

Writing a Christmas Stanza

SCAFFOLDING TOOL 2 – WRITING FRAME AND WORD BANK (TIER 2)

This scaffold supports learners who can produce language with moderate support. Students complete the guided structure to create their own Christmas stanza, following the 8-syllable pattern (2-2-4) and 5-syllable final lines.

1. Below, complete the line using the word bank.

Follow the pattern:

- 2 syllables → **Sentence starter**
- 2 syllables → **Verb phrase**
- 4 syllables → **Christmas noun phrase**
(8 syllables pattern)
- 5 syllables → **Final lines**

WORD BANK

Use these words to complete your stanza.

Sentence starter (2 syllables)	Verb phrase (2 syllables)	Christmas noun phrase (4 syllables)
Today With friends Tonight At home At school	we hear we see we check	the Christmas sleigh the reindeer flight the jingle bells the winter stars

Choose one option from each column to create a grammatically correct line. Not all combinations will be correct. Read the sentence and check that it makes sense before writing it in your stanza.

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2. Repeat the phrase two more times.

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3. Bellow, complete the 5 syllable line ending using the word bank.

WORD BANK

Use these words to complete your stanza.

5 syllable line ending

and sing without fear.

and dance for a cheer.

and play, Santa dear.

and go there or here

and sit like reindeer.

Choose one option from the column. Read the sentence and check that it makes sense before writing it in your stanza.

4. Now sing the chorus.

GOOD TIDINGS WE **BRING**

TO YOU AND YOUR **KIN**

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW **YEAR.**