

THE 4W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

WRITE

Pens/Pencils
Crayons
Paper/Copy Books
Colouring Books
Markers
Sharpeners
Erasers



WASH

Soap (wrapped)
Hairbrush
Comb
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Facecloth



WEAR

Socks
Underwear
Flip Flops
Hat
Scarf
Gloves



WOW

Cuddly Toy
Skipping rope/Yo-yo
Sweets (in date until April next year)
Musical Instrument
Sunglasses
Toy Car
Doll
Ball



WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:

Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.



What can you put in your Christmas Shoebox?



Draw some things that you can add into your Christmas Shoebox.

Things to WRITE with:



Things to WASH with:



Things to WEAR:



Things to WOW!



4W's

Roinnt smaointe do bhur mBoscaí Nollag

WRITE/ SCRÍOBH



Pinn luaidhe
Criáin
Páipéar/cóipleabhair



WASH/ NIGH



Gallúnach
Scuab gruaige
cíor
Scuab fiacla
Tuáille aghaidhe



WEAR/ CAITHEAMH



Stocáí
Fo-éadaí
Flip-flops
Hata
Scairf
Lámhainní



WOW!



Bréagán cúthail
Téad scipeála
Milseán
Yo-yo
Spéaclaí gréine
Carr
Bréagán
Bábóg
Liathróid

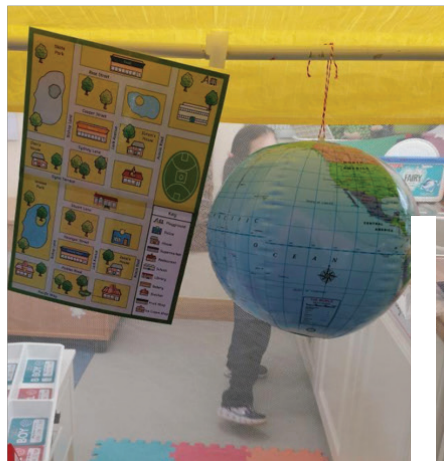


Ná cuir san áireamh:

Ná seol leachtanna (gallúnach, boilgeoga) le do thoil, ábhair géar, bia/seacláid, leabhair le go leor focail iontu, ábhair scanrúil (Oíche Shamhna, ábhair chogaidh, maisc, nathracha bréagán, ábhair inbhriste nó leighis.

One teacher prepared a Christmas Shoebox Appeal Aistear station in the classroom, incorporating Literacy, Geography and the 4W's (included in your resources)!

Thank you so much for the pictures and inspiration Caoimhe O'Dea!



*If you don't have a copy of Bunny's Shoebox Journey Book, as shown, it is available for purchase at ToysandGames.ie



Conversation starters to engage our young learners

Read your copy of 'Bunny's Shoebox Journey' and start the conversation below!

Where does Beatrice live?

What would be your favourite thing to put into a shoebox?

What were the 4W's?

What kinds of things can you wash with? Write with? Wear?

What present would make you say "wow!"?

How did the shoeboxes get to the boys and girls?

Have you ever been on a ship?

What is Beatrice's house made from?

What is your house made from?

Where do you live (reference attached map)?

How can we find out where the shoeboxes from your area went last year?

You can see the countries that the shoeboxes went to to from your area at www.teamhope.ie

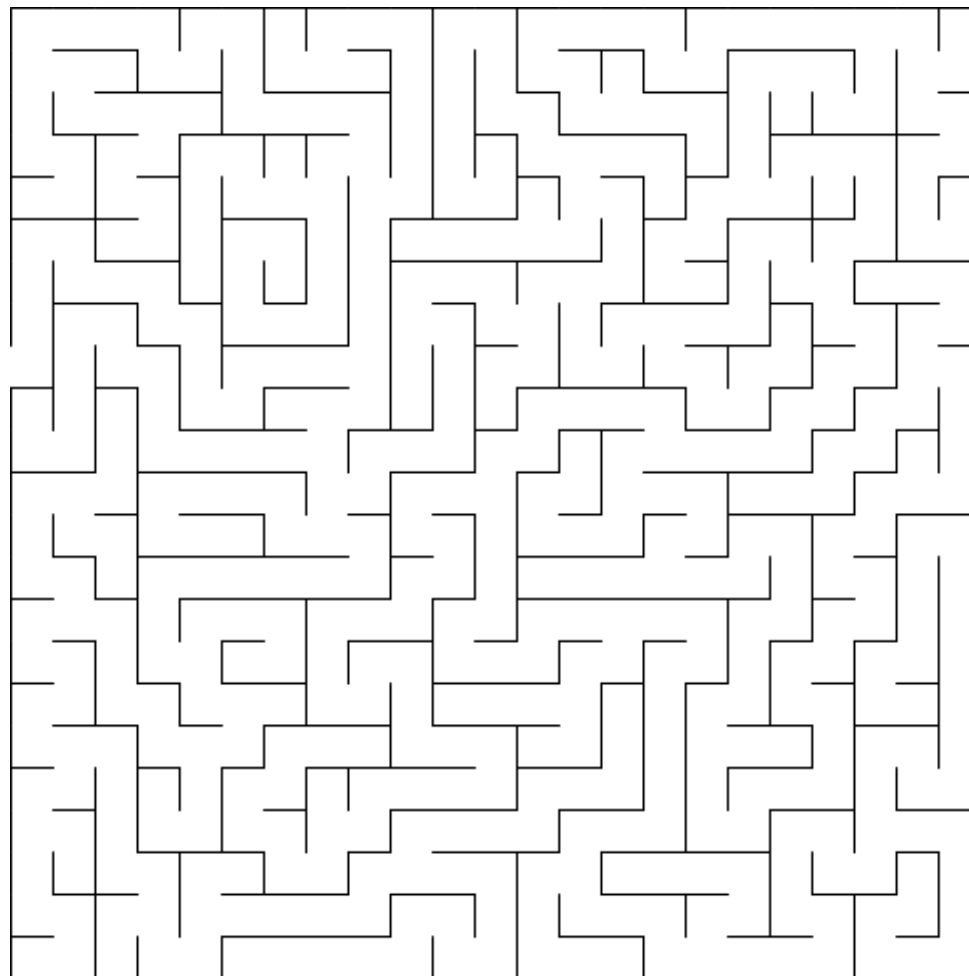
Christmas Shoebox Maze

Junior

Can you get your Christmas Shoebox to its new home!



Start here



Finish here

STORIES



Sasha in Transnistria

Sasha is Eva's (pictured) mum. She has a difficult childhood and our partners worked to help her family, bringing a Christmas Shoeboxes to Sasha every year.

Sasha is now a young mother and knew exactly who to turn to for help. Our partners brought Sasha and Eva firewood and food as well as a Christmas Shoebox for Eva. She was thrilled and loved the lego and little handbag- it was like a dream come true for her.



Ukraine

Over 16,000 of your Christmas Shoeboxes went to children in Ukraine in 2023!

The boxes pictured here went to the Chernivtsi region.

One of the girls said "I found a notebook for sketching and pictures of animal. I will use them for painting skills. I hope to become an artist. Thank you for this wonderful gift!"



Christmas Shoeboxes went to Ukraine from Donegal, Kilkenny, Dublin, Offaly, Lonford, Tipperary, Louth, Galway, Mayo, Meath, Northern Ireland and Roscommon.

STORIES



Aliona, Burundi

Aliona was delighted to get so many toys and copybooks! "My parents will not struggle too much to get enough copybooks as they are too expensive!"

Kaneza, Burundi

Kaneza is 6 years old. This Christmas Shoebox was her first ever gift. She was beyond excited!



Afnasievka village, Transnistria

Our partners in Transnistria have been working with this family, a mum and her son who is 7 and daughter who is 4, for over a year, helping them to have enough food and firewood.

Their house is old and small, there is very little light and one of the rooms has no floor. The most difficult thing for them now is to heat their house, as there is a lack of firewood.

They adored their presents, especially the toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste. They had never had new toys before!

