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# **Baguettes, Astronauts & The Red-Nosed Reindeer**



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## Baguette Granted World Heritage Status

The French baguette – a type of long and slender bread made only from flour, water, salt, and yeast – is being added to UNESCO's list of intangible cultural heritage. The list of intangible cultural heritage comprises cherished traditions to be preserved by humanity for generations to come.

Neapolitan pizza, kimchi and Arabic coffee are all a part of this list.



## World Population Reaches 8 Billion

On the 15th of November 2022, a baby born somewhere in the world has helped the world population reach 8 billion! This phenomenal growth in population is due to an increase in the lifespan of humans because of improvements in public health, nutrition, personal hygiene and medicine. While it took the world 12 years to grow from 7 to 8 billion, it will take approximately 15 years—until 2037— for it to reach 9 billion.



## From Nigeria To Spain In A Ship's Rudder

3 migrant men were found on an oil tanker's rudder in Canary Islands, Spain by Spanish coastguards. The migrants had taken on an 11-day ocean voyage from Nigeria. They were severely affected by dehydration and hypothermia and were admitted to the hospital.



## China's Zero Covid Policy

In China, people have started the "A4 revolution" - they are protesting on streets with blank sheets of A4 size paper! This is to express their anger over COVID-19 restrictions as China is under strict lockdown even while much of the world has already opened up.





## The First Ever Astronaut With Disability

The European Space Agency has recruited the world's first ever astronaut with a physical disability - British Paralympic athlete and surgeon John Mcfall. Last year, the space agency invited people with physical disabilities to apply to become astronauts. It sought applicants who were psychologically, cognitively, technically and professionally qualified to become astronauts but who had specific physical limitations.

Astronaut Mcfall, who is 41, had his right leg amputated after a motorcycle crash when he was 19 years old. Following his accident, he gradually learnt how to run again and became a professional track and field athlete. He also went on to medical school and currently trains as an orthopaedic surgeon.



## ChatGPT - OpenAI

ChatGPT, an AI powered chatbot, has crossed one million users in less than a week since it was officially launched for the public to use! It was built by Artificial Intelligence research company - OpenAI, founded by Sam Altman and Elon Musk in 2015. It can give life advice, write jokes, provide recipes and explain scientific concepts at multiple levels of difficulty. Some scientists say, it can pose a competition to Google as well! Try it out at - [chat.openai.com](https://chat.openai.com)



## WORD OF THE MONTH

**Riposte:** Riposte is a noun meaning a quick, clever reply to an insult or criticism.

Eg: Cora was known for having excellent riposte to any insult.





## Mother Of All Games - Qatar Worldcup 2022

On the 29th of November 2022, US had its FIFA World cup face-off with Iran at the Al Thumama Stadium, Qatar. Team US won after player Christian Pulisic scored the only goal in the entire match. This was the first time the two teams had a face-off since their last time at the 1998 FIFA World Cup in Lyon, France. At that time, Iran and the US were strong political rivals.



## NFL Season Is Here

The NFL or the National Football League is in full swing! It is a professional American football league consisting of 32 teams and is in its 103rd year! The finale of the NFL, also known as the Superbowl, is set to be held on the 12th of February 2023. The team Buffalo Bills has is currently in the No. 1 spot.



# TEENANDRUM! ~ BY DEE

You ask questions, we answer!

Hi, I am Dee! I'm 16 and from California. I'm your friend next door and I'm here to answer all your questions! Send in all your questions at [rashika@earlysteps.co](mailto:rashika@earlysteps.co)

**Hey Dee, Merry Christmas! I am Lee from New York. I always wait through the entire year for Christmas to arrive - it's my favourite time of the year! However, I am usually unorganized during festivities. I find myself celebrating but also feeling lost. Once festivities are over, I end up feeling guilty for not having enjoyed to the fullest. How can I get rid of this guilt? Help me, it's time for Christmas again! (Lee, New York, 16)**

Hi Lee, wish you a Merry Christmas! The best remedy for being unorganized is - no points for guessing - a to do list! Try it! List down all the things you would like to do this festive season (going out with friends, lunch and dinner with family or even binge-watching movies) and make a schedule for yourself. You may have to prioritize and cut down certain things but trust me, it will still leave you feeling more fulfilled and organized. Have a great one!

**Hi Dee, I'm Mariana from San Jose. I'm really excited for Christmas but just as the festive season arrives every year, I start feeling an impostor syndrome emerging. While everyone else is busy enjoying themselves, I can't help but study. If I try enjoying, I feel like I'm wasting my time. Don't get me wrong, I love spending time with friends and family but I can never seem to focus on enjoying. Please help! (Mariana, Los Angeles, 17)**

Hi Mariana, Merry Christmas in advance! There actually are more people than you think who suffer from impostor syndrome, especially around the festive season. One of the best ways to overcome this is - make a list of all the things you have achieved before you go off for celebrations. This is a way to remind yourself that you deserve to enjoy and that you have worked hard indeed. Try it this time around and let me know!

## SILLIEST HEADLINE OF THE MONTH

### **NYC posts job seeking rat czar to tame city's rodent problem**

The administration of New York City headed by Mayor Eric Adams has listed a new job for a rat czar to tame the infamous rodent problem in the Big Apple.



# RELEASES THIS MONTH

## Movies in December



**DIARY OF A WIMPY KID**  
(Releases 2nd December, 2022)



**RAILWAY CHILDREN**  
(Releases 6th December, 2022)

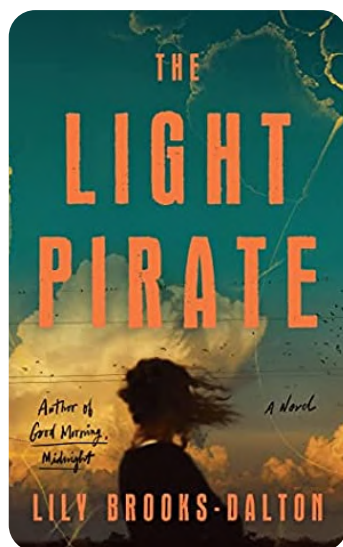


**AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER**  
(Releases 16th December, 2022)



**PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH**  
(Releases 21st December, 2022)

## Books in December



**THE LIGHT PIRATE**  
(6th December, 2022)



**REBEL OF FIRE AND FLIGHT**  
(6th December, 2022)



## This Month in History

On the 5th of December 1901, Walt Disney was born in Chicago, Illinois. He is the creator of cartoon characters like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. He has founded one of the world's largest entertainment companies - the Disney Company. As a little boy, he liked to draw farm animals and eventually got a job as an artist.



## Spot the difference



## Sudoku

4	2		1		5
					2
6	1			4	
		6			1
			5	2	
5	4	2	3	1	

## What am I?

I have lakes without water, mountains without stone, and cities without buildings. What am I?

**Answer:** A Map

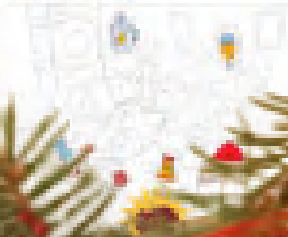


# CHRISTMAS FUN!

FIND 10  
HIDDEN  
OBJECTS



ANSWER 7





# CHRISTMAS FUN!

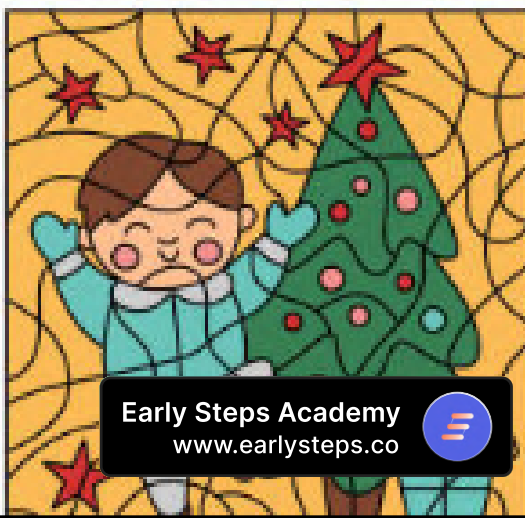
## WORD PUZZLE GAME

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W	T	N	A	L	S	N	O	W	E	N
D	E	C	O	A	C	I	O	F	A	S
C	G	I	R	M	I	T	T	L	D	E
L	T	F	A	E	S	N	E	A	B	T
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K	A	W	R	E	A	T	H	S	M	A
B	A	L	L	W	R	E	D	E	C	O

1.Decorations 2.Wreath 3.Gingerbread 4.Snowflakes 5.Sock 6.Snowman 7.Gift 8.Poinsettia 9.Mittens 10.Bell 11.Clock



### COLOR BY NUMBER



# NEW YEARS IS HERE

Wow! A whole year has gone by and a fresh year awaits. What goals would you like to achieve in this new year 2023? Would you like to pursue a hobby? Are there any bad habits that you want to get rid of? Are you looking forward to new adventures? Write all of that down in the space below and hang it from the wall in your room. May you have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

