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The word of the editor

Hello, this is Daniel, the editor in chief of this MC news! First of all, I would like to wish you good luck for this new year! I also hope that you enjoy this project made by the 6ème class because they worked hard on it! So let's take a look at what you will find in this newsletter: A Sherlock Holmes movie review by Sherifa, a Fortnite review by Izzy, a special "did you know about" by Deborah and some games designed by Cristo. I also would like to thank Alma the illustrator and author of the article about school uniforms, Saron for her research about the new Ethiopian year...,

And Debora Mencer A.K.A the best teacher for guiding us in this adventure and helping us to create it.

Enjoy your reading!!!!

Places to visit around the world ...

I am sending you a postcard of one of the many places I have visited around the world.



Hi everyone
Hope you are all well

I am staying in Versailles for a few days, I am sleeping in a beautiful hotel called le « Trianon » which is in the garden of the palace.

The palace of Versailles whose origins date back to the seventeenth century is now a museum. The future Louis XIII came to Versailles, Louis XIV, Louis XV, Louis XVI, Marie-Antoinette will not have any more secrets for you once you have visited the palace.

I highly recommend you visit the gardens, the French garden, the waterfalls, the season fountains symbolize

Louis XIV's power, he was called « le Roi soleil » which means the sun king. The part I liked the most was "the hall of mirrors", one of the most emblematic rooms in the palace.

Palace is open every day from 9 to 5 :30 PM, it's better to book if you wish to visit the gardens

See you next month

By Romy



#Freefortnite : Why did Apple ban Fortnite from the Apple Store?

In the popular Fortnite game, players can buy characters or dances using V-bucks, the game's currency. V-bucks are bought with real money. Fortnite found a way so that players can buy V-Bucks directly from them, without going through Apple company . Before, when players would buy V-Bucks, Apple would get 30% of the money. Now, they get nothing. Apple is angry and decided to ban Fortnite from the Apple Store. Now, mobile

players cannot play except for an old version of the game. Epic games, creators of Fortnite did so because they find it unfair that Apple takes so much money from mobile players.

Fortnite needs your help to get the mobile players back in the game. Share the hashtag #freefortnite on social media or look for more information in the press!

By Izy



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The Ethiopian New Year

Hello, this is a big celebration in Ethiopia and it is celebrated in many ways. People eat the traditional food "injera" with "doro wat". Young girls go around in the traditional dress called "habesha kanis" and sing the traditional song to earn money. My family celebrates competes on who made the best "doro wat" and earns the most money.

By Saron

LIFE ON VENUS

The surprise discovery of gas that could be a sign of life on Venus has reignited scientific interest in Earth's closest neighbour. Researchers are to confirm the presence of the gas, called phosphine, and to investigate whether it could really be coming from a biological source.



By Deborah

MOVIE REVIEW

Hey! Are you looking for a movie to watch? Since cinemas are closed, I heard there was this movie that was released on September 23rd 2020 on NETFLIX! It's about the sister of Sherlock Holmes, Enola Holmes. Enola uses her sleuthing powers to outsmart her big brother Sherlock and look for her missing mother Eudoria Holmes.

British actress Millie Bobby Brown plays the lead role of Enola Holmes, Henry Cavill as Sherlock and Sam Claflin as Mycroft Holmes. The film was directed by Harry Bradbeer and produced by Mary Parent, the story was written by Nancy Springer. I hope you'll enjoy the movie over the holiday!

By Sherifa



The English Uniform

Most English primary and secondary schools require pupils to wear **uniforms**. Boys wear a white shirt, long grey or black trousers, jumper or sweater with the school logo on, school tie, black shoes. ...

Girls wear trousers or skirts as part of their **uniform** - typically black, grey, navy, or sometimes brown or maroon.

About 90% of English schools currently have a uniform and while the government recommends having one, it is up to each school governing body to choose.

Conveying a sense of discipline.

From age five, almost all children in the UK wear a uniform to school. Since the 1960s and 70s the general policy towards uniform, especially in state schools, has become more strict. Schools often adopt a new uniform to suggest a fresh start or convey a sense of discipline. Would you like to wear a uniform? Let us know!

By Alma



J.K. ROWLING

J.K Rowling was born in Yate, United Kingdom, 31st July 1965. She is a British writer. She is known for writing the Harry Potter books, which have won multiple awards and sold more than 500 million copies, becoming the best-selling book series in history. Rowling was working as a researcher and bilingual secretary for **Amnesty International** when she conceived the idea for

the *Harry Potter* series while on a delayed train from **Manchester to London** in 1990.



CHILDHOOD

Dianne, her younger sister, was born almost two years later and Joanne's earliest childhood memory is of Dianne's arrival. She, her sister and her parents lived in Winterbourne, Gloucestershire, until **Joanne** was nine, when the family moved to Tutshill, near Chepstow. J.K. Rowling studied at St Michael's Primary School in Gloucestershire, before moving to Chepstow, South Wales at the age of nine. From an early age, J.K. Rowling had the ambition to be a writer. She often tried her hand at writing, although little came from her early efforts.

J.K ROWLING IN 2020

J.K. Rowling is posting her new children's book online for free. J.K. Rowling is publishing a new children's book online. ... After the release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Rowling has published "The Casual Vacancy" and a series of crime novels under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

I chose to speak about J.K Rowling because I really like her Harry Potter series. And because she achieved a lot of success in life with her own effort.

In Los Angeles, California. Her full name is Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell. Her zodiac sign is Sagittarius. She's only 18 years old and is already a very successful singer. Fun fact, Billie Eilish is 163 cm tall. She's well known as a successful singer-songwriter.

HER FAMILY

Billie Eilish grew up with a Mother, Maggie Baird, an American actress, her Father, Patrick O'Connell, an actor, and an older brother. Her older brother, Finneas O'Connell, was the biggest influence in her life while she was growing up. He had his own band and had written a song titled 'Ocean Eyes.' Billie released this song when she was 13 years old as her own and became famous from it. It was a big hit! It started Billie's and Finneas' careers. After that Billie Eilish wrote and released a lot of amazing songs. She is only 18 years old and already won 5 Grammy's in 2020.

MY OPINION

I think her music is very inspiring and great. She has a great personality; I came to like her personality after watching a few of her interviews. I listen to her music a lot because she has a very good voice and she writes great songs.



By Deborah

THE ZOOM CONFERENCE WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND THE 6e

We, the 6eme had a zoom conference with the French ambassador on November 17th. Our dear Principal M. Foussereau joined us. We talked about liberty, equality, and fraternity and the shocking murder of a history teacher, Samuel Paty in France a few weeks ago. Most of the students took notes, and the rest of the students asked questions to the ambassador about what he thought of this, and the reality today in France. It was sad to talk about this event, but it was good to commemorate and remember our human values.



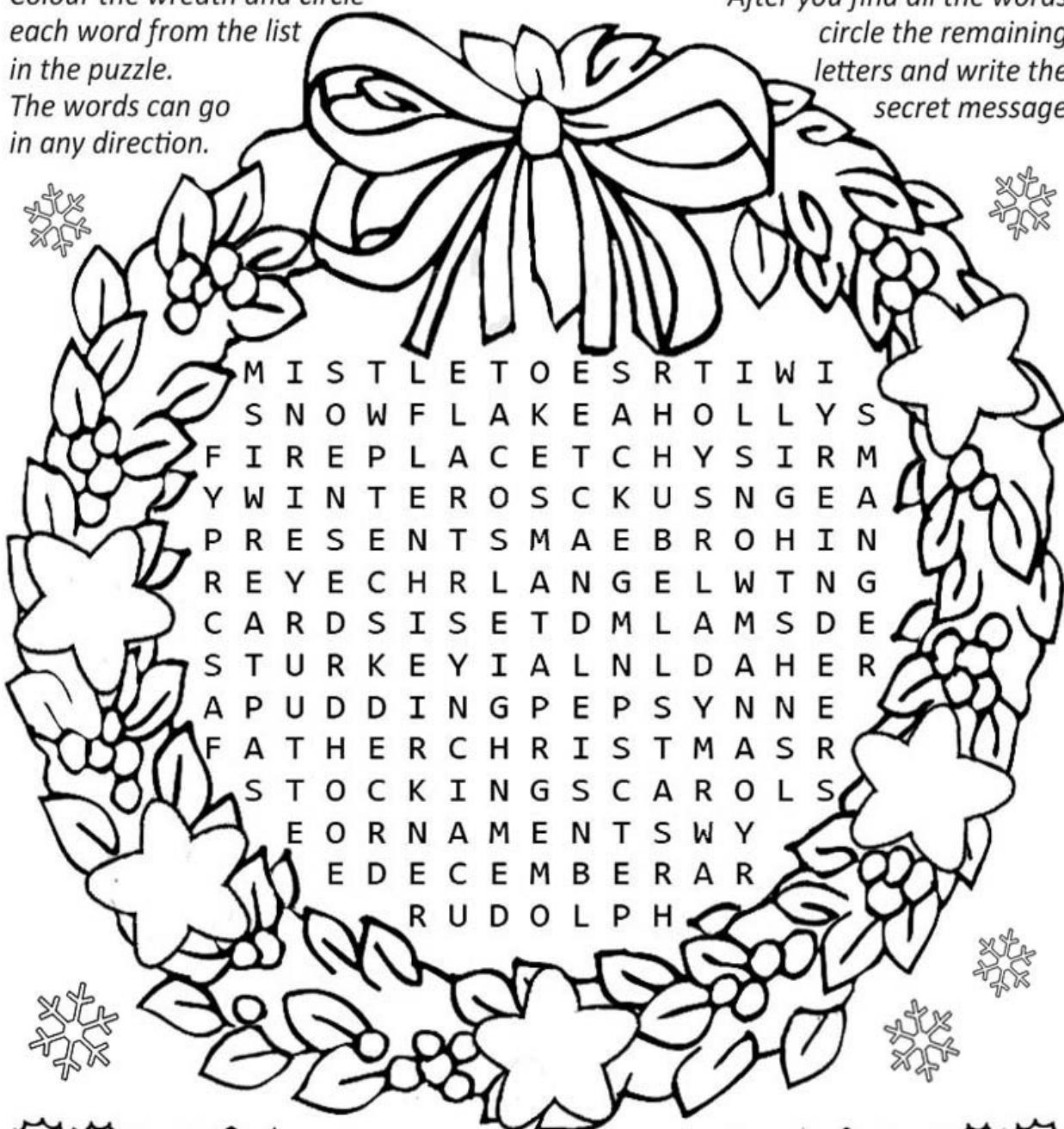
By Saron

Christmas Word Search

Colour the wreath and circle each word from the list in the puzzle.

The words can go in any direction.

After you find all the words circle the remaining letters and write the secret message.



Word List

Angel
Bells
Candle
Cards
Carols
December
Father Christmas

Fireplace
Holly
Lights
Manger
Mistletoe
Ornaments
Presents

Reindeer
Rudolph
Sack
Sleigh
Star
Snowflake
Snowman

Pudding
Stocking
Toys
Tree
Turkey
Winter
Wreath

The secret message is:

Christmas in Spain

Christmas is a deeply religious holiday in Spain.. It is celebrated each year in front of the great Gothic cathedral in Seville with a ceremony called los Seises or the "dance of six." Oddly, the elaborate ritual dance is now performed by not six but ten elaborately costumed boys. It is a series of precise movements and gestures and is said to be quite moving and beautiful.

Christmas Eve is known as Nochebuena or "the Good Night." It is a time for family members to gather to rejoice and feast around the Nativity scenes that are present in nearly every home. A traditional Christmas treat is turron, a kind of almond candy.

December 28 is the feast of the Holy Innocents. Young boys of a town or village light bonfires and one of them acts as the mayor who orders townspeople to perform civic chores such as sweeping the streets. Refusal to comply results in fines which are used to pay for the celebration.

As in many European countries, the children of Spain receive gifts on the feast of the Epiphany. The Magi are particularly revered in Spain. It is believed that they travel through the countryside re-enacting their journey to Bethlehem every year at this time. Children leave their shoes on the windowsills and fill them with straw, carrots, and barley or the horses of the Wise Men. Their favourite is Balthazar who rides a donkey and is the one believed to leave the gifts.

Christmas in Greece

To members of the Eastern Orthodox Church, as are most Greek Christians, Christmas ranks second to Easter in the roster of important holidays. Yet there are a number of unique customs associated with Christmas that are uniquely Greek. On Christmas Eve, village children travel from house to house offering good wishes and singing kalanda, the equivalent of carols. Often the songs are accompanied by small metal triangles and little clay drums. The children are frequently rewarded with sweets and dried fruits.

After 40 days of fasting, the Christmas feast is looked forward to with great anticipation by adults and children alike. Pigs are slaughtered and on almost every table are loaves of christopsomo ("Christ Bread"). This bread is made in large sweet loaves of various shapes and the crusts are engraved and decorated in some way that reflects the family's profession.

Christmas trees are not commonly used in Greece. In almost every home the main symbol of the season is a shallow

wooden bowl with a piece of wire is suspended across the rim; from that hangs a sprig of basil wrapped around a wooden cross. A small amount of water is kept in the bowl to keep the basil alive and fresh. Once a day, a family member, usually the mother, dips the cross and basil into some holy water and uses it to sprinkle water in each room of the house. This ritual is believed to keep the Killantzaroi away from the house.

There are a number of beliefs connected with the Killantzaroi, which are a species of goblins or sprites who appear only during the 12-day period from Christmas to the Epiphany (January 6). These creatures are believed to emerge from the center of the earth and to slip into people's house through the chimney. More mischievous than actually evil, the Killantzaroi do things like extinguish fires, ride astride people's backs, braid horses' tails, and sour the milk. To further repel the undesirable sprites, the hearth is kept burning day and night throughout the twelve days.

Gifts are exchanged on St. Basil's Day (January 1). On this day the "renewal of waters" also takes place, a ritual in which all water jugs in the house are emptied and refilled with new "St. Basil's Water." The ceremony is often accompanied by offerings to the naiads, spirits of springs.

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Christmas in China

Christians in China celebrate by lighting their houses with beautiful paper lanterns and decorating their Christmas trees, which they call "Trees of Light," with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns. Chinese Children hang muslin stockings and await a visit from Santa Claus, whom they call Dun Che Lao Ren (dwyn-chuh-lau-oh-run) which means "Christmas Old Man.".

Since the vast majority of the Chinese people are not Christian, the main winter festival in China the Chinese New Year which takes place toward the end of January. Now officially called the "Spring Festival," it is a time when children receive new clothing, eat luxurious meals, receive new toys, and enjoy firecracker displays. An important aspect of the New Year celebration is the worship of ancestors. Portraits and paintings of ancestors are brought out and hung in the main room of the home.

Christmas in South America

Throughout South America Christmas is celebrated in a deeply religious way. The main focus of the season throughout the continent is the presepio ("the manger"). Often a whole room is devoted to the presepio display, complete with landscape and tiny

figures made to scale. Though the central feature is the manger at Bethlehem, elaborate scenes will include hills full of shepherds gazing upon the heavenly host, the Wise Men crossing the desert on their camels, water mills, grottos, electric trains, and even sailboats on the sea

Christmas in Ethiopia

- The Ethiopian Christmas known as **Ganna** is celebrated on January 7th. This celebration takes place in ancient churches carved from solid volcanic rock and in modern churches that are designed in three concentric circles. Men and boys sit separately from girls and women. Also the choir sings from the outside circle.

People receive candles as they enter the church. After lighting the candles everyone walks around the church three times, then stands throughout the mass, which may last up to three hours.

Food served at Christmas usually includes **injera**, a sourdough pancake like bread. **Injera** serves as both plate and fork. **Doro wat**, a spicy chicken stew might be the main meal. A piece of the **injera** is used to scoop up the wat. Baskets decorated beautifully are used to serve the wat.

Gift giving is a very small part of Christmas celebration.

Children usually receive very simple presents such as clothing.

In Ethiopia Christmas day is January 7, so on Christmas Eve the city is crowded with pilgrims from all parts of the country. They remain outdoors all night, praying and chanting. In the morning, a colorful procession makes its way to a nearby hilltop where a service is held. Three young men march at the head of the crowd, lashing whips from left to right to keep the people in line. Those who worship are fed with bread and wine that has been blessed by priests. After the service is over the rest of the day is spent dancing, playing sport and feasting

Chanuka doughnuts the recipe: I know you enjoy my recipes so

here is a little present for the holidays!!!

Lots of love from Debora (your English Teacher)



Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp active dry yeast, 1/2 cup warm water (100 degrees to 110 degrees)
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tsp sugar, plus more for rolling, 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 2 large eggs, 2 Tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1/2 tsp freshly grated nutmeg, 2 tsp salt
- 3 cups Grapeseed Oil, plus more for bowl, 1 cup raspberry jam

1 to 1 1/2 hours. On a lightly floured work surface, roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Using a 2 1/2-inch-round cutter or drinking glass, cut 20 rounds. Cover with plastic wrap; let rise 15 minutes. In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat Grapeseed Oil until a deep-frying thermometer registers 370 degrees. Using a slotted spoon, carefully slip 4 rounds into oil. Fry until golden, about 40 seconds. Turn doughnuts over; fry until golden on other side, another 40 seconds. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a paper-towel-lined baking sheet. Roll in sugar while warm. Fry all dough, and roll in sugar.

1. In a small bowl, combine yeast, warm water, and 1 teaspoon sugar. Set aside until foamy, about 10 minutes. Place flour in a large bowl. Make a well in the center; add eggs, yeast mixture, 1/4 cup sugar, butter, nutmeg, and salt. Using a wooden spoon, stir until a sticky dough forms. On a well-floured work surface, knead until dough is smooth, soft, and bounces back when poked with a finger, about 8 minutes (add more flour, if necessary). Place in an oiled bowl; cover with plastic wrap. Set in a warm place to rise until doubled,
2. Fill a pastry bag fitted with a #4 tip with jam. Using a wooden skewer or toothpick, make a hole in the side of each doughnut. Fit the pastry tip into a hole, pipe about 2 teaspoons jam into doughnut. Repeat with remaining doughnuts. Enjoy !!!!!

Hanukkah Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights. in the Hebrew calendar) and is celebrated for eight days. In the western calendar Hanukkah is celebrated

The festival begins on the 25th day of Kislev (a month

in November or December and in 2008 the festival begins on 22nd December. Hanukkah is from the Hebrew word for ‘dedication’ or ‘consecration’ and marks the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Hanukkah Story The festival marks the victory of a group of Jews called the Maccabees over the Syrian Greeks in Israel over 2,000 years ago. The Jewish people were suppressed by the Syrian Greeks and not allowed to practice their own religion and beliefs. At the end of a three year war, the Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem and rededicated the Jewish temple there. When they came to light the eight-branched temple candelabrum, the menorah, they found that they had only enough oil to last one day. It would take eight days to get some more oil. But the menorah miraculously stayed alight for eight days. This became known as the miracle of the oil.

The Menorah Jewish people remember the miracle of the oil by lighting a menorah during Hanukkah. On the first night of the festival the first candle is lit, on the second night two candles are lit and so on until by the eighth night all eight candles are alight. The candles are lit from a separate candle, the Shamash or servant candle. Special blessings and prayers are said before and after the candles are lit. 10 Traditional Hanukkah foods Traditionally fried foods are eaten during Hanukkah as they remind Jews of the miracle of the oil,

and the menorah that burned for eight days. Potato pancakes known as latkes and deep-fried doughnuts known as savganiots are among some of the traditional treats eaten. Giving gifts It is traditional to give ‘gelt’ (the Yiddish word for money) to children during Hanukkah, in modern times this can include saving bonds, cheques or chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil. For many families this has now extended to exchanging gifts. Hanukkah, especially in North America during the latter half of the 20th Century has increased in importance with many Jewish families. Playing dreidel It is traditional to play games at Hanukkah. The most common game uses a dreidel and is a popular way of helping children to remember the miracle of the oil. A dreidel is a spinning top with a different Hebrew letter inscribed on each of its four sides. The four letters when put together represent the Yiddish phrase ‘nes gadol hayah sham’, which translates as ‘a great miracle happened here.’ There are many popular Hanukkah songs associated with the dreidel, in English speaking countries one of the most popular is ‘I Have a Little Dreidel’.

FUN FOR THE LITTLE ONES

The star is yellow. The tree is green.

The Christmas balls are orange and purple. The present is red.

The dinosaur is purple. The train is blue.



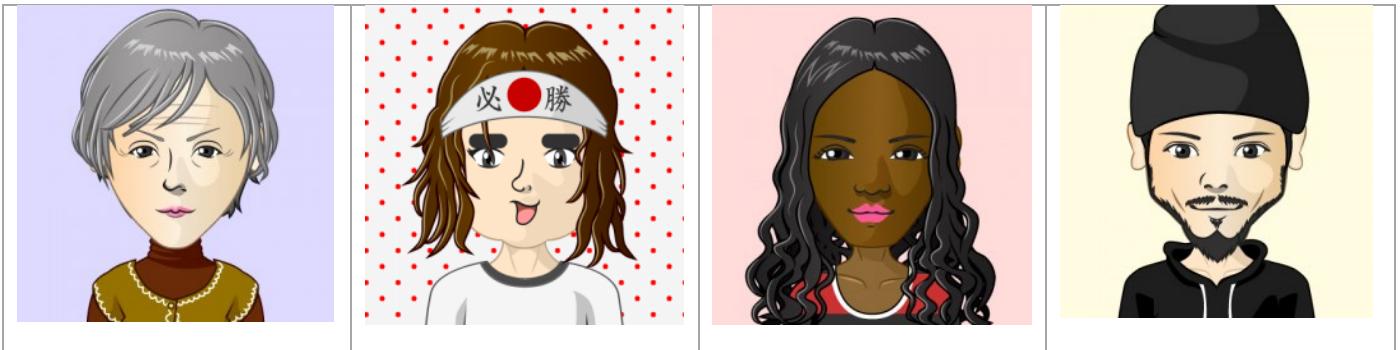
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

YOUR HOLIDAY BOARD GAME TO PRINT AND PLAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!!!

Guess Who

Guess your opponent's mystery person before your opponent guesses yours. You can only reply 'YES' or 'NO.'





SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Questions with 'DOES'

Does your person have a moustache/a goatee (beard)/a broad smile?

Does your person have a long/pointed/tube-shaped/potato-shaped nose?

Does your person have sunglasses?

Does your person have curly/wavy/straight/spiky hair?

Does your person have no hair?

Does your person have earrings/piercings/braces?

Does your person have his/her mouth open/his/her eyes closed?

Does your person have earrings?

Does your person have thick lips?

Does your person have Dracula teeth?

Questions with 'IS'

Is your person bearded?

Is your person bald?

Is your person happy?

Is your person a guy (a man) or a girl (a woman)?

Questions with 'IS'+VERB-ING

Is your person wearing a bandana/hat/top hat/cone hat/baseball cap/sunvisor?

Is your person wearing a dotted/black/white backpack (=UK rucksack)?

Is your person wearing a black backpack with a white middle?

Is your person wearing a striped T-shirt/scarf?

Is your person wearing a dress with hearts?

Is your person wearing an eye patch/a ribbon on her hair?

Is your person wearing headphones/glasses/sunglasses/goggles?

Is your person showing his/her teeth?

Is your person standing in front of a dotted/striped background?

Gaming expressions. MATCH QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

A: Whose turn is it? Is it my turn or yours?

A: First question, please.

A: Why do you still have so many cards up?

A: Only two people remain./Only two remains.

A: Let me guess. Is it Peter?

A: Let me guess. Is it Bob?

A: Yaay! I win!

A: What's the final score?

A: Let's play again/Let's play another one!

B: It's a tie/It's four to two.

B: It's your turn./It's yours.

B: Lucky guess/Lucky you.

B: No, it's not. It's Ben. You lose!

B: Okay, I'm up for it. (=I'm ready for the challenge)

B: Oops, I forgot to flip over the ones with sunglasses.

B: Uh, I think I'm gonna lose.

B: You cheated! I want a rematch.

B: Hold on, I don't have a person yet.

