

Christmas character cut-outs

Suggestions for use:

Note: For many of the activities, it may be helpful to find out from children which character they wish to use before printing. As well as saving paper, this would be a great opportunity for using tallies or creating a living graph.

1. Puppets

Print the characters on card. Cut out. Laminate for durability. Attach to a pop stick or chopstick.

Use for oral language work; for example:

- ❖ Describing characters or playing *Who am I?* games.
- ❖ Making up a story or play.
- ❖ Conducting conversations as characters, or giving a character's point of view to a situation or topic.
- ❖ Making a shadow puppet play.

2. Writing

Print multiple copies of the characters on paper.

Children choose a character to cut out and paste onto a piece of writing paper. They then write a story, poem or information about it. (Print two to a page, if desired.)

3. Message or gift tags

Print multiple copies of the characters on paper or light card. Children choose a character, cut it out and write a special message on the back. These can be laminated and given as a gift to a loved one, or used to decorate the Christmas tree. (For gift tags, print two to a page.)

4. Christmas cards

Print multiple copies of the characters on paper. Children choose a character, cut it out and paste the character on the front of an A4 piece of paper or card folded in half. They write their messages on the inside.

5. Decorations

Print the characters on paper. Cut out. Laminate for durability. Use to decorate Christmas display boards, or other areas of the classroom.

6. Forming groups of mixed ability

Print four copies of the characters on paper (two to a page if desired). Cut out and laminate. Place the characters in an opaque bag. (Adjust the number to match the number of students.) Children select, without looking, a character from the bag. For groups of four: Children form groups with others who selected the same character. For groups of six: Children form groups of different characters.

What other ways can you think of using the Christmas character cut-outs?

Be sure to check out other readilearn Christmas resources too.







