Nicholas was born in the year 280 in Patara. This small Roman town was in an area that is now part of Turkey.

Both of his parents died when Nicholas was young. They left him some money, which he used to help the poor and the sick. Like his parents, Nicholas was a religious Christian. He became a bishop and devoted his life to helping others.

There are many legends about St. Nicholas. It is said that he helped three sisters by secretly going to their house at night, leaving bags of money for them so that they could marry. He helped sailors, people who were wrongly sent to jail, and gave gifts to poor children.


St. Nicholas died on December 6 in the year 343. Since then, many countries celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas on December 6. It became an important holiday in The Netherlands where children would put out their shoes and expect St. Nicholas to leave gifts in them.

The Dutch referred to "Sint Nikolaas" as "Sinterklaas." Sound familiar? It was the Dutch who brought Sinterklaas to America in the 1700's. By the mid 1800's, Sinterklaas became Santa Claus, and the secret night-time gift-giving started by St. Nicholas seventeen hundred years before became part of the Christmas holiday.

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Who is St. Nicholas? *Check the right answer.*

1. In what year was St. Nicholas born?
280 343 1700
2. On what day did St. Nicholas die?
December 6 December 8 December 25
3. In what area was St. Nicholas born?
Spain The Netherlands Turkey
4. What did the Dutch people call St. Nicholas?
Father Christmas Santa Claus Sinterklaas
5. When is the feast of St. Nicholas?
January 6 December 6 December 25
6. When did the name "Santa Claus" become commonly used in America?
300's 1700's 1800's
7. What was St. Nicholas's job?
jail guard mayor bishop
8. Who brought the custom of Santa Claus to America?
the British explorers from the North Pole the Dutch
9. Where does St. Nicholas leave gifts for Dutch children on December 6?
under a tree in their Christmas stocking in their shoes
10. Where did St. Nicholas get his money?
His parents left it to him.
He made and sold shoes.
He found it.
11. In what way is Santa Claus like St. Nicholas?
They are both Dutch.
They both give secret gifts and are good to children.
They are both tall.

Context Clues 7

Directions: Read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word in bold using other words in the sentence.

1. **Confiscate:** Joanne's mother came up to the school to get the cell phone the teacher had **confiscated**.

Definition: _____

2. **Obedient:** Unlike her older brother Jerome, who stayed out all hours of the night, Kate **obediently** followed the curfew her parents set.

Definition: _____

3. **Consume:** John was so hungry that he **consumed** the cranberry muffin and went back for a donut.

Definition: _____

4. **Coax:** After the bird escaped, Chris tried to **coax** it back into the cage with treats.

Definition: _____

5. **Peculiar:** Since it was a school day, Denise thought it was **peculiar** that she saw no children on the street during her drive to work.

Definition: _____

6. **Outcast:** If a wolf refuses to help its pack hunt, it becomes an **outcast** and must go on alone.

Definition: _____

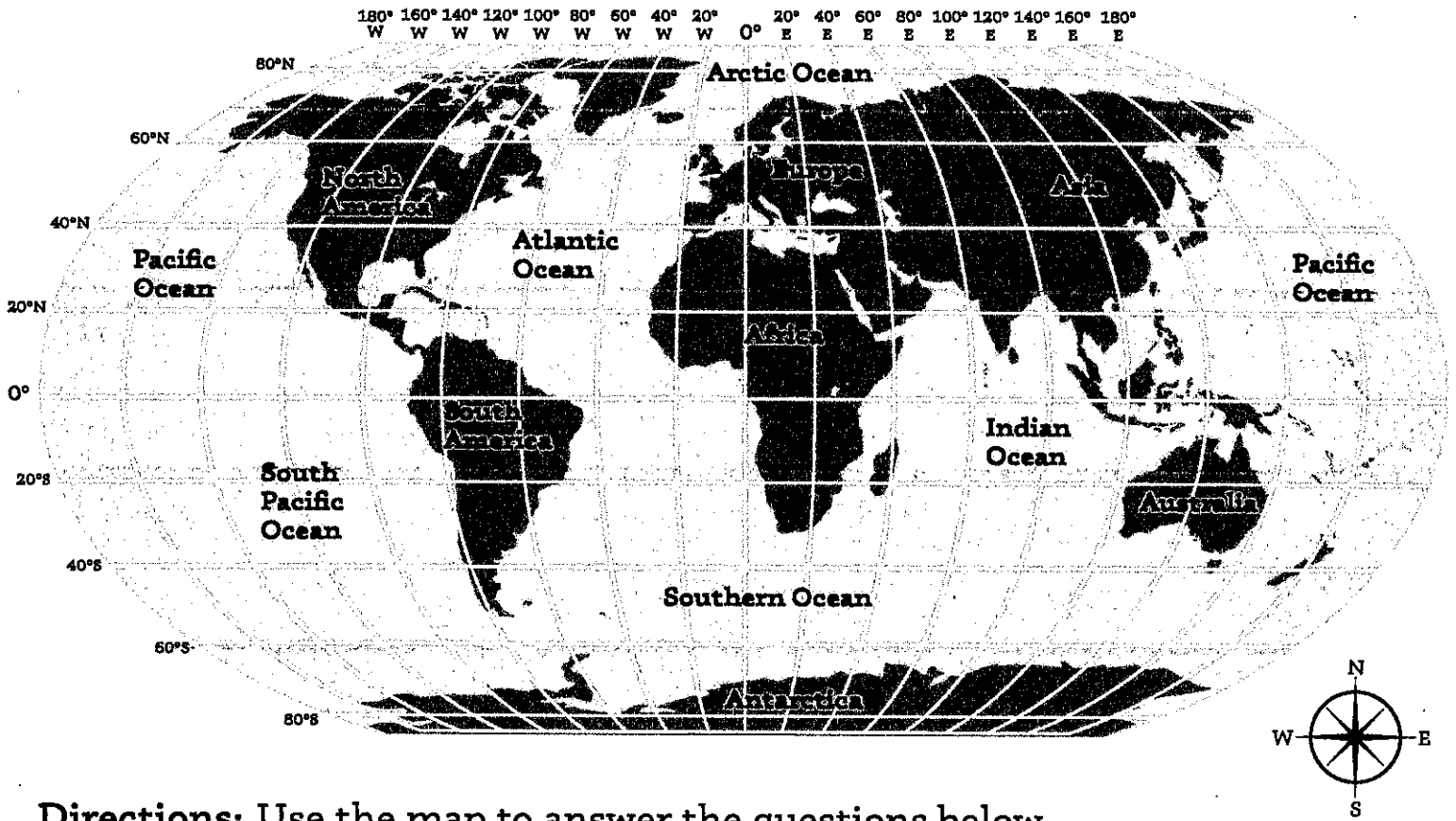
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Latitude and Longitude

What are latitude and longitude, and how do you use them?

Latitude: lines that run in an east to west direction across the Earth.
(Latitude degrees are measured as north and south.)

Longitude: lines that run in a north to south direction across the Earth.
(Longitude degrees are measured as east and west.)



Directions: Use the map to answer the questions below.

Example: What continent is at 20° south and 20° east? Africa

1. What continent is 40° north and 20° east? _____
2. What ocean is found at 20° south and 100° east? _____
3. What continent is at 20° south and 120° east? _____
4. What ocean is at 40° south and 160° west? _____
5. What continent is at 40° north and 100° east? _____

Verbs

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Grammar BLM

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Action verbs express an action we can see, for example, work, run, sit.

1. Circle the action verb in each sentence.

- The dog bit the postman.
- Ian listened carefully.
- The teacher tapped the table with his ruler.
- Susan read a book about dinosaurs.
- The dog ate the old bone.
- We wandered through the rain forest.



2. Use a verb from the box to fill each space.

pounced scowled searched pruned wiped gushed

- When we turned the tap, the water _____ out.
- The angry lady _____ at me.
- The hungry cat _____ on the mouse.
- After he finished the ice cream, he _____ his face.
- The farmer _____ the fruit trees.
- We _____ everywhere but could not find the missing watch.

3. What does each do?

leaps gambols gallops slithers
scampers soars waddles struts

- A snake _____ .
- A horse _____ .
- A lamb _____ .
- A frog _____ .
- A rooster _____ .
- A duck _____ .
- An eagle _____ .
- A mouse _____ .

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The Anxious Ogre

Write each number. Then solve the riddle by matching the letters to the blank lines at the bottom of the page.

twenty thousand, two - _____ **R**

two million, two thousand - _____ **U**

two million, two hundred twenty - _____ **O**

two hundred twenty thousand - _____ **V**

two million - _____ **K**

two hundred two thousand, two - _____ **H**



two million, two hundred twenty thousand, twenty-two - _____ **E**

two hundred thousand, two hundred twenty-two - _____ **N**

two million, two hundred thousand, two hundred - _____ **S**

two million, two hundred thousand, two - _____ **A**

two million, twenty thousand, two hundred - _____ **R**

two hundred twenty-two thousand, two hundred twenty-two - _____ **S**

twenty-two thousand, two hundred twenty - _____ **E**

What do you call an anxious ogre?

2,200,002

200,222

2,220,022

2,020,200

220,000

2,000,220

2,002,000

222,222

2,200,200

202,002

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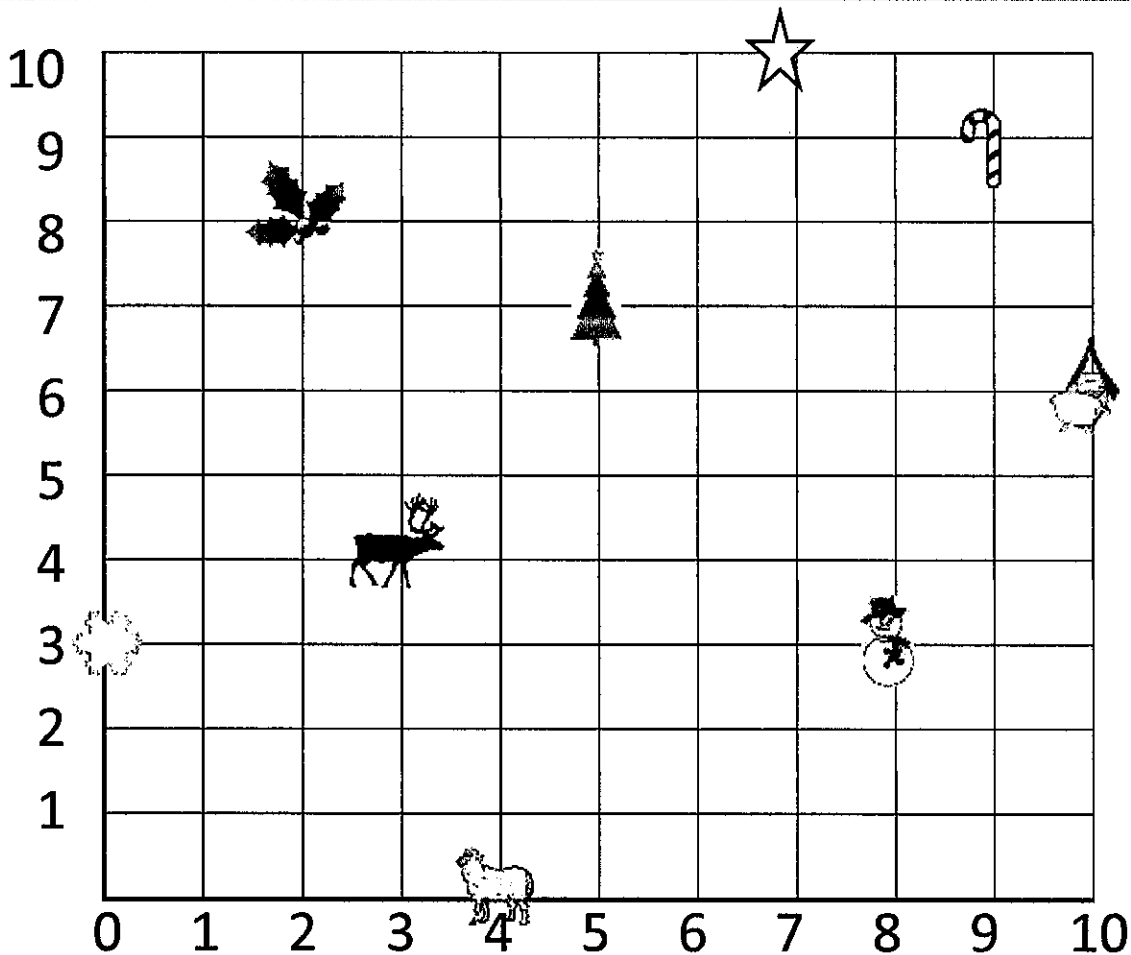
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FIND THE CHRISTMAS COORDINATES 1



1) Write down the coordinates of each of the items on the grid.

	(__ , __)
	(__ , __)
	(__ , __)

	(__ , __)
	(__ , __)
	(__ , __)

	(__ , __)
	(__ , __)
	(__ , __)

2) Use the clues to find the location of Santa's secret grotto.

- It is to the east of the holly leaf but west of the star.
- It is to the north of the Christmas tree.
- It is in a direct line north-west of the snowman.

Secret Grotto's
Coordinates:

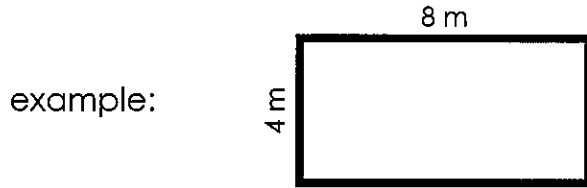
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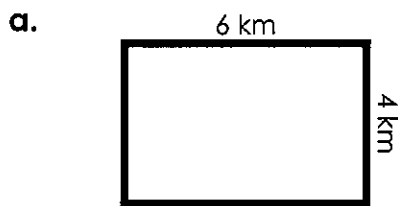
Area of a Rectangle

To find the area of a rectangle, multiply the length by the width.

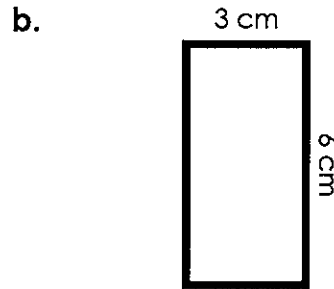


area = 4 m x 8 m = **32 square meters**

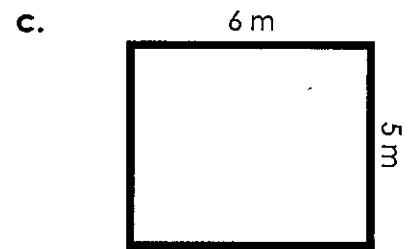
Find the area of each rectangle by multiplying



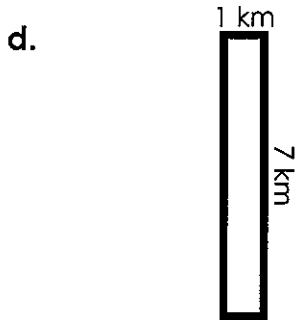
area = _____



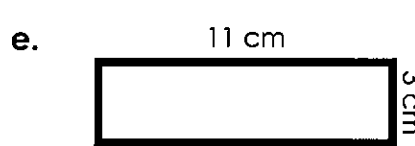
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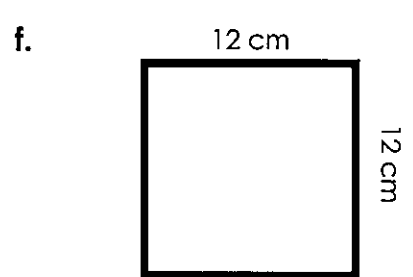
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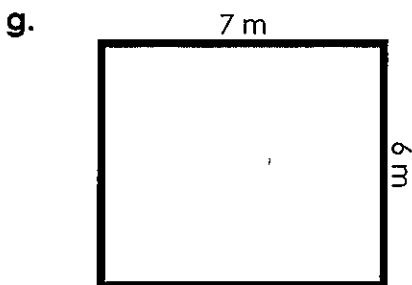
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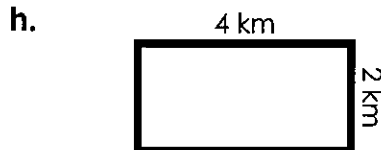
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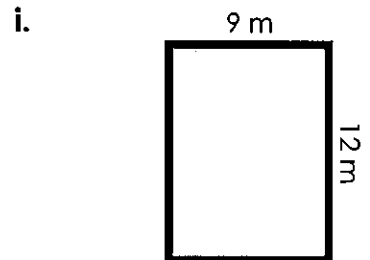
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