

**Student Packet**

**Grades 3–4**

# **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**

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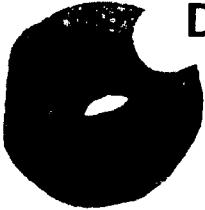


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Activity: To use mathematics skills



# Doughnuts

*"It was a terrific fire—two engines and two police cars and all the volunteer firemen and five dozen doughnuts sent up from the Tasti-Lunch Diner. The doughnuts were supposed to be for the firemen, but by the time they got the fire out the doughnuts were all gone. The Herdmans got them..."*  
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1. How many doughnuts would each of the six Herdman children get, if they were divided equally?
2. Do some doughnut price comparisons. Add your information to the chart that has been started. Use the information that you have to calculate the missing figures. Round up to the nearest cent.

Brand Name or Bakery Name	Number of Doughnuts	Cost	Cost Each	Cost per Dozen
Jewel	1	39 cents	_____	_____
Seven-Eleven	10	\$2.89	_____	_____
Dunkin' Donuts	1	49 cents	_____	_____
Patisserie	6	\$6.99	_____	_____
Cake Box	1	65 cents	_____	_____
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What kind of doughnut do you like the best? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity:** To make a comparison

## Swaddling Clothes

*" 'Swaddling clothes.' Mother sighed. 'Long ago, people used to wrap their babies very tightly in big pieces of material, so they couldn't move around. It made the babies feel cozy and comfortable.' I thought it probably just made the babies mad." (p. 44)*

In addition to restricting the movement of the baby, what other reasons might there be for wrapping a baby in swaddling clothes?

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**Current Infant Clothing:** Make a list of clothes that a baby would wear. (If necessary, look in catalogs, newspapers and magazines for ideas.)

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What was your favorite outfit or item of clothing when you were very young? Please describe it.

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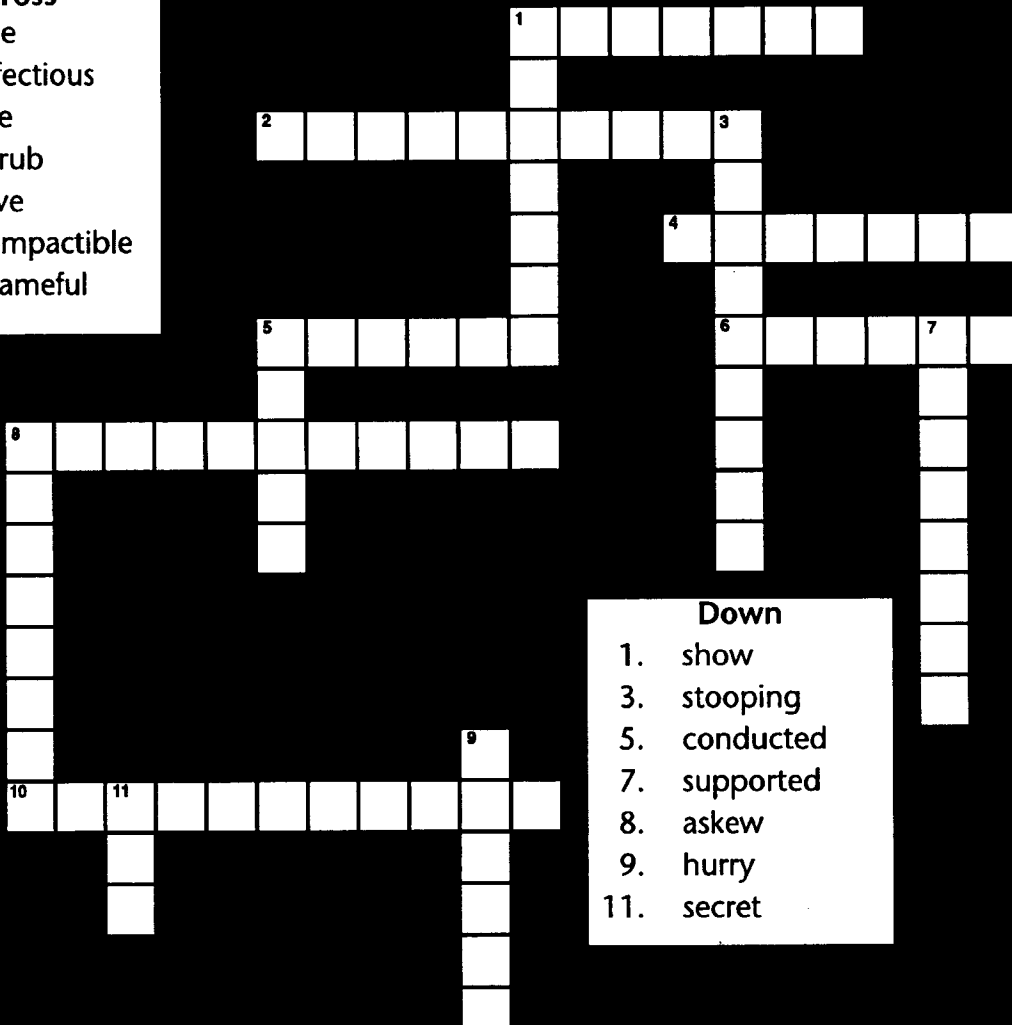
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Activity: To match vocabulary word with definition

## Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle

<p><b>Across</b></p> <p>1. tale</p> <p>2. infectious</p> <p>4. lice</p> <p>5. shrub</p> <p>6. give</p> <p>8. compactible</p> <p>10. shameful</p>		<p><b>Down</b></p> <p>1. show</p> <p>3. stooping</p> <p>5. conducted</p> <p>7. supported</p> <p>8. askew</p> <p>9. hurry</p> <p>11. secret</p>
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(Vocabulary words used: cockeyed, collapsible, confer, contagious, cooties, disgraceful, espoused, hustle, pageant, parable, piped, privet, slouching, sly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the following information. Fill in the blank space in each with a word, words or phrase that will make the information given complete and true to the story.

**Sample:** The name of this novel is (*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ were the worst kids in the world.
2. The Herdmans learn that wherever there is a fire there will be free \_\_\_\_\_ sooner or later.
3. Mrs. Herdman walks the \_\_\_\_\_ on a length of chain.
4. The Herdmans go to Sunday School to get some free \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The pageant has all of the Herdmans in the main \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Herdmans are so interested in the pageant's story, they go to the \_\_\_\_\_ to get information.
7. Imogene offers to steal a \_\_\_\_\_ at the supermarket.
8. Everybody says that the pageant is the \_\_\_\_\_ ever, but they don't know \_\_\_\_\_.