

Answers

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Answer: BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The images in order represent the words Buck, King, Ham, Pal and Ace.

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Answer: BLACKPOOL TOWER

Each of the six words hints at a three-word phrase to remove from the table. Those are Blue Peter Badge (award), Brown Paper Bag (carrier), Red Riding Hood (character), Pink Panther Show (programme), Yellow Brick Road (route) and Green Cross Code (safety guide). Once removed, the words remaining are BLACK, POOL, TOWER or - Blackpool Tower.

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Answer: UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The completed sequences are:

TROIS, DEUX, UN	Numbers in French
II, II, IV, V	Roman numerals
OD, ER, IM	Do Re Mi, reversed
QG, RH, SI	Letters shift one step forward in alphabet
QW, ER, TY	Top line of most computer keyboards
JOAN, OF, ARC	Famous historical figure
DLA, NOD, CAM, DLO	Old MacDonald, reversed
GRE, AT, BRI, TA, IN	Great Britain
KNO, WLE, DGE	Knowledge

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Answer: EDINBURGH CASTLE

The across clues in order are DENIM, GRUB, CHA-CHA-CHA, STYLE. The down clues in order are GHEE, LORD, KICK IT OUT, BASSOON. Taking the single letter which appears in both across and down clue for each square gives the completed crossword:

E	D	I	N
G	R	U	B
H		C	A
E	L	T	S

Reading each row in a snaking fashion (alternating left-to-right, right-to-left) yields the answer. The space between Edinburgh and Castle is given by CHA-CHA-CHA and LORD sharing no letters in common.

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Answer: GIANTS CAUSEWAY

Replace the words in brackets with synonyms. Soldier > GI, insects > ANTS, basis > CAUSE, and path > WAY.

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Answer: STONEHENGE

Write the numbers 11-20 next to the outside ring and take the numerical difference. Interpret these differences using A=1, B=2, etc. to get the answer. You might also notice this puzzle looks a bit like its landmark!

Outside ring:	30	32	28	28	20	24	22	32	26	25
Numbers 11-20:	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Difference:	19	20	15	14	5	8	5	14	7	5
Letters:	S	T	O	N	E	H	E	N	G	E

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Answer: PRINCIPALITY STADIUM

Solve the substitution cipher to get the decoded message:

PERHAPS READING IT NOT CIPHERED IS PRIMARILY A LEADING INDICATION TO YOU SOLVING THIS ADMITTEDLY DEVIOUS INITIALLY UNREADABLE MESSAGE

The words primarily, leading and initially are clues to look at the first letters. These give the answer.

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Final answer: UNITED IN PROTECTING THE KINGDOM

The answer to each puzzle is a UK landmark whose location is shown on the front of the card by a festively attired animal. Each animal has four numbers associated with it, as shown at the bottom of the picture. Take each landmark in the order that Santa passes through them on his journey around the UK, and then use the letters indicated from each answer. For example, the robin represents PRINCIPALITY STADIUM, and the 18th, 4th, 6th and 11th letters of that name are U, N, I, T. The final answer is what our staff will be this Christmas. They will be UNITED IN PROTECTING THE KINGDOM.

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Hidden Extras

Did you spot our three hidden festive messages on the front cover?

The Morse code in Santa's route reads: WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS (twice)

The binary code in the sea reads: SEASON'S GREETINGS

The first letters of each animal name in the order visited by Santa reads: RUDOLPH

