


The Very Hungry Reindeer




A Christmas Mini Book by,

It was the week before Christmas
and one of Santa's Reindeer 
found himself very hungry as he
thought about all the flying he
was going to be doing on
Christmas Eve.

So he started looking for
something to eat.

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On Sunday, the Reindeer ate
6 big jingle bells! 

But he was still hungry!

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On Monday, the Reindeer ate
5 round ornaments!



But he was still hungry!

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On Tuesday, the Reindeer ate
4 Christmas Presents!



But he was still hungry!

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On Wednesday, the Reindeer
ate 3 strings of Christmas
lights! 

On Thursday, the Reindeer ate
2 stockings! 

But he was still hungry!

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But he was still hungry!

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On Friday, the Reindeer ate
1 WHOLE Christmas tree! 

But he was still hungry!

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On Saturday, Christmas Eve,
the Reindeer ate:



One cup of hot chocolate



One candy cane



One whole gingerbread house



One loaf of fruitcake



One gingerbread man cookie




One glass of eggnog &



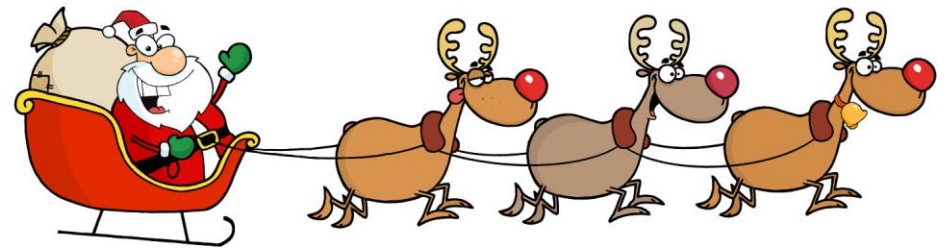
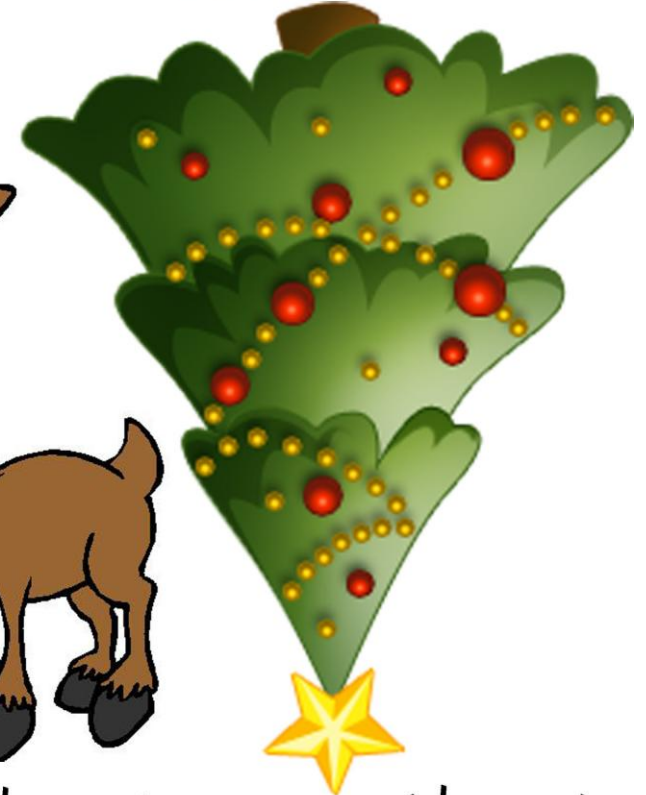
One handful of chestnuts

And he was **FINALLY** full, just
in time to deliver presents!

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That night the very full
Reindeer and all his reindeer
friends pulled Santa's
Sleigh all over the world,
delivering presents to all
the good boys and girls. 





How to assemble this mini book:

1. You will need: a computer printer, scissors, and a stapler
2. Print out the book
3. Cut pages 1-9 in half down the dotted line
4. Fold the cover in half, place pages 1-9 inside and staple together on the side
5. Cut out the pictures of the items on the pages following the story
6. Make sure to talk to your child about each step as you put the book together. Think about new vocabulary words your child may not know well yet and expand on them. Possible words to target include: computer, print, paper, ink, scissors, staple/stapler, fold, half, etc.

How to use this mini book:

1. You will need scissors to cut out the pictures and glue to glue them in. (Optional: you can laminate this book, and the pictures, and use Velcro to attach the pictures to the pages. This would be great for small groups)
2. You will notice on each page that there is a small picture of each Christmas item next to its name in the sentence. This is to help young children help you “read” the book. (The pictures can also be an extra visual cue for step four. The children can match picture to picture).
3. Read the book once through with your child.
4. Go through the book a second time and have your child either glue in the appropriate pictures on each page. You will find that there are extras of each picture. This is so that your child can practice counting out the correct number of objects (You could also have your child draw his/her own pictures for each page.)
5. As your child glues/draws, talk a little about each Christmas item: What color is it? What shape is it? What is in it? What sound does it make? How big is it? What does it feel like? Etc
6. Talk about all the items on page 8...have you ever eaten them before? What do they taste like? Is it warm or cold? Hard or soft? Etc.
7. Read the book often in the weeks leading up to Christmas. See if your child can “fill in the last word” on each sentence after you have read the story several times.
8. Follow up activities: Have a scavenger hunt: Can you find the items in the story in your home? Where are they? What about at the store?

BONUS: Make yourself your own Very Hungry Reindeer-

<http://www.playingwithwords365.com/2011/12/meet-our-new-reindeer-friend/>

And then download the second set of pictures

<http://www.playingwithwords365.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Reindeer-Hungry-Big-PicsPDF.pdf> and “feed” the reindeer as you read the story!