

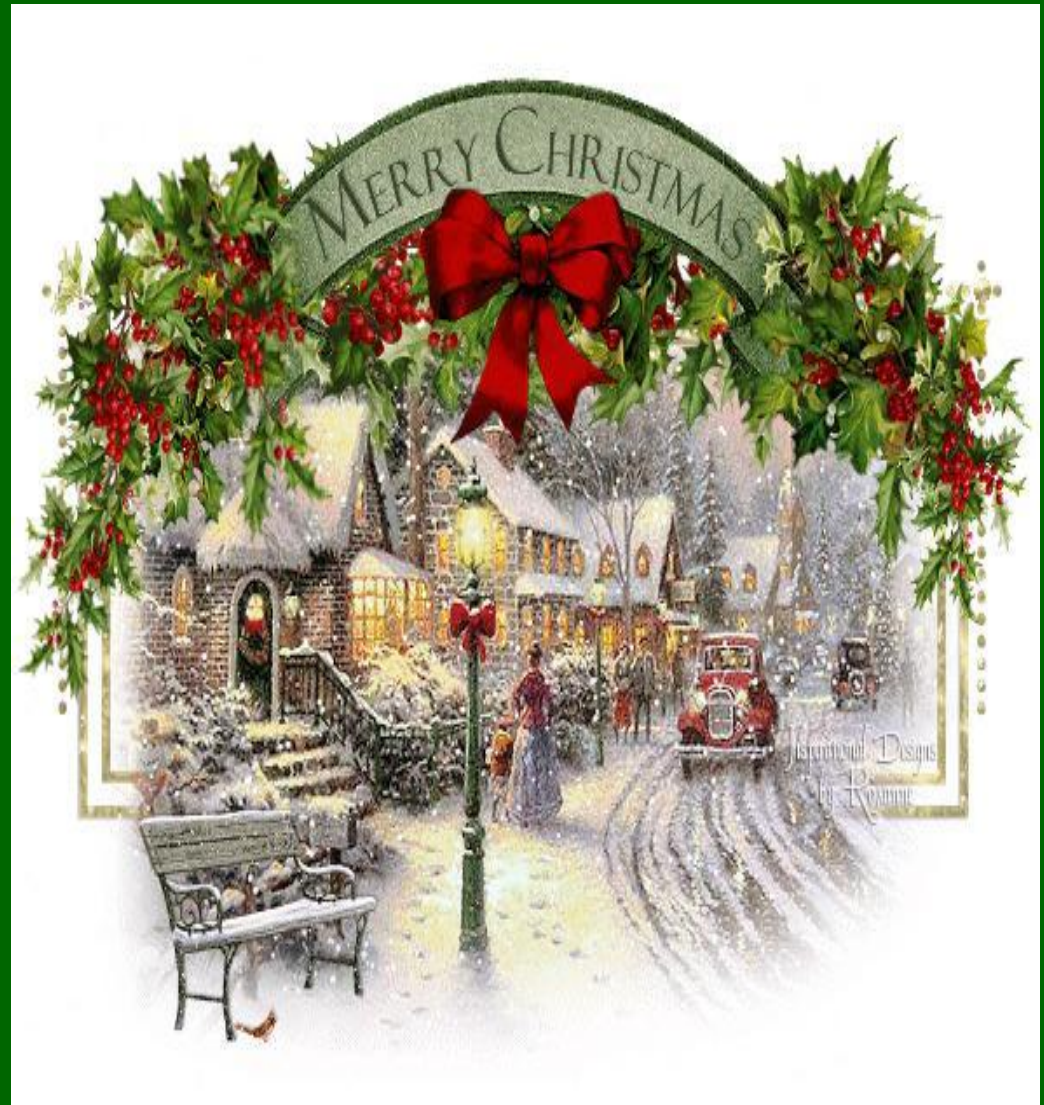


CHRISTMAS IN GREAT BRITAIN

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.*

*Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
And a cup of good cheer
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year!*



What kind of holiday is Christmas?



Christmas is a great religious holiday. It has its history. Mary and Joseph were Christ's parents. They went to Bethlehem. Their way was dangerous and very long. It was getting darker and darker. They didn't know where to go. A lot of bright stars appeared in the sky. Suddenly Mary saw a cave. At last they found a place where Mary gave a birth to her child. He was a boy. Many bright stars appeared in the sky when Christ was born.

When do the British people celebrate Christmas?

On the 25th of December the British people celebrate Christmas. It's a big holiday and there are lots of Christmas traditions in Britain.



What country gives the Christmas tree to the Londoners every year?



The spruce Christmas tree is a thank-you gift to the people of London from the people of Oslo for British assistance in defeating Germany in WWII. The tradition began in 1947. The plaque reads:

This tree is given by the city of Oslo as a token of Norwegian gratitude to the people of London for their assistance during the years 1940-45.

Where does the Christmas tree stand in London?



What country gave us the tradition to decorate the Christmas tree?



The Germans are believed to be the first to use the Christmas tree in their celebrations, and Martin Luther was the first to place a star on the top of the tree. This star represent the star that appeared over the stable in which Christ was born. In Great Britain the Christmas tree became popular when Queen Victoria used it. Besides the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe are used to decorate the house.

Are there many skating rinks in London?



Why do groups of singers perform Christmas carols in the streets and squares?



Carol singing is an essential part of Christmas. No church or school is without its carol service. Carols may be traditional or by known composers they can express different feelings. Carols appeared in Christmas history about the fifteenth century. Usually children come around in the evening to the front doors and start singing carols and the people living in these houses give children candies, nuts, pies and so on, to thank them for carol singing.



Who visits the children on Christmas Eve?



Santa Claus got his name from a man known as St. Nickolas who lived in Asia in the fourth century. He gave his wealth to the poor and often to children. After he died the Dutch brought this legend to colonial America. Soon the Dutch name Sinter Kluas became Santa Claus.



Where does Santa Claus put Christmas presents?



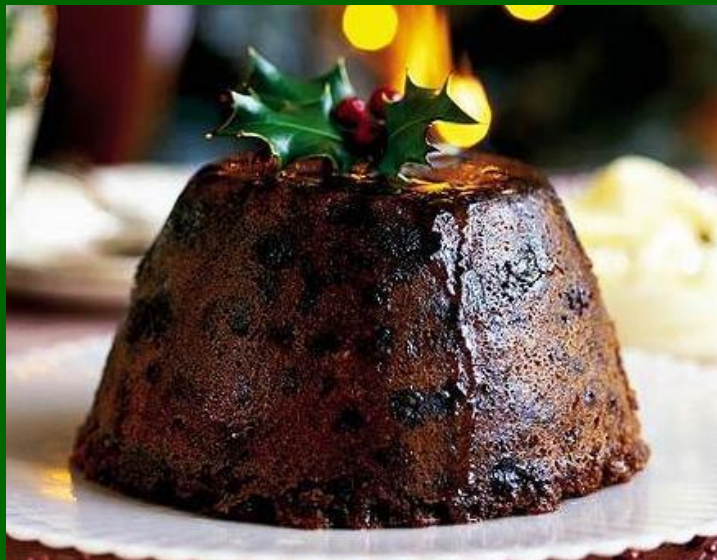
On the eve of the Christmas children hang their stockings so that Santa Claus could put presents into them : oranges, sweets, nuts and if the child didn't behave properly Santa Clause can put there a piece of coal as punishment.



What is the traditional Christmas food?



The dinner includes the roast beef of old England, the more modern turkey or goose with chestnut stuffing and roast potatoes and traditional Christmas pudding (usually plum pudding).



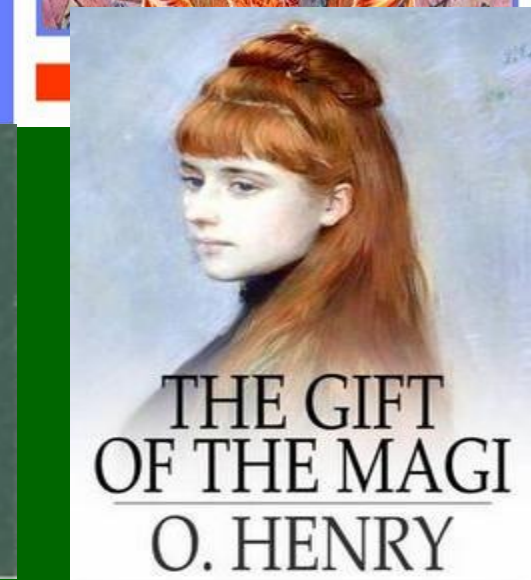
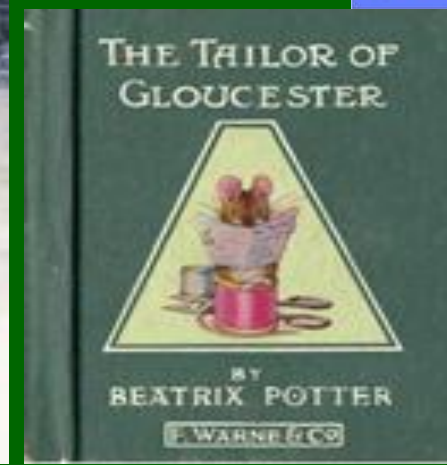
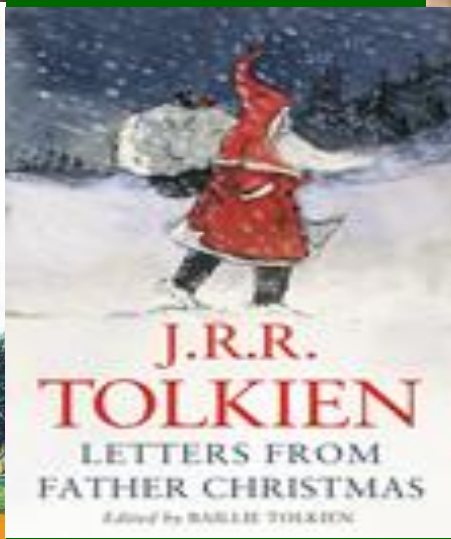
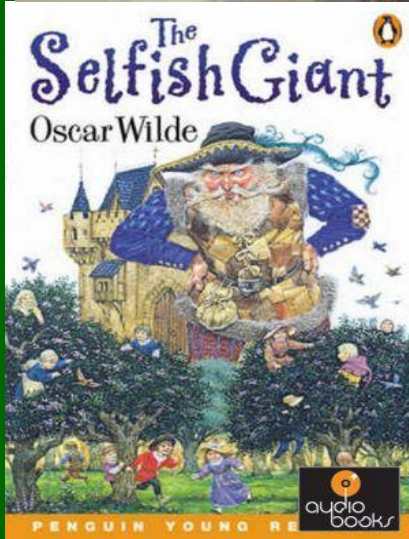
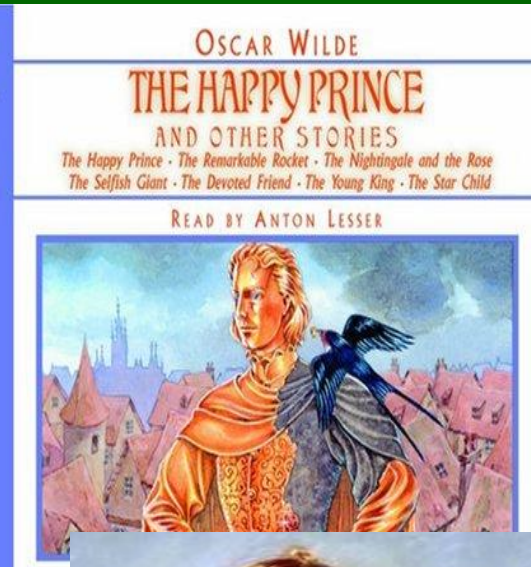
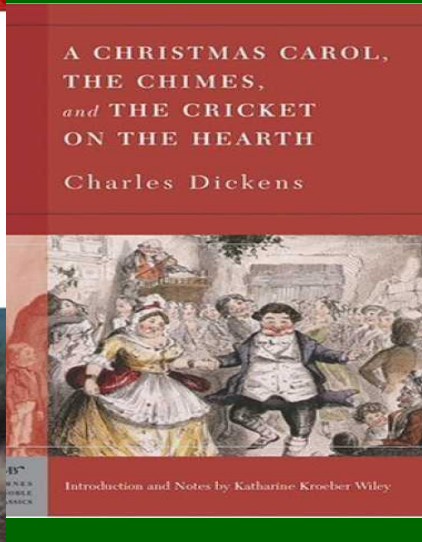
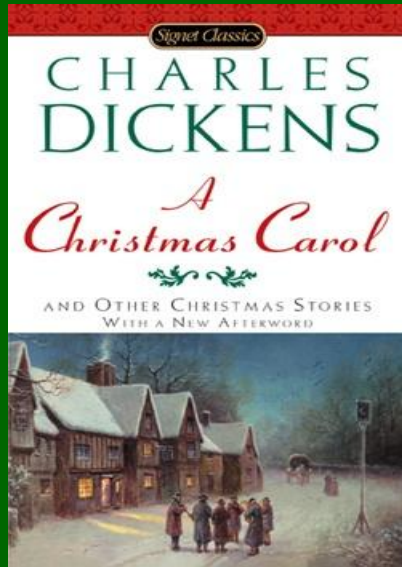
How do the British people prepare for Christmas?



The most beautiful streets in London



What books do the British children read before Christmas?





Match the words:

1. Decorate
2. Send
3. Buy
4. Wish
5. Celebrate
6. Skating
7. Sing
8. Christmas
9. Roast

1. "Merry Christmas"
2. Turkey
3. Eve
4. Christmas
5. Postcards
6. Christmas tree
7. Presents
8. Rink
9. carols



Is it true or false? Correct the false sentences.

1. Christmas is an important autumn holiday for the Christmas.
2. Every year Londoners get a present from the people of Norway.
3. There is a big Christmas tree in the centre of London in December.
4. Groups of singers skate on the skating rink to collect money.
5. People get a lot of presents on Christmas Day.
6. Christmas dinner consists only of fruit and vegetables.

Letter to Santa



Sally Smith
123 Maple Lane
Cleveland, OH 44124

November 24, 2012

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Sally and I am 5 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I help Mommy wash the dishes every night, and I listen to Daddy when he tells me to clean my room. I am also nice to my little brother, even though he can be really annoying sometimes.

Thank you for all the presents last year. They were all really nice, and I played with all of them a lot. This year I would like a jump rope, a kitten, and a new bike. I really really want the bike.

Please give my love to Mrs. Claus, the elves, and all the reindeer, especially Rudolph. I will leave some carrots for the reindeer next to your milk and cookies.

Love,
Sally

**We wish you a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year!**

