

Concrete Nouns

Nuts
Orca
Everglades

Nurse
Ounce
Eden

Novel
Olives
Earth

Ninny
Orchid
Eel

Neuron
Opal
Ember

Needle
Occupant
Engine

Nozzle
Oxygen
Easel

Abstract Nouns

Nourishment
Oligarchy
Enlightenment

Negativity
Obscenity
Edginess

Novelty
Ostracism
Extremity

Nationalism
Organization
Embarrassment

Nature
Oblivion
Endurance

Neglect
Oddity
Elegance

Nepotism
Originality
Elation

Current Events

- Naughty or Nice: Trump's choice of Mick Mulvaney as acting director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?
 - Melania's Holiday Decorations—*Nightmare Before Christmas* or *Home for the Holidays*?
 - Welcome to the Wine Country: is monoculture such as vineyards a threat to California agriculture?
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- Naughty or Nice: The Republican Tax Plan?
 - Black Friday means required Thanksgiving work for low-paid retail clerks—*Scrooged* or good business?
 - Welcome to the Wine Country: should destination areas limit the number of Airbnb-type vacation rentals?
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- Naughty or Nice: Trump's Pocahontas comment ?
 - Cyber Monday online shopping after Thanksgiving could cost employers more than \$450 million in lost productivity--is it *Grinchy* to worry about this?
 - Welcome to the Wine Country: how can an expensive tourist area provide housing for the middle class and the poor?
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- Naughty or Nice: New Sanctions on North Korea?
 - CNN reports the Trump Administration will return to referring to the holiday as 'Christmas'. *Bad Santa*?
 - Welcome to the Wine Country: should commercial marijuana cultivation be permitted in rural residential areas?
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- Naughty or Nice: Al Franken's decision not to resign?
 - Consumers are pushing back against Christmas Creep: red and green right after Halloween—but will retail Hark the Heralds?
 - Welcome to the Wine Country: should the US reinstate a guest worker program for foreign seasonal laborers?
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- Naughty or Nice: Persistent Efforts to end the Affordable Care Act?
 - Santa's Little Helper, explain why suddenly there are advertisements everywhere showing whole families, including the dog, in matching flannel jammies.
 - Welcome to the Wine Country: does a local economy built on alcohol increase teen alcohol use?
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- Naughty or Nice: Facebook's decision to provide the special prosecutor with detailed Russian ad info?
 - Wise One, should religious holiday displays be allowed in public venues?
 - Welcome to the Wine Country: should North Bay victims join in negligence lawsuits against PG&E?

Quotes

- “I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up - they have no holidays.”-- Henny Youngman
- Obligatory Holiday *Elf* Quote: “It’s just nice to meet another human who shares my affinity for elf culture.”
- HTTP Status Code: “**403 Forbidden**. The request was valid, but the server is refusing action.”

- Hanukkah is the most American holiday. It’s a celebration of burning oil we don’t have.”--Chailife
- Obligatory Holiday *Elf* Quote: “Of course you’re not an elf. You’re six-foot-three and you’ve had a beard since you were 15.”
- HTTP Status Code: “**203 Non-Authoritative Information**”

- “A good conscience is a continual Christmas.”—Benjamin Franklin
- Obligatory Holiday *Elf* Quote: “So, good news... I saw a dog today.”
- HTTP Status Code: “**404 Not Found**. The requested resource could not be found but may be available in the future”

- “Merry Everything and a Happy Always.”—Cheesy Pinterest pin
- Obligatory Holiday *Elf* Quote: “He’s an angry elf!”
- HTTP Status Code: “**400 Bad Request**. The server cannot or will not process the request due to an apparent client error

- “Heading into the night of the winter solstice, every spiritual tradition has some kind of festival of light. We're all just whistling in the dark, hoping against hope that someone up there will see these little candles and get the hint.”—Kushner
- Obligatory Holiday *Elf* Quote: "I'm sorry I ruined your lives and crammed 11 cookies into the VCR."
- HTTP Status Code: “**409 Conflict**. Indicates that the request could not be processed because of conflict in the request”

- “No holiday is ever anything but a disappointment.”—Aldous Huxley
- Obligatory Holiday *Elf* Quote: "We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup."
- HTTP Status Code: **300 Multiple Choices**. Indicates multiple options for the resource from which the client may choose

- “The truth is the Super Bowl long ago became more than just a football game. It's part of our culture like turkey at Thanksgiving and lights at Christmas, and like those holidays beyond their meaning, a factor in our economy.”—Bob Schieffer
- Obligatory Holiday *Elf* Quote: "You sit on a throne of lies!"
- HTTP Status Code: “**201 Created**. The request has been fulfilled, resulting in the creation of a new resource.”