CHRISTMAS MAD LIBS





10 STORIES

Fill-In Stories - Grades 3-5

FILLABLE

My name _____

THE ELF WHO LOST HIS JINGLE



Fill in the blanks. Then read it out loud.

Word type reminder

noun	plural noun	verb	-ing verb	past tense verb	adjective	place
elf	elves	jump	jumping	jumped	shiny	kitchen

One ___sparkly___ (1 adjective) morning, a little elf woke up in the ___bakery___ (2 place). His jingle bell was gone! He ___tumbled___ (3 past tense verb) out of bed and went ___dancing___ (4 -ing verb) through the workshop. He looked under a ___pickle___ (5 noun) and behind ten ___penguins___ (6 plural noun). "I have to ___find___ (7 verb) that bell before Christmas!" he cried. At last he found it inside a ___gigantic___ (8 adjective) ___teapot___ (9 noun). The elf was so happy that he ___zoomed___ (10 past tense verb) all the way to the ___igloo___ (11 place). Now his jingle bell rings whenever it is time to ___sneeze___ (12 verb).

My name _____

REINDEER FLIGHT SCHOOL



Fill in the blanks. Then read it out loud.

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Today is the first day of Reindeer Flight School. The teacher is a very ___grumpy___ (1 adjective) ___walrus___ (2 noun). She tells the class to ___hiccup___ (3 verb) high above the ___library___ (4 place). One reindeer ___galloped___ (5 past tense verb) too fast and landed in a pile of ___marshmallows___ (6 plural noun). Another kept ___snoring___ (7 -ing verb) backward and bumped into a ___toaster___ (8 noun). "That was ___wobbly___ (9 adjective)!" everyone cheered. At the end of the day each reindeer got a gold ___trombone___ (10 noun) for ___burping___ (11 -ing verb) so well. Tomorrow they will ___yodel___ (12 verb) over the ___attic___ (13 place).

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How to Use It: Five Short Routines

Each one takes a few minutes. Pick the ones that fit your day.

1. Meet the word types

- Read page 5 together. Children write one word of their own for each type.
- Show the filled-in story on page 6 so they can see where the words go.

2. Partner play

- One child holds a story (pages 7 to 16) and keeps it hidden. The other calls out the word types in number order.
- The holder writes each word in its blank. Then the holder reads the whole story out loud.

3. Whole group

- Show a story on the screen or read the labels aloud. Children shout words from their seats, and you type them in.
- Pages 17 (read-aloud) and 18 (funny word bank) keep it moving.

4. Sort the words

- Page 19 has 14 words to sort by word type. Check the work against the key on page 22.
- Children who mix up verb, -ing verb and past tense verb can reread page 5.

5. Write your own

- Pages 20 and 21 let children write a story with blanks, label each one, and trade with a friend.
- Mark the check-off sheet on page 23.

Notes on your day

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CHRISTMAS MAD LIBS WORD TYPES

Read each word type. Write a word of your own.

noun
A person, place, or thing.
Example: elf
_____ my word

plural noun
More than one person, place, or thing.
Example: elves
_____ my word

verb
An action word.
Example: jump
_____ my word

-ing verb
An action that is happening. It ends in ing.
Example: jumping
_____ my word

past tense verb
An action that already happened. Many end in ed.
Example: jumped
_____ my word

adjective
A word that tells what something is like.
Example: shiny
_____ my word

place
A spot where you can go.
Example: kitchen
_____ my word

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THE ELF WHO LOST HIS JINGLE



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Word type reminder

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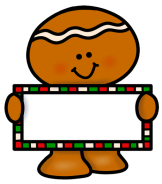
One _____ (1 adjective) morning, a little elf woke up in the _____ (2 place). His jingle bell was gone! He _____ (3 past tense verb) out of bed and went _____ (4 -ing verb) through the workshop. He looked under a _____ (5 noun) and behind ten _____ (6 plural noun). "I have to _____ (7 verb) that bell before Christmas!" he cried. At last he found it inside a _____ (8 adjective) _____ (9 noun). The elf was so happy that he _____ (10 past tense verb) all the way to the _____ (11 place). Now his jingle bell rings whenever it is time to _____ (12 verb).

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THE GREAT GINGERBREAD ESCAPE



Fill in the blanks. Then read it out loud.

Word type reminder

noun	plural noun	verb	-ing verb	past tense verb	adjective	place
elf	**elves**	**jump**	**jumping**	**jumped**	**shiny**	**kitchen**

A gingerbread cookie jumped off the baking pan and ran out the kitchen _____ (1 noun). "You can't catch me, I'm _____ (2 adjective)!" he shouted. He ran past the _____ (3 plural noun) and hopped into a _____ (4 noun). Next he _____ (5 past tense verb) all the way to the _____ (6 place). A hungry _____ (7 noun) saw him and started _____ (8 -ing verb) after him. The cookie yelled, "Please don't _____ (9 verb) me!" Then he spotted a _____ (10 adjective) _____ (11 noun) and hid inside. He stayed there _____ (12 -ing verb) until the _____ (13 place) was quiet.

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THE STOCKING MIX-UP



Fill in the blanks. Then read it out loud.

Word type reminder

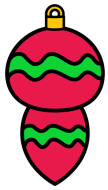
noun	plural noun	verb	-ing verb	past tense verb	adjective	place
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On Christmas morning I _____ (1 past tense verb) to the fireplace. My stocking was full of _____ (2 plural noun)! There was also a _____ (3 adjective) _____ (4 noun) and a tiny jar of _____ (5 plural noun). But my brother's stocking held only one _____ (6 noun). "That looks _____ (7 adjective)!" he said. So we made a deal to _____ (8 verb) together. We took turns _____ (9 -ing verb) with every toy. Grandma laughed so hard she _____ (10 past tense verb) off her chair in the _____ (11 place). Best Christmas ever!

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My name _____

THE ORNAMENT THAT ROLLED AWAY



Fill in the blanks. Then read it out loud.

Word type reminder

noun	plural noun	verb	-ing verb	past tense verb	adjective	place
elf	**elves**	**jump**	**jumping**	**jumped**	**shiny**	**kitchen**

A _____ ornament fell off the tree and started rolling.
1 adjective

It rolled past the _____, under the _____, and
2 plural noun 3 noun

out into the _____. Everybody _____ after it!
4 place 5 past tense verb

Grandpa tried _____ over the couch, but he was too
6 -ing verb

_____. The baby giggled and began to _____.
7 adjective 8 verb

Finally, the ornament hit a _____ _____ and
9 adjective 10 noun

stopped. We all let out a big cheer and _____ it back
11 past tense verb

on the tree. What a _____ chase!
12 adjective

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THE GIFT THAT WIGGLED



Fill in the blanks. Then read it out loud.

Word type reminder

noun	plural noun	verb	-ing verb	past tense verb	adjective	place
elf	**elves**	**jump**	**jumping**	**jumped**	**shiny**	**kitchen**

Under the tree sat a _____ (1 adjective) gift with my name on it.

When I picked it up, it began _____ (2 -ing verb)! I _____ (3 past tense verb) it onto the _____ (4 noun) and listened. Something inside said, "Let me out, I need to _____ (5 verb)!" My sister ran to get a pair of _____ (6 plural noun). We opened the box very slowly. Out jumped a tiny _____ (7 noun) wearing a _____ (8 adjective) hat. It _____ (9 past tense verb) around the _____ (10 place) and ate all the _____ (11 plural noun). Best gift ever!

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My name _____

FUNNY WORD BANK

Stuck? Pick a funny word. Add your own.

noun

sleigh
jingle bell
mitten
chimney
snowball
pickle
cookie
trumpet

my funny word _____

plural noun

elves
snowmen
presents
pretzels
candles
marshmallows
penguins
socks

my funny word _____

verb

wiggle
juggle
giggle
zoom
sneeze
tiptoe
wobble
hiccup

my funny word _____

-ing verb

dancing
sliding
spinning
yodeling
hiccuping
snoring
tumbling
sneezing

my funny word _____

past tense verb

tripped
wobbled
zoomed
skated
bounced
giggled
flopped
hollered

my funny word _____

adjective

sparkly
fuzzy
sticky
wobbly
grumpy
gigantic
jolly
frosty

my funny word _____

place

workshop
igloo
North Pole
ice rink
chimney
bakery
attic
barn

my funny word _____

PREVIEW

My name _____

MAKE YOUR OWN STORY 1

Write a story. Leave a blank. Label it.

Word type reminder

noun	plural noun	verb	-ing verb	past tense verb	adjective	place
elf	**elves**	**jump**	**jumping**	**jumped**	**shiny**	**kitchen**

_____

my title

1. _____ _____
   my story line with one blank — word type of the blank

2. _____ _____
   my story line with one blank — word type of the blank

3. _____ _____
   my story line with one blank — word type of the blank

4. _____ _____
   my story line with one blank — word type of the blank

5. _____ _____
   my story line with one blank — word type of the blank

6. _____ _____
   my story line with one blank — word type of the blank

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Answer Key and Teacher Notes

In a story, any word that fits the word type is right: funny is the point. Abbreviations: n noun, pn plural noun, v verb, ing -ing verb, pt past tense verb, adj adjective.

Story	Blanks	Word type of blank 1, 2, 3 ...
1. The Elf Who Lost His Jingle (p. 7)	12	adj place pt ing n pn v adj n pt place v
2. Reindeer Flight School (p. 8)	13	adj n v place pt pn ing n adj n ing v place
3. The Great Gingerbread Escape (p. 9)	13	n adj pn n pt place n ing v adj n ing place
4. The Tree That Would Not Stand (p. 10)	12	adj place v pt n adj pn ing pt n n v
5. The Stocking Mix-Up (p. 11)	11	pt pn adj n pn n adj v ing pt place
6. The Snowman's Surprise Party (p. 12)	12	adj place n adj pn n pt ing v n place adj
7. The Penguin Mail Carrier (p. 13)	11	adj pn n pt place ing v n place adj ing
8. The Ornament That Rolled Away (p. 14)	12	adj pn n place pt ing adj v adj n pt adj
9. The Candy Cane Contest (p. 15)	12	place n pt pn adj ing v pt adj n pn n
10. The Gift That Wiggled (p. 16)	11	adj ing pt n v pn n adj pt place pn

Word type sort (page 19)	Words
noun	snowflake, cocoa
plural noun	mittens, carolers
verb	whisper, bake
-ing verb	skating, singing
past tense verb	decorated, wrapped
adjective	sparkly, chilly
place	attic, bakery

Checking a finished story

- Read the story aloud with the child.
- Point to any blank that sounds odd. Ask: what word type was it? Does the word fit?
- Common mix-ups: verb and -ing verb (jump / jumping), and verb and past tense verb (jump / jumped).
- The filled-in example on page 6 uses 9 blanks.

My notes on the stories

PREVIEW

A Note for Families

One page to send home when you start the Christmas Mad Libs.

Date _____ Class _____ Teacher _____

Dear families,

In class we are filling in funny Christmas stories. Each blank asks for a kind of word: a noun, a plural noun, a verb, an -ing verb, a past tense verb, an adjective, or a place. Children choose the words, then read the story out loud and laugh at what they made.

This week we are working on

_____

_____

_____

You can try this at home

Ask your child for a few words without telling them the story: "Give me a noun. Now an adjective." Put the words in a short story you make up, and read it together.

_____

_____

A note from me (your words)

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Thank you, (teacher) _____ Family signature, if your school asks for one _____

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