Basic Directions:
This challenging word game can be completed by individuals or by students working in pairs. Distribute the printable on the next page and have students cut out the letters at the bottom. Ask them to move the letters around to form the words that fit each clue. If you use this as a partner activity, assign partners in advance and give one worksheet to each pair. Have students take turns making and recording words as they discuss the riddles. The answers can be completed in any order. Allow students to use other sources such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and internet searches to find the answers to the word riddles, but remind them that the words have to be created from the letters in Winter Holidays. The answers on the answer key are possible solutions; additional answers may fit the clues. Allow all acceptable answers.

Extension Activity:
When students have found all answers, ask them to create their own word clues. Suggest that they start by making a word with the letters in Winter Holidays and then creating a mystery phrase as a clue. Have them post their clues on a chalkboard, poster, or whiteboard for their classmates to solve. Or allow them to submit the clues to you for you to compile and distribute.

This activity is similar to seasonal activities included in Laura Candler’s December Activities Pack available from www.teacherspayteachers.com. Visit Teaching Resources at www.lauracandler.com for more free and inexpensive lesson ideas and activities.
Holiday Word Challenge

Name(s) _____________________________________________

Solve the riddles by using only the letters in “Winter Holidays” to find a word for each definition. Cut out the letters below and use them to help you make words to fit the clues. Work with a partner and take turns finding words and writing them on the lines. Then try to make up your own holiday riddles!

1. Item of clothing __________________________
2. A large cat _______________________________
3. Very thin string ___________________________
4. Edge of the ocean ________________________
5. Drops of sadness _________________________
6. Three hundred sixty-five days ____________
7. All parts together _________________________
8. Tall, thin building ________________________
9. Complaining sound _______________________
10. A light rain ______________________________
11. To divide equally _________________________
12. Prepared to start _________________________
13. To spin rapidly ___________________________
14. Winter color _____________________________
15. Breezy _________________________________

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1. Item of clothing      shirt
2. A large cat      lion
3. Very thin string    thread
4. Edge of the ocean     shore
5. Drops of sadness       tears
6. Three hundred sixty-five days   year
7. All parts together       whole
8. Tall, narrow building      tower
9. Complaining sound   whine
10. A light rain       shower
11. To divide equally   share
12. Prepared to start   ready
13. To spin rapidly   twirl
14. Winter color   white
15. Breezy   windy
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