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The Gift of Giving Back

Embrace the spirit of giving and spread warmth, hope, and goodwill by getting involved with local charities and holiday campaigns. Whether it's volunteering your



time, making a donation, or participating in fundraising events, your contribution can bring joy and support to individuals and families in need within your local community.

Participating in holiday campaigns provides a meaningful opportunity to give back to your local community and make a positive impact on the lives of others. Whether it's purchasing and sharing **Christmas Seals** to support lung health research, donating to the **Salvation Army's Red Kettle** campaign and **Angel Trees**, contributing to **local food drives** or **food pantries**, or bringing joy to children through **Toys for Tots**, every act

of generosity and kindness can make a significant difference.

Similarly, volunteering for **Wreaths Across America** to honor veterans, donating coats (or winter clothing) for **Coats for Kids** to ensure children stay warm, or taking part in a **Jingle Bell Run** for arthritis research and support are all powerful ways to demonstrate compassion and care for those in need during the holiday season.

By lending a helping hand to your local shelters, food banks, or toy and clothing drives, you are sure to make a difference this holiday season.

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GET FESTIVE WITH UGLY SWEATERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Ugly sweaters have become a December tradition—a playful, wacky way to celebrate the holiday season. Whether it's a quirky knit from the back of your closet or an intentionally outrageous store-bought design, these sweaters bring laughter, nostalgia, and fun to any gathering.

Make it extra festive by hosting or attending a party with friends and family, voting on categories like "Most Creative" or "Best Pop-Culture Design," and rewarding winners with small prizes. You could even turn it into a charity event while celebrating together.

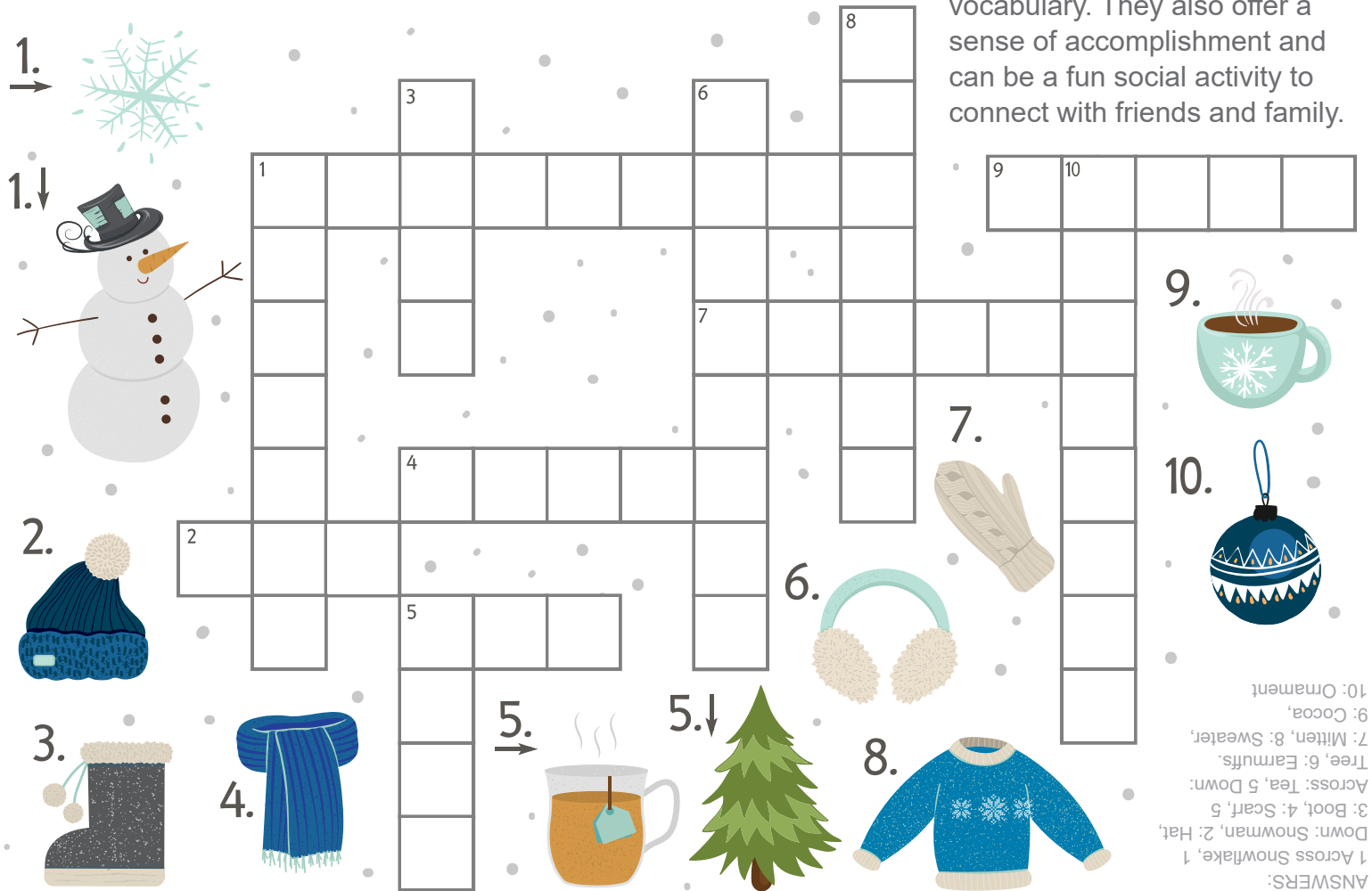
Wearing an ugly sweater is more than just comedy—it's a way to bond, create memorable moments, and embrace the silly side of the season. Dig out that quirky knit and spread holiday cheer, one outrageous or pop-culture-inspired sweater at a time.



WINTER THINGS CROSSWORD

CROSSWORD PUZZLE DAY IS DECEMBER 21

Crossword puzzles can improve memory, promote problem-solving skills, and enhance vocabulary. They also offer a sense of accomplishment and can be a fun social activity to connect with friends and family.



Enjoy Cozy Moments with Hot Cocoa

There's something magical about a steaming mug of hot cocoa on a chilly winter day. It's a drink that instantly brings back memories of childhood, snowy afternoons, and cozy evenings by the fire. **Hot Cocoa Day, on December 13**, is the perfect excuse to slow down, savor a sweet treat, and create warm memories with family and friends.

Invite loved ones over for a cocoa party, or enjoy a quiet moment with a favorite book or a classic movie. Make it extra special by mixing in fun toppings like:

- Whipped cream
- Mini marshmallows

- Cinnamon or nutmeg
- Crushed candy canes or toffee
- Chocolate or caramel syrup
- Decaf coffee or flavored creamer

Whether you're sharing laughs with friends or enjoying a peaceful solo



moment, hot cocoa is more than a drink—it's a little ritual of warmth, comfort, and joy. This holiday season, take time to sip, savor, and make memories, one cozy cup at a time.



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