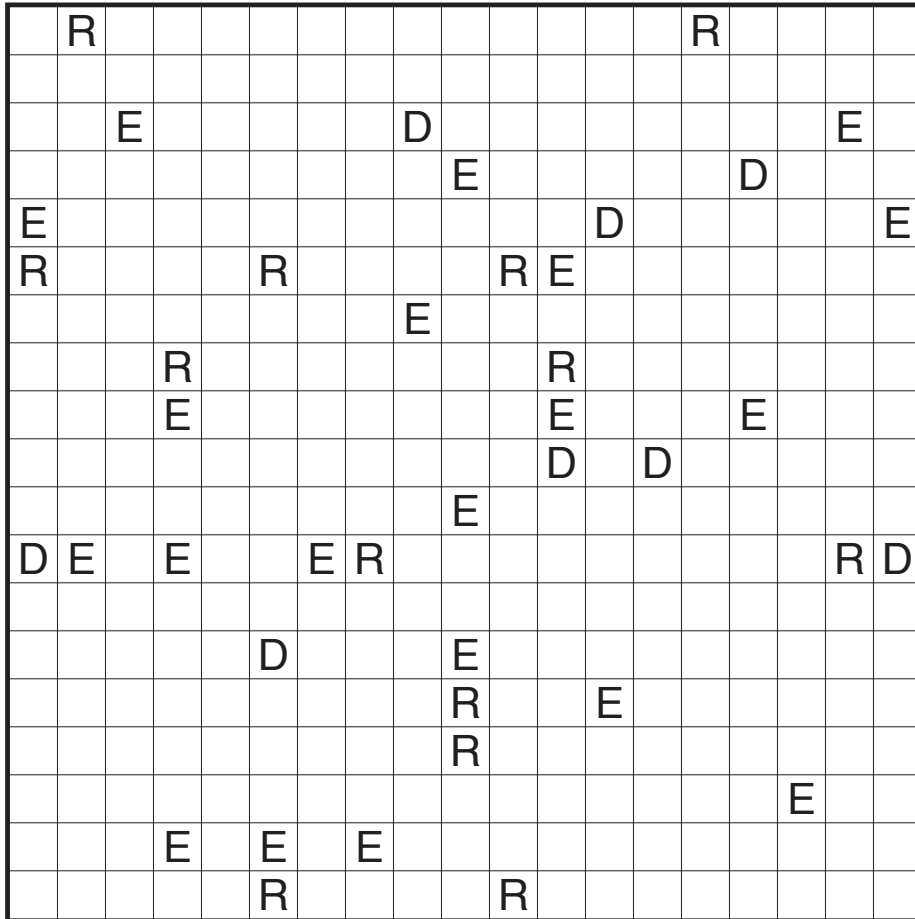


CHRISTMAS-CROSS

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When completed, the grid below will contain the 46 Christmas-related words and phrases below, interlocking in standard crisscross fashion: every word will be connected to at least one other word, and the grid will contain no words other than those below. Can you fit them in? To start you off, all the Ds, Es, and Rs have been put in the grid already. Thus RED is already spelled out near the center of the grid, and MERRY and CRECHE will each fit in only one place. Each word you enter will, in turn, restrict where the remaining words can go. The finished puzzle has a unique solution.



ANGEL
 BELL
 CANDY CANES
 CARD
 CHIMNEY
 CHURCH
 COAL
 CRECHE
 DASHER
 DECEMBER
 EGGNOG
 EVE
 FIR
 GOODWILL
 GRINCH
 HOLIDAY

HOLLY
 ICICLES
 JACK FROST
 KIN
 MAGI
 MALL
 MANGER
 MARY
 MASS
 MERRY
 MRS. CLAUS
 NATIVITY
 NAVIDAD
 NOEL
 NORTH POLE
 "O TANNENBAUM"

PARTIES
 RED
 SANTA
 SLEIGH
 SNOW
 STAR
 ST. NICK
 STOCKING
 TINSEL
 TREAT
 TWENTY-FIVE
 WASSAILS
 XMAS
 YULE