

# PUZZLEBOMB



## LETTER (XMAS) TREE

Deposit on teeth (6)

Spicy sauce (4-4)

Settled upon (7)

Gets in (8)

More marbled in appearance(8)

Terms (9)

Like unusual wine glasses (8)

NE England region (8)

Each clue gives a word or phrase made up of only three, four or five different letters. The entry corresponding to that clue in the grid (running diagonally) is a real word spelled using the same set of letters, once each. Answers can all be found in the Collins online dictionary.

## ADVENT CALENDAR FACTORY

An extremely picky designer has left you instructions to construct a layout for their Advent calendar.

Each instruction relates to a consecutive group of numbered doors, and they must be followed in the right order - which isn't the order below. Place the doors in order starting with 1, resolving any ambiguity (and placing the final doors) by putting each new door as far away as possible from the previous one.

The finished calendar has 24 doors numbered 1-24, in a 5 by 5 grid with a horizontal double door for the 24th. .

Add as many more doors as you can without any two doors sharing an edge

Add four more doors so there's the same number of used doors in every row and column

Make sure the first five doors are nicely spread out, so they read 41253 left-to-right and 31542 top-to-bottom

Runs of 3 unused doors horizontally or vertically look ugly - get rid of them by adding as few doors as possible

The doors from there to 21 should each be a knight's move away from the previous one

## SEVEN EVENTS

Each word is an anagram of a thematic term with an extra letter, which needs to be removed. If the process were to be repeated, the result would be like a thematic cake.

- ONLY GLUE
- TO UK TREASURY
- GET GONG
- ONE PATTERN
- UNSTITCHES
- DEFY CANCAN
- GREYING BEARD