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HELLO FROM HORRID HENRY



Christmas! Presents! Presents!
Presents! Chocolate! Presents!
More chocolate! Presents!
All day telly! Presents!

That, of course, is how Christmas should be. No pesky relatives clogging up the sofa and hogging the telly, no horrible little brothers, and no sprouts EVER.
With my fool-proof, 100% tried and tested survival guide, you can have the Christmas YOU deserve, this year, and the next and the next...
No more bad presents. All the chocolate you want. Little brothers and sisters firmly in their box where they belong.

So what are you waiting for?
Stop reading this and get plotting!

Henry

HORRID HENRY'S TOP CHRISTMAS MOTTOS



☆ Getting is better than giving.

☆ Save up your pocket money – then spend it on yourself.



☆ Worms don't get presents.

☆ Beware the wrinklies – currants, raisins and grandparents.

☆ Sprouts make you bald.



☆ Every present you buy means something you can't buy for yourself.

☆ I want … gets.

☆ Satsumas are NOT presents.



HORRID HENRY'S CRAFTY ADVENT CALENDAR

You will need

a large piece of stiff card
pencils, paints and felt tip pens
sticky tape
silver foil or coloured tissue paper
scissors
24 sweets or chocolates



Instructions

1. Draw a Christmas tree on a piece of cardboard and paint it green.
2. Wrap up sweets or chocolates in silver foil or coloured tissue paper.
3. Fasten the sweets to your Christmas tree picture with sticky tape.
4. Number the sweets 1 to 24 in any order, then enjoy a sweet every day until Christmas!



HENRY'S TIP: Remember, a big calendar means big sweets too!

CARDS TO RICH AUNT RUBY

Mum has written a letter to Aunt Ruby,
but Henry swaps it with a letter of his own.

Dear Ruby
We're all so looking forward to having you and Steve for Christmas this year. And don't worry, Henry is delighted to share his bedroom. I'm sure the cousins will have loads of fun together.
See you soon!
Love from your younger sister.



Dear Ruby
Sorry, no room here for you and Steve this Christmas. But drop off all your presents for Henry as soon as possible – no need to come in, just ring the bell and leave them at the door. He'd really like loads and loads and loads of cash. In fact, think of a huge sum, and then double it, to make up for the horrible lime green cardigan you gave him last year. And since there's no need to give Peter any presents, you can add his Christmas money to Henry's. Remember, Ruby, Christmas is all about giving so now's your chance to give give give to Henry.
See you at Steve's next prison visit.
Your younger Sister



CONFUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Horrid Henry is the school Christmas postman. Can he deliver the right cards to the right people? Untangle the muddled-up names on each of the envelopes below.





1. GMAETARR
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

2. AILWMIL
_ _ _ _ _ _ _





3. PRHAL
_ _ _ _ _

4. RSM DBODOD
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _





5. RREIUDGN
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

6. TBRE
_ _ _ _



CHRISTMAS CODE MESSAGE

Horrid Henry sends Ralph a secret code message in his Christmas card. Can you uncode Henry's message using the grid below?

	To Ralph **Have a stinky Christmas** **Henry**
D2/A5/A5/A1 D2/A5	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
B2/A1 A1/C3/A5	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
D5/A2/A3/D5/D1/A5	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
C3/B2/D3/B5	_ _ _ _ _ _
C1/D4/A3/A1	_ _ _ _ _ _
B2/A1	_ _ _ _
D3/D4/D4/D3!	_ _ _ _ _!

	1	2	3	4	5
A	T	U	R	K	E
B	Y	A	B	C	D
C	F	G	H	I	J
D	L	M	N	O	P
E	G	S	V	W	X