

# MOVIE TIME

## Workbook

### A BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS



DETERMINED YOUNG NIKOLAS MEETS HIS DESTINY IN A MAGICAL LAND INHABITED BY ELVES ON A QUEST TO FIND HIS FATHER – AND BRING HOME THE GIFT OF HOPE. IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO WATCH IT WITH FAMILY. A SPIRITED SANTA CLAUS ORIGIN STORY WITH ACTION, HUMOR AND HEART FEATURING KRISTEN WIIG, MICHIEL HUISMAN AND MAGGIE SMITH.



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# VOCABULARY

## Can You Match These Words to Their Definitions?

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| 1 grotto       | a playful behavior that can sometimes cause trouble.                            |
| 2 journey      | b having a sense of playfulness and imagination.                                |
| 3 enchanted    | c the Christmas season.   |
| 4 perseverance | d a type of deer with large antlers that can pull sleighs.                      |
| 5 mischief     | e a child who has no parents.   |
| 6 fable        | f a trip or travel from one place to another.                                   |
| 7 yuletide     | g continuing to do something even when it is difficult.                         |
| 8 majestic     | h happiness and laughter.   |
| 9 festive      | i a large, flat, treeless area covered in snow and ice.                         |
| 10 elves       | j a short story that teaches a lesson or moral.                                 |
| 11 orphan      | k very cold and icy.  |
| 12 reindeer    | l a tall, narrow structure on a roof used for smoke to escape from a fireplace. |
| 13 frosty      | m grand and impressive.   |
| 14 chimney     | n under a spell or magic.   |
| 15 tundra      | o to shine or sparkle.  |
| 16 snowfall    | p when snow falls from the sky.   |
| 17 glisten     | q magical creatures that help Santa Claus make toys.                            |
| 18 whimsical   | r a small cave or hollowed-out space.   |
| 19 resilience  | s cheerful and celebratory.   |
| 20 mirth       | t the ability to bounce back from difficult situations.                         |

SCAN ME!



# READING

*A Boy Called Christmas* is a children's book written by Matt Haig and illustrated by Chris Mould. It was first published in the UK in 2015 and has since been translated into over 25 languages.

The story tells us about a young boy called Nikolas who lives with his father, Joel. They are very poor, but they live happily together in a little wooden cabin in the snowy North. One day, Joel goes on a long trip to find work and Nikolas is left alone.

Nikolas's only friend is a small mouse called Miika. One winter night, Miika leads Nikolas through the snow to an old house in the forest. There, he meets a reindeer called Blitzen, who takes him to the Elfhelm village. The elves are not happy to see him at first, but when Nikolas shows them how to make a special type of porridge, they start to like him.

Miika tells Nikolas that he should go to the Land of the Elves to find his father. He leaves the village with Blitzen, but they get caught in a storm. Blitzen is too weak to continue and Nikolas is all alone again. Suddenly, he sees a light in the distance. It's Father Topo, a friendly elf who helps him find his father. They arrive at the Land of the Elves and find Joel working as a carpenter. Nikolas is very happy to be with his father again.

This book is magical and heartwarming. It has everything: adventure, friendship, danger, and even a little bit of love. The characters are well-developed and easy to relate to. The illustrations by Chris Mould are beautiful and add another layer to the story. *A Boy Called Christmas* is a perfect read for the holiday season, but it can be enjoyed at any time of the year.

## Can You Tell which Sentences are True and which are False?

- 1 A Boy Called Christmas is a book written by Matt Haig and illustrated by Chris Mould.
- 2 The book was first published in 2010.
- 3 Nikolas lives with his mother in a big house.
- 4 Nikolas's only friend is a reindeer called Blitzen.
- 5 The elves in Elfhelm village are happy to see Nikolas when he arrives.
- 6 Nikolas finds his father working as a carpenter in the Land of the Elves.
- 7 The book is set in a snowy North.
- 8 The illustrations in the book are done by Matt Haig.
- 9 The book is recommended for reading during the holiday season.
- 10 The story has elements of adventure, friendship, danger, and love.



# CREATIVE

## Get Creative with Your Writing!

### Writing tasks:

1

Write a social media post as the main character from the story, a young orphan boy named Nikolas, sharing his journey to find his father and the magical world of elves that he discovers along the way. Use at least 5 target vocabulary words in your post.

2

Imagine you are one of the elves in the story. Write a blog post about your experience helping Nikolas on his journey and the lessons you learned about perseverance and resilience. Incorporate at least 5 target vocabulary words in your post.

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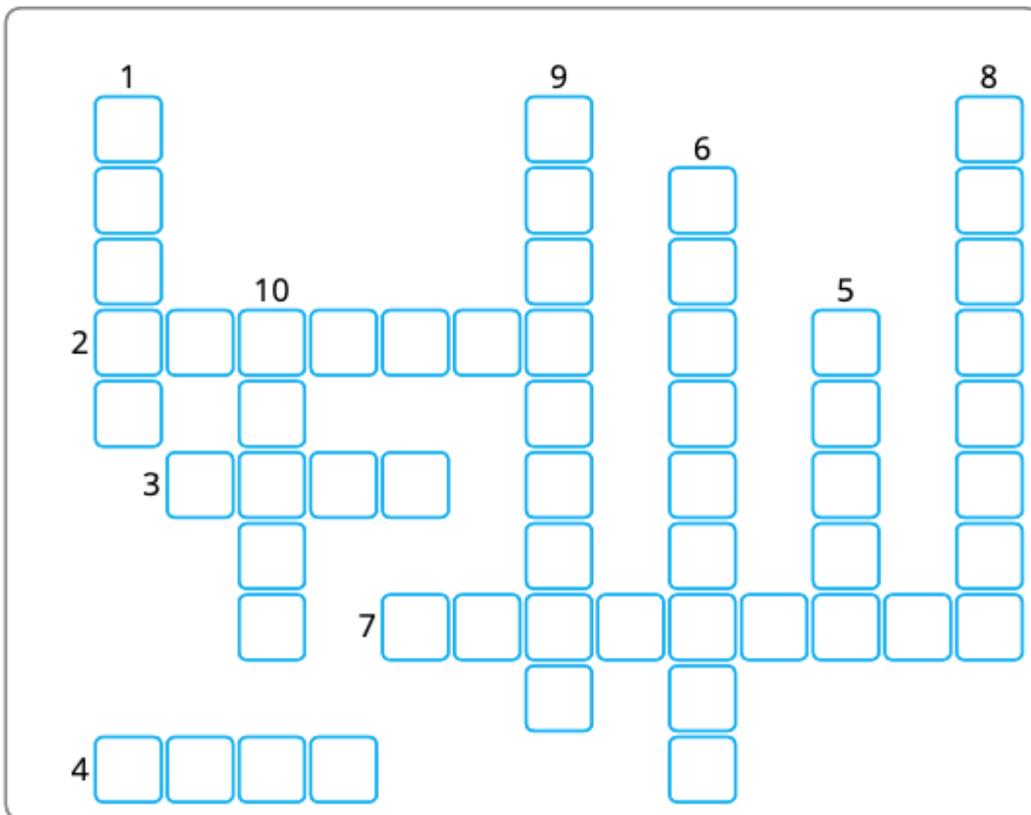
Write a review of the book "A Boy Called Christmas" from the perspective of a reader who just finished reading it. Share your thoughts on the whimsical and enchanted world created by the author and how the target vocabulary words were used throughout the story. Use at least 3 target vocabulary words in your review.

#### Target Vocabulary:

Frosty, Journey, Yuletide, Orphan, Perseverance, Glisten, Elves, Snowfall, Tundra, Grotto, Mirth, Chimney, Reindeer, Mischief, Majestic, Whimsical, Fable, Resilience, Enchanted, Festive



# CROSSWORD



## Across

2. The Magical Forest where Nikolas sets out on his adventure (7)
3. Name of the Boy on the Christmas Journey (4)
4. The Year the Story Takes Place (4)
7. The Eldest Elf and Mentor to Nikolas (9)

## Down

1. Santa's Reindeer Companion (5)
5. The Small, Brave Mouse that Accompanies Nikolas (5)
6. Magical Creature with the Ability to Talk to Animals (9)
8. Nikolas' Father who Goes on a Quest to Find Elfhelm (8)
9. The Town where Nikolas Grows Up (9)
10. Magical Creature that Helps Nikolas Along His Journey (5)