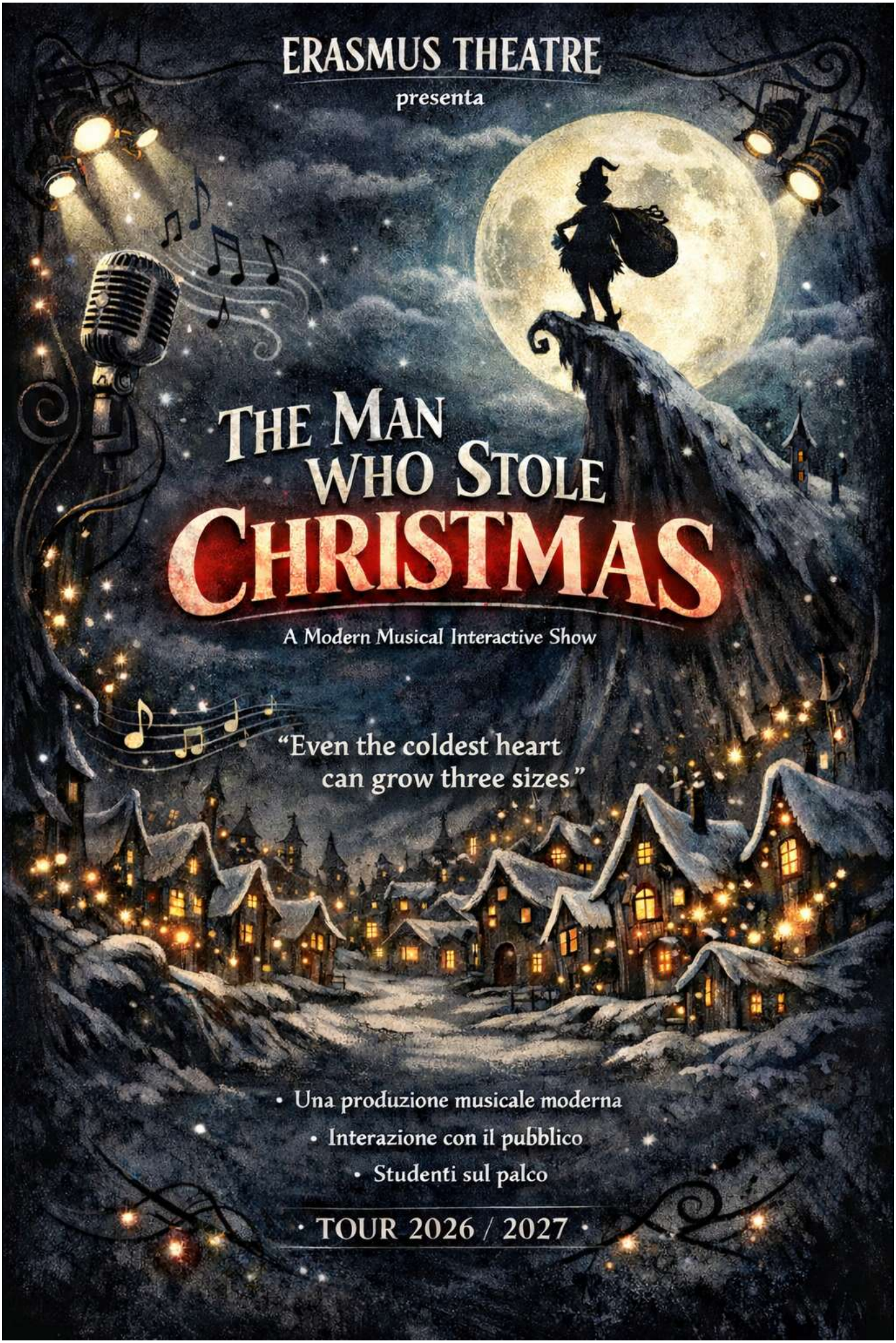
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A Modern Musical Interactive Show
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PICTURE THE GRINCH

Close your eyes and imagine the Grinch. What does he look like? Is he different from the other Whos? Think about his face, his body and his special features.

Now open your eyes and draw and colour the Grinch as you imagine him.

THE GRINCH



gleeful	grumpy	jumpy
grouchy		crotchety
cynical	snivelling	cheery
giddy		stinky
coward	cuddly	vile
insuffrable		frown
slick	naughty	mean
evil		rude
respectful	rotten	

Write a brief character description of the Grinch.

WORD PICTURES

Can you write the word represented by the picture?



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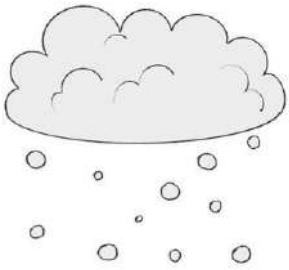

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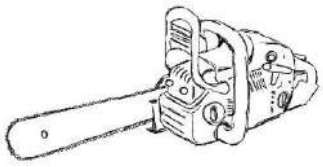

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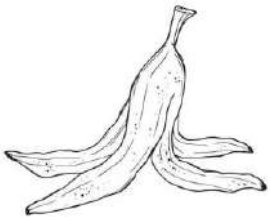

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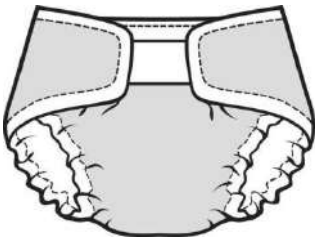

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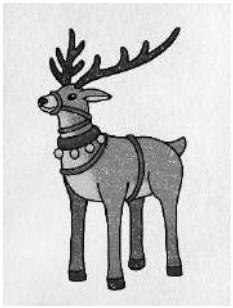

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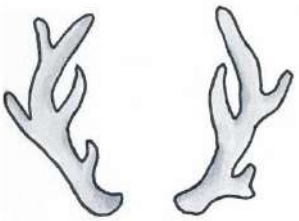

15) _ _ _ _ _ _



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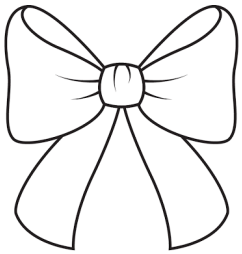


18) _ _ _ _ _ _



19) _ _ _ _ _ _



20) _ _ _ _ _ _



21) _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

THE STORY

That's the summary of "The Man Who Stole Christmas", but someone stole some words. Replace the gaps with the right word among those ones.

school – kindly – Crown – return – afraid – shy – material – Whos – kisses – unpleasant – Christmas – spy – cannot – noise – Eve – happiness – prize – Cindy-Lou – decorated – truth – dog – singing – trees – revenge – bully – steal – forgive – disguise – argues – Grinch – helping – humiliated – lonely – Mayor Chad-Michaels – participate – celebrating – memories – Christmas – plan – cheerful – presents – spirit – anger – feelings – sleigh.

Long ago, in the 1) _____ town of Whoville, lived the 2) _____, a small community that loved 3) _____ more than anything else. Every year, they 4) _____ their houses with lights and ornaments, prepared delicious meals and spent time together 5) _____, dancing and celebrating.

Not far from Whoville, on the top of Mount Krumpit, lives the 6) _____. He is a 7) _____ and bad-tempered creature who hates 8) _____ and wants nothing to do with the happy Whos. He lives in a dark cave with his faithful 9) _____, Max, and spends his days complaining about the 10) _____ and excitement coming from the town below. To the other hand, all the Whos are 11) _____of the Grinch but Cindy-Lou believes that there is more to the Grinch than people think. When the Grinch suddenly appears in the town, he complains about Christmas and the Whos' endless 12) _____. He says that he hates their songs, their parties and their celebrations.



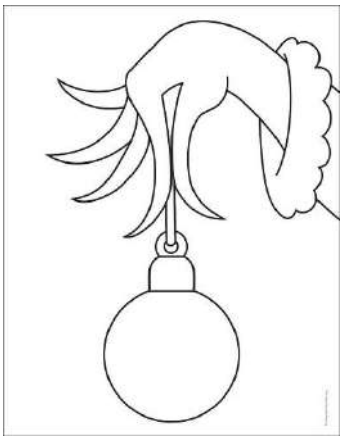
Cindy-Lou decides to spend some time with him and invites him to the Christmas 13) _____ competition, one of the most important events in Whoville. Every year, the citizens compete to win the crown awarded to the Who with the greatest Christmas 14) _____. At first, the Grinch refuses to 15) _____, but when he discovers that the winner will receive a large 16) _____, he changes his mind.

During the competition, the Grinch 17) _____ with Mayor Chad-Michaels Who, the leader of Whoville. The two know each other from their 18) _____ days, and we discover that Chad used to 19) _____ the Grinch when they were younger. The Mayor and the other Whos make fun of him and sing about how 20) _____ he is. Angry and 21) _____, the Grinch leaves Whoville and swears that he will take 22) _____.



Cindy-Lou and some of her friends try to discover what the Grinch is planning. They secretly send a 23) _____ to his house and learn an important 24) _____ about his past. Years earlier, the Grinch attended school in Whoville. He was 25) _____ and different from the other students and only one person treated him 26) _____: Rosie-May Who. The Grinch remembers how much he liked Rosie-May and how lonely he felt when Chad and his friends laughed at him. Hurt by these 27) _____, he decided to leave Whoville and isolate himself on Mount Krumpit. Over the years, his sadness slowly turned into 28) _____ and hate.

The Grinch comes up with a terrible 29) _____. He decides to 30) _____ himself as Santa Claus and 31) _____ Christmas from the Whos. He builds a 32) _____, forces Max and some captured Whos to pull it and waits for Christmas 33) _____. That night, while everybody is asleep, the Grinch goes from house to house, stealing 34) _____, decorations, Christmas 35) _____ and food. He believes that without gifts and celebrations the Whos will finally understand what it means to feel lonely and unhappy.



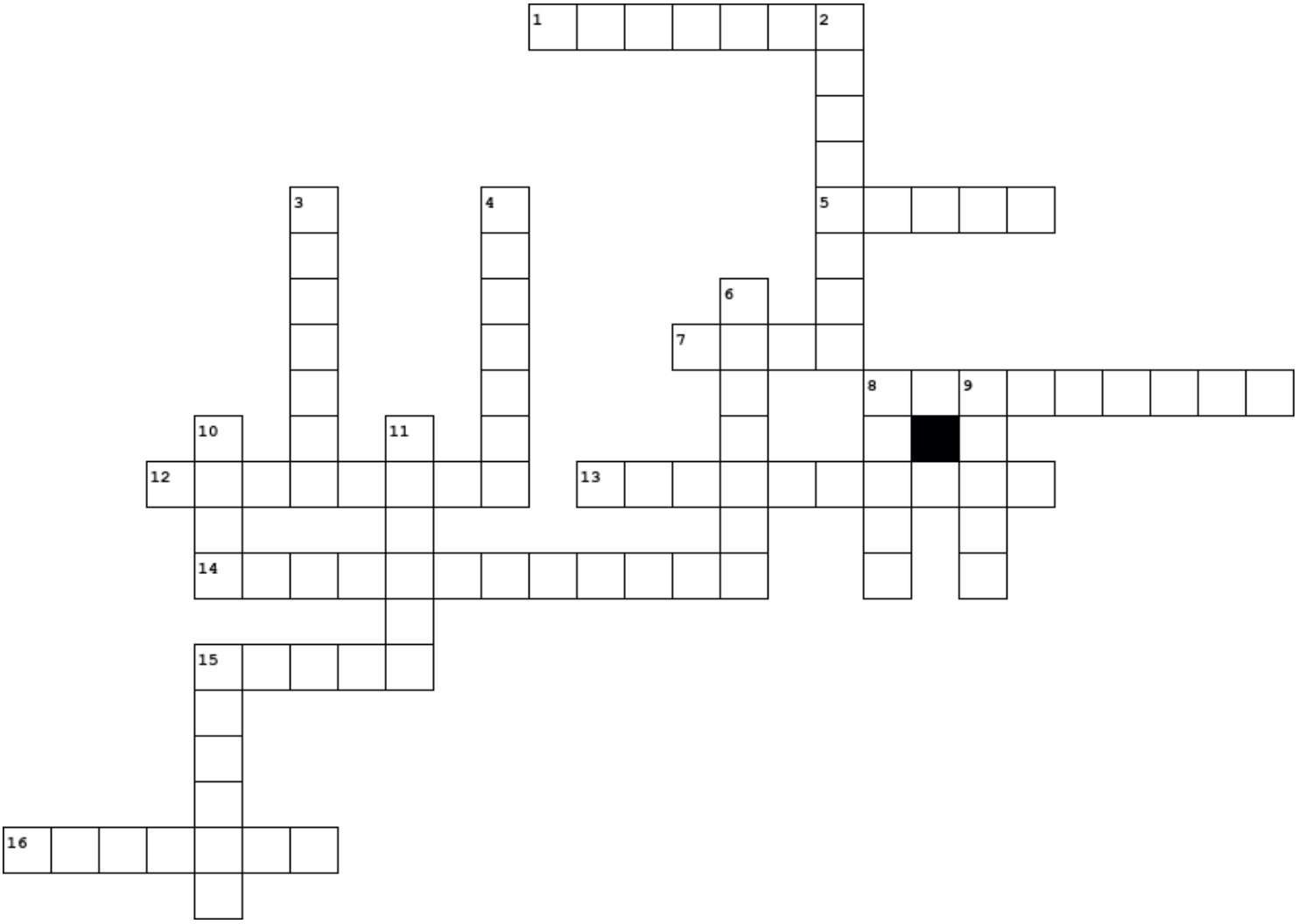
While robbing one house, the Grinch unexpectedly meets Rosie-May. She mistakes him for Santa Claus and talks to him kindly. Seeing her again awakens old memories and 36) _____, but the Grinch continues with his plan and carries all the stolen objects to the top of Mount Krumpit. 37) _____ climbs the mountain to confront him. She tells the Grinch that Christmas is not only about presents and parties. She explains that Christmas is about family, friendship, kindness and 38) _____ one another. As they speak, they hear the voices of the Whos singing together in Whoville. The Grinch is surprised because, even without presents or decorations, the people of Whoville are still 39) _____ Christmas. For the first time, he understands that Christmas 40) _____ be stolen because its true meaning does not come from 41) _____ things.

Suddenly, the Grinch's heart changes. He realises that he has been wrong and decides to 42) _____ all the presents to the Whos. Together with Cindy-Lou, he rushes back to Whoville. When they arrive, another secret is revealed: 43) _____ stole the Christmas Crown. The Whos discover the truth and understand that the Mayor has not always acted honestly. The Grinch apologises for stealing Christmas and asks the people of Whoville to 44) _____ him. To everyone's surprise, the Whos accept his apology. Rosie-May 45) _____ the Grinch, and the Grinch finally feels accepted and loved. At the end of the story, everyone celebrates together, sharing food, music and happiness.

The Grinch learns an important lesson: Christmas is not about presents, decorations or competitions. It is about love, friendship, forgiveness and being together with the people we care about.

CROSSWORD

Complete the crossword puzzle below following the indication of the clues across and down.



Across

1. Very thin
5. Joke
7. Briefly cooked (usually meat)
8. Manifesting joy or delight
12. Hatred, disgust
13. With the identity concealed
14. Unpleasant
15. Loud sound
16. Mysterious

Down

2. Relating to the Christmas period
3. An effort made to accomplish something
4. The art/sport in which a special sword is used for defence and attack
6. Prisoner
8. Lacking in gentleness
9. Pretetious person
10. Head covering on garment
11. Laugh
15. In an agile way

PHRASAL VERBS

Can you match each verb with its own preposition to give the final Italian meaning written next to it?

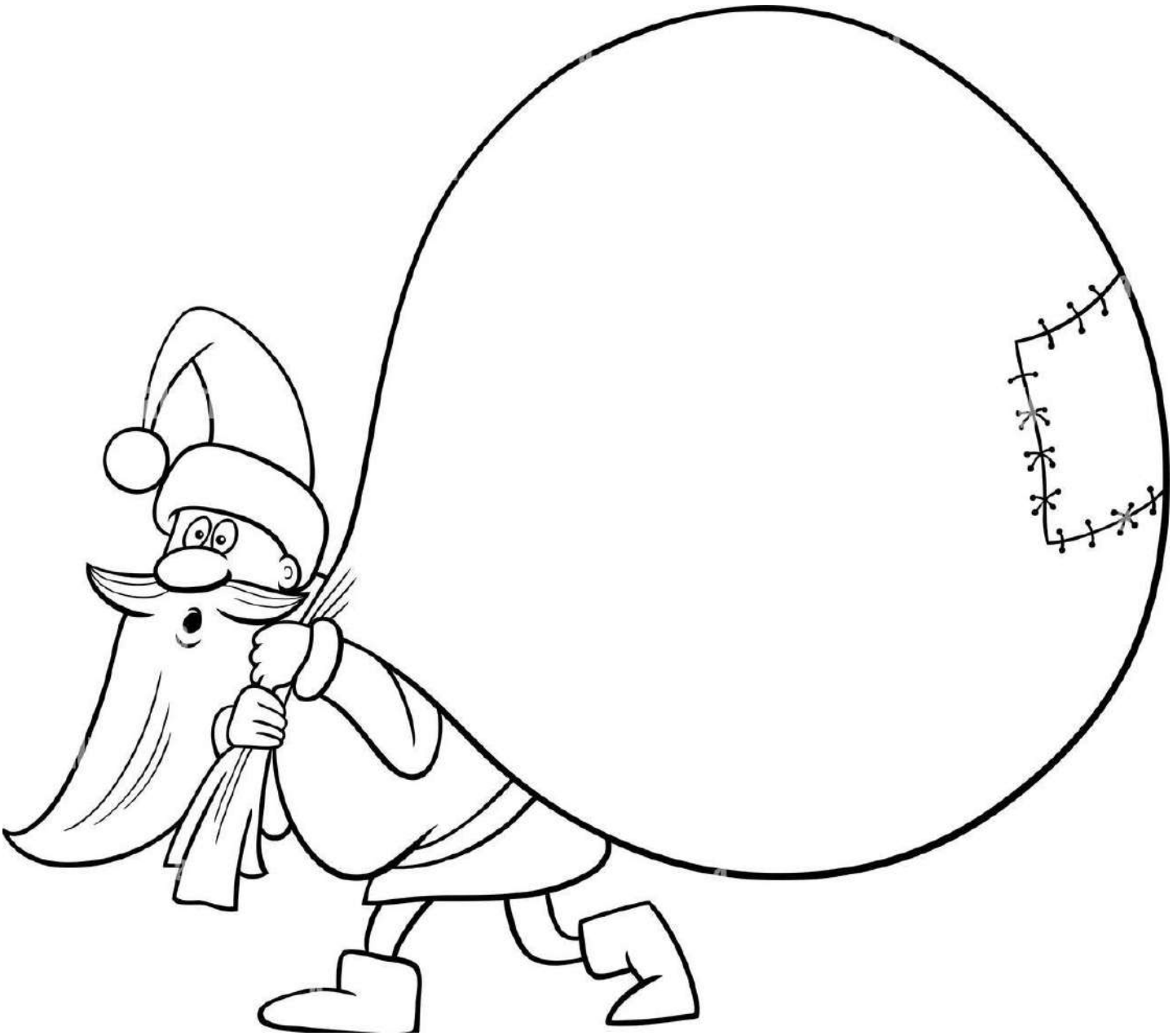
1)	TO RING	_____	risuonare
2)	TO MELT	_____	sciogliersi
3)	TO BEAT	_____	picchiare
4)	TO TOWER	_____	troneggiare su qualcuno
5)	TO COME	_____	inventare
6)	TO GET RID	_____	eliminare
7)	TO HOLD	_____	mantenere
8)	TO HOLD	_____	far perdere tempo a qualcuno
9)	TO PLAY	_____	stare al gioco
10)	TO LEAN	_____	avvicinarsi
11)	TO CLIMB	_____	arrampicarsi
12)	TO STUFF	_____	fare un casino
13)	TO TURN	_____	respingere
14)	TO DROP	_____	passare
15)	TO WATCH	_____	fare attenzione
16)	TO BE	_____	tramare

UP – AWAY – DOWN – UP WITH – ALONG – UP – IN – OUT – UP – IN – OVER – OF – UP – ONTO – UP TO – OUT

CHRISTMAS TIME!

Look inside the script and read it carefully. Find all the English words connected with Christmas, such as decorations, food, traditions and characters. Write them inside Santa's sack below.

Who can find the most Christmas words?



VOCABULARY

Can you find the Italian equivalent?

NOUNS

TREAT	rifiuto umano
RANTING	giradischi
GARBAGE PERSON	redini
BREAKDOWN	invettiva
TURNTABLE	conflitto
STRIFE	sorpresa
REINS	esaurimento nervoso

ADJECTIVES

TOUGH	peloso
GRUMP	assordante
AMAZED	duro
MEANIE	sbrindellato
DEAFENING	stupefatto
TATTERED	complicato
MEAN-SPIRITED	brontolone
FURRY	perfido
TRICKY	meschino
UNSUSPECTING	ignaro

VERBS

TO MOPE	apparire
TO BUDGE	suonare
TO BURST	imbronciarsi
TO BOO	affettare
TO POP	dare una gomitata
TO DESPISE	essere giù di morale
TO CHIME	meritarsi
TO TICKLE	fischiare (per disapprovazione)
TO JUGGLE	infilare
TO CRACK	fare il giocoliere
TO ELBOW	preparare
TO GASP	muovere
TO YELP	lamentarsi
TO SULK	detestare
TO WHINE	sibilare
TO SNEER	guaire
TO BREW	comparire
TO DESERVE	tenere il broncio
TO HISS	strisciare
TO SLITHER	creparsi
TO STUFF	solleticare
TO CARVE	sogghignare
TO POUT	rantolare

SING THE SONGS!

Here is the list of the songs you can find in the show "The Man Who Stole Christmas":

- **I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday – Wizzard**
- **Bad Guy – Billie Eilish**
- **You're A Mean One Mr. Grinch – Thurl Ravenscroft**
- **Step Into Christmas – Elton John**
- **Espresso – Sabrina Carpenter**
- **Baby It's Cold Outside – Dean Martin**
- **Oh Holy Night – Traditional Carol**
- **Santa Claus Is Coming To Town – Jackson 5**

Now read the lines taken from the songs in the show. Can you guess the title of each song? Ready? Let the music begin!

1) _____

I know, I Mountain Dew it for ya
that morning coffee, brewed it for ya
one touch and I brand-newed it for ya

2) _____

The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend

3) _____

I'm that bad type
Make your mama sad type
Make your girlfriend mad type
Might beat up your dad type

4) _____

Take care in all you do next year
And keep smilin' through the days
If we can help to entertain you
Oh, we will find the ways

5) _____

I really can't stay
I've got to go away
This evening has been
So very nice

6) _____

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake

7) _____

You have termites in your smile
You have all the tender sweetness
Of a seasick crocodile, Mr. Grinch
Given the choice between you, I'd take the seasick crocodile

8) _____

When we're skating in the park
If the storm cloud paints it dark
Then your rosy cheeks going to light my merry way

9) _____

It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth

LETTER TO THE GRINCH

Imagine that you can write a letter to the Grinch after the end of the story.

Write about the true meaning of Christmas and explain what the Grinch has discovered at the very end. You could also add your thoughts and wishes for him.

Be creative and remember to write in English!

Dear Grinch,

You learned that Christmas is really about _____

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