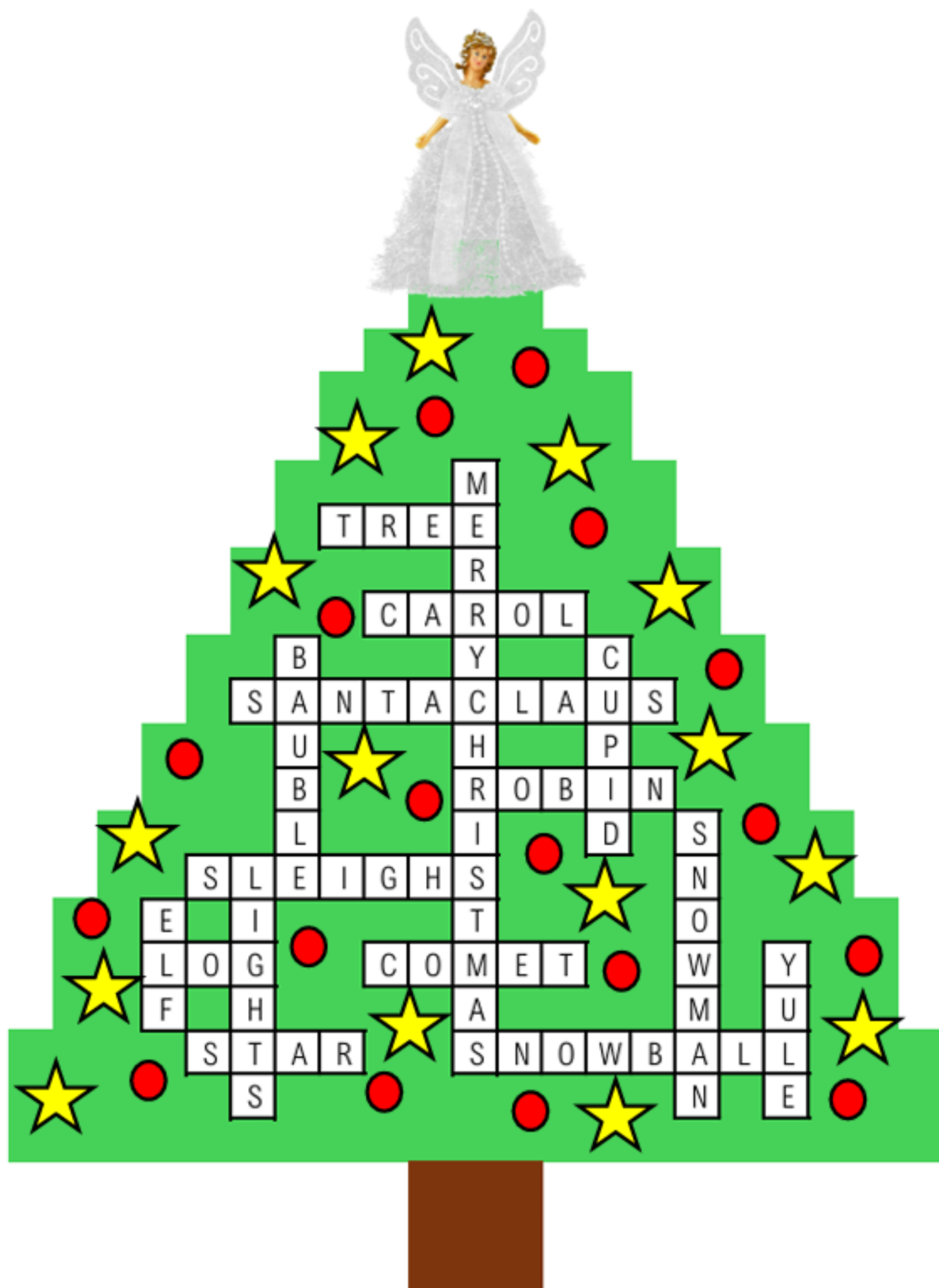


Christmas Crossword 2025 solution



Cryptic Clues explanation of answers.

Across:

2 and 10 Down: Tree lights — Christmas decoration, from an anagram (crazily) of 'the gristle'

3: Carol—a song, and Carol Vorderman is an example of a famous Carol. (5)

6: Santa Claus — a 'present provider', made up from an anagram of 'satan' (devil) plus Claus sounds like (audible) 'clause' (a part of a law or contract). (5, 5)

7: Robin—triple meaning of a bird, a Reliant Robin car, and somebody on Batman's team. (5)

9: Sleighs — transportation used by Santa Claus which sounds like 'slays'. (7)

12: See 14 Down.

13: Comet—a reindeer workmate of Cupid, or a celestial body also seen streaking through the sky. (5)

15: Star — another celestial body and anagram of 'arts'. (4)

16: Snowball — triple meaning of a pig thrown out of Animal Farm in the novel of that name, a drink containing advocaat and carbonated lemonade , and to escalate or swell up. (8)

Down:

1: Merry Christmas — a seasonal greeting made up of merry (drunk) man engaging 't' (time) plus 'mas(s)' being an endless service. (5, 9)

4: Bauble — a decoration which is also a ball (6)

5: Cupid — a reindeer who helps Comet to pull Santa's sleigh, and Cupid the Roman god of love who helped people to find love. (5)

8: Snowman — a figure in the landscape and letters featuring in the words 'it's now man'. (7)

10: See 2 Across.

11: Elf — help for Santa and not quite all the letters of 'self'. (3)

14 and 12 Across: Yule log — a seasonal dish and an anagram of a shortened 'youl(l)' plus 'gel'. (4, 3)