

# Christmas Character Cards

Vocabulary card sets for ESL / EFL and Speech Therapy



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These cards can be printed as large flashcards or smaller mini-cards by adjusting your printing preferences. It is suggested you print on card and laminate for increased durability.

The cards include:

- gingerbread man
- snowman
- elf
- reindeer
- Christmas tree
- penguin
- Santa / Father Christmas
- a present

Word cards are included for literacy and word recognition work. Card backs are included for reverse side printing. The image is useful to avoid children from seeing through the cards in games. It also provides a useful memory prompt for the complete character card group.

There are several games you can play with these cards as a whole group or in small groups or pairs.

## Activity suggestions:

### 1.

Pelmanism  
/ Pairs

Use the cards as a memory matching game. You could do this as a whole class or in small groups.

1. Place all the cards face down on the table or floor.
2. Each child takes a turn at turning over two cards. Encourage them to say a sentence for each card they find, e.g., 'I am a monkey'; 'I am a penguin'. When one child finds a pair, they win that set.
3. The children continue taking turns until all the pairs have been found.

### 2.

Snarl

1. In groups of 3 or 4, children shuffle 3 or 4 sets of cards together then deal out all cards equally.
2. Each child places their pile of cards face down in front of them.
3. Each child takes it in turns to take the top card from their pile and place it face up in a centre pile.
4. If two consecutive cards are the same, everyone has the chance to say 'SNAP!' and place their hand on the centre pile. The first person to do this, must say the Christmas character then they win the centre cards. They add them, face down, to the bottom of their pile.
5. Play continues until one person has won all the cards.

### 3.

Rock,  
paper,  
scissors

1. In pairs, children place their cards face down in front of them.
2. They play rock, paper, scissors and the winner takes the top card. They must make the sentence, do the action or ask their partner a related question, e.g., 'Can you kick your legs?' They win the card.
3. Play continues until both players' cards have been used / won.

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activity /  
game  
suggestions



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Directions: Write the name of the character in the space provided. Write the number of the character in the space provided.

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

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Editable game and activity for using these pictures.



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gingerbread  
man

snowman

elf

reindeer

Christmas  
tree

penguin

Santa

present

as

penguin

Father  
Christmas

present

**Includes  
card backs  
for reverse  
side**







Perfect to prepare for an  
easy and fun Christmas  
performance



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