Christmas words: Z

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the word bank. Some words have a close Christmas connection; others need a seasonal sentence to explain the link.

Zimtsterne	**Zest**	**Zesty**
Zigzag	**Zany**	**Zeal**
Zip	**Zoom**	**Zone**
Zopf	**Zucchini Bread**	**Zebra Cakes**

1 Sort and explain

Circle words you can connect to Christmas. Put a star beside a word that also works at other times of year. Explain one choice; more than one answer can make sense.

2 Make the connection

Write two festive sentences using different words. Give enough detail to show why each belongs in your Christmas scene.

3 Draw it, then describe it

Choose a word, draw a small scene, and label it with a phrase.

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Use the article as a dictionary. This is a flexible sorting activity, not a test with one fixed answer.

- Closer Christmas connections: Zimtsterne.
- Context words: Zest, Zesty, Zigzag, Zany, Zeal, Zip, Zoom, Zone, Zopf, Zucchini Bread, Zebra Cakes. Ask the child to supply the seasonal connection.
- Zimtsterne are cinnamon-star cookies associated with Christmas in German-speaking countries. Zebra Cakes is a branded snack name; it is not a traditional Christmas word. Zopf is a braided bread, not a Christmas-only food.
- Example response: “We cut a zigzag edge on the Christmas card.” Zigzag describes the craft; it is not inherently festive.
- Adapt it: read the bank aloud for new readers; use oral sentences instead of writing. Older children can compare two definitions and explain why one word needs more context.

Your own word bank