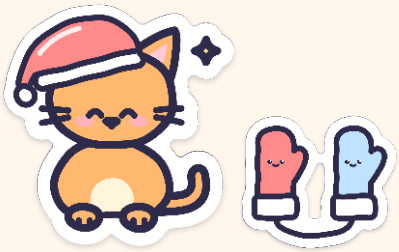
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Beat the Clock!



4 one-minute Christmas party games, made from things you already have at home.

How it works

1. Pick a challenge card and read it out loud. Show everyone what they need.
2. The player gets ready. Someone holds a phone timer and shouts **"Go!"**
3. Finish before the minute is up and you **beat the clock**. Everyone else counts down the last 10 seconds, loudly.

Two ways to play

Team challenge: teams take turns, one challenge at a time, and every team plays every challenge once, sending a different player each time if they can. Tick the score sheet each time a team beats the clock. Most ticks at the end wins.

Party warm-up: play them as people arrive, or between dinner and dessert. Cookie Face gets the room laughing fast.

Good to know

- Every card has an **easier** and a **trickier** way to play, so kids, grandparents and grown-ups can all take a turn.
- Clear a little space first and keep the throws soft: socks and cotton balls only.
- Print the cards on plain paper and cut on the dashed lines. Letter and A4 both come in the download.



Gather your things



Tick them off as you find them. Missing something? Skip that one: every challenge works on its own.

From the kitchen

- [ ] flat cookies, like sandwich cookies: 1 per player, plus spares
- [ ] a spoon for each player
- [ ] 2 bowls
- [ ] 10 plastic or paper cups

From around the house

- [ ] 10 cotton balls (the snowballs)
- [ ] 6 socks, rolled into balls (the presents)
- [ ] a laundry basket (the chimney)
- [ ] a phone to time each minute

Before guests arrive (2 minutes): roll the socks into balls and put the basket and the cups where everyone can see them.

What each challenge needs

1. Cookie Face	1 cookie per player (a flat one, like a sandwich cookie)
2. Snowball Spoon Race	a spoon per player, 2 bowls, 10 cotton balls (the snowballs)
3. Cup Christmas Tree	10 plastic or paper cups
4. Chimney Sock Toss	6 socks, each rolled into a ball (the presents), a laundry basket (the chimney)



The timer: any phone works. Start it on "Go!" and call out "30 seconds!" halfway; it makes everyone hurry and laugh.

1. Cookie Face

one minute on the clock

You need: 1 cookie per player (a flat one, like a sandwich cookie)



Tilt your head back and lay the cookie on your forehead. Hands behind your back! Wiggle, frown and twitch to walk the cookie down your face and into your mouth. Dropped it? Pop it back on your forehead and keep going. Ages 4 and up, with a grown-up watching. Tip your head forward before you chew, and check for nut allergies first.

Beat the clock when the cookie is in your mouth

Easier: start with the cookie on your cheek

Trickier: start with the cookie on the middle of your forehead and keep your eyebrows still



2. Snowball Spoon Race

one minute on the clock

You need: a spoon per player, 2 bowls, 10 cotton balls (the snowballs)



Hold the spoon handle in your mouth. Scoop the snowballs one at a time from one bowl into the other. Put the bowls on a table, about an arm's length apart. Hands stay behind your back.

Beat the clock when all 10 snowballs are in the second bowl

Easier: hold the spoon in your hand

Trickier: put the bowls two big steps apart



3. Cup Christmas Tree

one minute on the clock



You need: 10 plastic or paper cups

Stack the cups upside down into a Christmas tree: 4 on the bottom, then 3, then 2, then 1 on top. Then take it down again into one neat stack.

Beat the clock when the tree is built and stacked back down

Easier: only build it up (6 cups: 3, 2, 1)

Trickier: your non-writing hand only



4. Chimney Sock Toss

one minute on the clock



You need: 6 socks, each rolled into a ball (the presents), a laundry basket (the chimney)

Put the basket 3 big steps away. Toss the sock presents down the chimney. Missed? Hurry over, grab it, go back to your spot and throw again.

Beat the clock when all 6 presents are in the chimney

Easier: 2 big steps away

Trickier: throw with your eyes closed (open them to fetch a miss)



Beat the Clock score sheet



Write each team's name at the top. A tick each time a team beats the clock.

Challenge	Team _____	Team _____	Team _____	Team _____
1. Cookie Face				
2. Snowball Spoon Race				
3. Cup Christmas Tree				
4. Chimney Sock Toss				
Total ticks				

Tiebreak: the tied teams each send one player to Cookie Face at the same time. First cookie in a mouth wins.









Want 8 more?



These 4 come from a bigger pack of 12, which comes with our Christmas trivia game (a paid download).

The other 8 challenges

- Jingle Bell Shake
- Sleigh Ride
- Bow Dash
- Candy Cane Fishing
- Snowfall Catch
- Mitten Unwrap
- Two-Hand Wrap
- Snowflake Lift

plus paper snowflakes to cut out and a 12-row score sheet

The Big Christmas Quiz Show

- 60 Christmas trivia questions on two boards: one for the whole family, one a little trickier for grown-ups
- Play it on the TV (PowerPoint or Google Slides) or print the big question cards and play at the table
- A host guide with rules, tiebreakers and an award for the winners
- All 12 Beat the Clock challenges: beat the clock between rounds and your team wins 300 points

Find it in the Tofu Labs shop on Etsy: **tofulabs.etsy.com**

Good to know

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