

# CHRISTMAS CRISIS REPORT

This is Brenda Biscuitbaker and Jason Gingerbread with BREAKING NEWS from the North Pole!

Chaos has struck Santa's workshop! Two very naughty elves, Hugo and Jolly, have locked up Santa, the reindeer, the gifts, AND the other elves. To make matters worse, they've scattered tricky puzzles all over the workshop and dared anyone brave enough to solve them.

"If you can't crack our codes," the villains cackled, "Christmas will be CANCELLED!"

But don't worry — hope isn't lost. That's where YOU come in. Your mission is to outsmart Hugo and Jolly, solve every puzzle, and collect the digits of the Rescue Code. Once you've got them all, you can free Santa, recover the Golden Key, and save the Toy Vault before Christmas morning!

Are you ready to beat the bad elves at their own game and rescue Christmas?





# CHRISTMAS CRISIS AVERTED

Brenda Biscuitbaker and Jason Gingerbread reporting with a joyful update!

You did it! The rescue team cracked every puzzle, broke every code, and freed Santa, Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer just in time for Christmas Eve!

With the final rescue code revealed, you unlocked the Golden Key — the only key that could open the Toy Vault and free everyone trapped inside! Hugo and Jolly tried their best to stop you, but your clever thinking and teamwork saved the day. The Toy Vault is open, the sleigh is packed, and Christmas can finally begin!

The North Pole officially declares you an Honorary Elf Detective — Christmas is saved thanks to YOU!



**BREAKING**

**UPDATE**

**SMART RESCUERS FREE  
SANTA! CHRISTMAS SAVED!**



You'll never be able to solve this!



# CLEVER CODE

They will pay for this!



POSTAL SERVICE  
1973 JUL 12  
PAID 1.50

Hugo and Jolly snatched this letter but missed the secret code! Find the misspelled words - count them for your first rescue digit, then unscramble the wrong letters to find your next clue location!



**HELP!**

HUGO AND JOLLY. EVIL PLAN. RUIN KHRISTMAS!

CAUGHT US LISTENING. BIG TROUBLE!

HUGO CACKLING LIKE CRAZY CHICKEN. RED POOFY WIG - RIDICULOUS!

WACKY VICTORY DANCE. LIKE PENGUINN HAVING HICCUPS.

TACKING US AWAY! LOCKING UP SANTA AND REINDEER.

QUICK! HID PUZZLES AROUND WORKSHOP.

EACH PUZZLE = PART OF RESCHUE ~~CODE~~.

GOLDEN KEE HIDDEN. SANTA NEEDS IT FOR TOI VAULT.

THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT OUR CLUES!

HURRY! SAVE CHRISTMAS!

TIME RUNNING OUT...

YOUR FRIENDS,

*The Elves* 

LOOK AT ME! I'M A  
MASTER OF DISGUISE!  
MUAHAHAHA!!!



# STOLEN JOURNAL

The bad elves snatched Santa's journal and turned his important notes into a confusing cipher! Crack the code to reveal the hidden message, then count those letters for your next rescue code digit!

SV RH HZMGZ'H  
UZELIRGV  
IVRMWVVI.

I bet you can't decode  
this secret message.....  
HAHAHAHAHA!!!!

Cryptogram	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
Meaning	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

Cryptogram	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A
Meaning	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

SECRET MESSAGE UNLOCKED 

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Agreed! MUAHAHAHA!!!!  
Give it a try suckers!!!

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# NORTH POLE TIMES

## BREAKING NEWS

### SANTA GONE MISSING... CHRISTMAS CANCELLED?!

North Pole officials have confirmed a shocking discovery: Santa and his loyal elves are missing, the Toy Vault has been sealed tight, and the Golden Key has been stolen. The first to notice was the Merry Mailman's postal worker, who arrived at 7 o'clock to deliver a shipment of 23 tools for the elves. Instead of the usual noisy workshop, he found the place completely EMPTY.

### WANTED



**HUGO AND JOLLY:** WANTED FOR KIDNAPPING, FIRST DEGREE CHRISTMAS CONSPIRACY, AND THEFT OF THE GOLDEN KEY.



PHOTO RELEASED BY THE VILLAIN ELVES AS PROOF OF CAPTURE.

By 3 a.m., investigators confirmed that Santa and the elves had been locked away. To make matters worse, the villains also made off with very odd items: 8 mugs of hot cocoa, 31 marshmallows, 12 elf slippers, 19 candy canes, and 6 rolls of tape. Why steal cocoa, slippers, and tape? Officials — that's you! — believe these numbers are actually secret clues.

**HUGO AND JOLLY MADE OFF WITH SOME VERY ODD ITEMS DURING THEIR CRIME SPREE! THE NUMBERS IN THIS ARTICLE AREN'T RANDOM - THEY'RE SECRET CLUES. ADD UP ALL THE NUMBERS YOU CAN FIND, THEN KEEP ADDING THE DIGITS UNTIL YOU GET A SINGLE NUMBER. THAT'S YOUR NEXT RESCUE CODE DIGIT!**



# ORNAMENT MIX-UP

Hugo and Jolly vandalized these ornaments and threw them in this box! Unscramble the letters they scrawled on each ornament. Only one word will help you unlock the next digit - count its letters for your rescue code! \*\*\*Hint: nice list\*\*\*





YOU'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR BUT I BET YOU WON'T GET PAST THIS! AHAHAHA!!

# STOCKING STUFFER

Hugo and Jolly created this coded message to confuse rescuers, but they carelessly left the decoder sequence right in this stocking! Use their own chart against them to crack the code!

HELP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

A	B	C	D	
				1
				2
				3
				4



F U L O W Q R S



# TRICKY TRIVIA

HOW'D YOU GET SO FAR?! SPILL THE BEANS NOW!!

This is Hugo and Jolly's final challenge! Answer the trivia, find your lock, and add up all its digits until you have one number left. That's the last digit you need to complete the rescue code and save Santa!



HOW MANY REINDEER PULL SANTA'S SLEIGH?



HOW MANY LETTERS ARE IN THE GRINCH'S DOGS' NAME?



IN THE SONG, "TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS," HOW MANY COOKIES ARE THERE?



IF YOUR ANSWER IS 8-3-9



IF YOUR ANSWER IS 9-3-0



IF YOUR ANSWER IS 8-4-5

ENTER YOUR FINAL RESCUE CODE DIGIT

OH YOU THINK YOU'RE SOOOO SMART DON'T YOU?!



*Find your next  
clue in the*

\_\_\_\_\_!

*Find your next  
clue in the*

\_\_\_\_\_!

*Find your next  
clue in the*

\_\_\_\_\_!

*Find your next  
clue in the*

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*Find your next  
clue in the*

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# HOST SETUP GUIDE: HOW TO PLAY

YOU'RE THE OFFICIAL GAME HOST — THE ONE GUIDING OUR BRAVE RESCUERS AS THEY OUTSMART HUGO AND JOLLY AND SAVE CHRISTMAS! FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO BRING THE ADVENTURE TO LIFE.

## 🧩 1. PRINT AND PREPARE

PRINT ALL PUZZLES, CLUE CARDS, THE RESCUE CODE SHEET, THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, AND THE GOLDEN KEY IMAGE. (THESE MAKE FOR AN AMAZING PHOTO OP ONCE THE MISSION IS COMPLETE!).

## 🎁 2. HIDE THE PUZZLES

📌 IMPORTANT: THE LOCATION OF PUZZLE #2 IS ACTUALLY PART OF THE ANSWER TO PUZZLE #1 — THE PLAYERS WILL NEED TO SOLVE IT TO DISCOVER WHERE TO GO NEXT (THE ANSWER IS THE KITCHEN).

HERE ARE SOME FUN LOCATION IDEAS:

UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE 🎄

NEAR THE STOCKINGS 🧦

ON THE COUCH 🛋️

BY THE BATHROOM MIRROR 💧

INSIDE A BOOT 🧦

NEAR THE FRONT DOOR 🚪

\*\*\*TIP: KEEP THE PUZZLES IN THE CORRECT ORDER SO PLAYERS CAN MOVE FROM ONE CLUE TO THE NEXT SMOOTHLY.

## 👮 3. CHECK THE ANSWERS

USE THE INCLUDED ANSWER KEY TO MAKE SURE EACH PUZZLE IS SOLVED CORRECTLY. EVERY PUZZLE GIVES ONE DIGIT OF THE RESCUE CODE. ONCE ALL DIGITS ARE COLLECTED, PLAYERS WRITE THEM ON THE ENTER THE RESCUE CODE SHEET TO UNLOCK THE GOLDEN KEY AND SAVE EVERYONE TRAPPED INSIDE!

## ANSWER KEY

7 (KITCHEN)

7 (RUDOLPH)

1

8 (PRESENTS)

4 (FOUR)

3

RESCUE CODE:

771843

## 🕒 4. SET THE SCENE

THE GAME TAKES ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO COMPLETE.

PLAY SOME CHRISTMAS MUSIC, START A TIMER, AND CHEER THE PLAYERS ON AS THEY RACE TO SOLVE EACH CHALLENGE BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!

## 🎉 5. THE BIG RESCUE

WHEN THE RESCUE CODE IS COMPLETE, HAND THE PLAYERS THE MISSION COMPLETE AND BREAKING UPDATE PAGES — SANTA, MRS. CLAUS, THE REINDEER, AND ALL THE GOOD ELVES HAVE BEEN FREED! FINISH THE CELEBRATION BY PRESENTING THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND SNAPPING A PHOTO WITH THE GOLDEN KEY TO COMMEMORATE THEIR VICTORY AS OFFICIAL HONORARY ELF DETECTIVES! 🔑🌟



# **PUZZLE ORDER**

**CLEVER CODE**

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