

Goodies



The Xmas thief



MOST people enjoy Christmas and the holiday spirit, but not the Grinch, who lives on Mt Crumpit, near Whoville. Because he hates the holiday so much, he decides to steal it from everyone else in town, while they are enjoying the special holiday and all its traditions. But as the Grinch carries out his plan to completely ruin Christmas, he meets a little girl who loves the holiday. Can the little girl melt the heart of the grumpy Grinch? Or is Christmas doomed by the crabby holiday thief?



The Grinch vs Christmas

HAVE you ever heard of the Grinch before? He is the main **character** from a children's book, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* It was written by Dr Seuss, who was a famous children's book writer. In fact, the story of the Grinch stealing Christmas is so popular it has already gone onto the big screen two times before.

In the West, Christmas is about families being together and the **spirit** of giving. So it is the act of giving – instead of receiving – presents that **represents** Christmas the most.



But the Grinch, who finds the holiday **annoying**, decides to steal Christmas from everyone in Whoville. He sneaks into everyone's home during Christmas Eve, while they are sleeping, and steals their presents and Christmas trees.



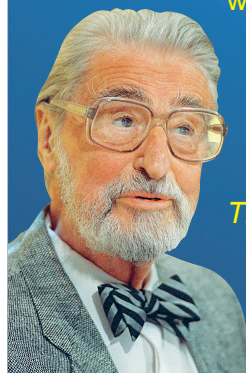
But while doing the **dastardly** deed, he bumps into a little girl, Cindy Lou, who is kind-hearted and filled with the Christmas spirit. Can Max, the Grinch's loyal dog, and Cindy Lou convince the Grinch to give the presents and the **decorations** back to his neighbours in Whoville instead?

The Grinch will be in cinemas on 27 December.



Other famous works

DR Seuss wrote many other children's classics, such as *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who!* and *The Lorax*. In his books, the story is often told in rhymes, with colourful pictures that he himself had drawn. His books have been adapted into films and TV specials many times. For example, *The Cat in the Hat* has both been on TV and on the big screen, and so has *Horton Hears a Who!*



Goodies is giving away 10 pairs of preview tickets for the Cantonese version of *The Grinch*, courtesy of Universal Pictures. The screening details are as follows:
Date: 22 December, 2018 **Time:** 10.45am **Venue:** GH Whampoa Cinema
To win a pair, please send your answer to the following question to goodies@thestandard.com.hk, together with your full name, phone contact and school's name.

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Question: What is the name of the Grinch's dog?

Your answer: _____