

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Merry, Merry Christmas
Is likely to come.
Merry, Merry Christmas,
You are welcome!
Snow in the window,
Much confetti.
Bright-blue, red and yellow
Lights on the tree.




- It is time when it is snowing, when all children do skating, skiing, make snowmen and play snowballs.
- We celebrate it on the first of January.
- We decorate it when it is New Year with garlands, colourful balls and other toys.
- He always comes in the night of New Year and brings presents to obedient boys and girls.


Do you know?




Дед Мороз



Babbo Natale



Father Christmas
or Santa Claus



Père Noël

to wrap up — заворачивать, упаковывать

gift — подарок

turkey — индюшка

charity — милосердие

Christian — христианский

exact — точный

wreath — венок

ornament — украшение

bell — колокольчик

carol — рождественский гимн

request — просьба

employee — служащий

plum — сливовый

to trim — украшать

tinsel — мишура

Christmas Eve — сочельник

sleigh — сани

reindeer — северный олень

stockings — чулки

church service — церковная служба

stuffed turkey — фаршированная индейка

mashed potatoes — картофельное пюре

cranberry sauce — клюквенный соус

roast goose — жареный гусь

pumpkin pie — тыквенный пирог



a bauble



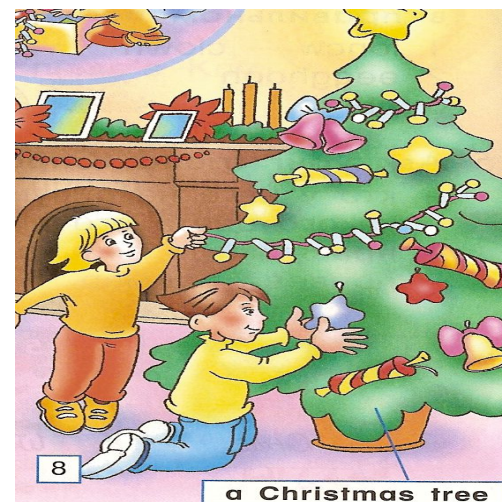
a cracker



lights



a star



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a Christmas tree

Christmas

Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. For millions of Christians throughout the world it is the happiest and the busiest time of the year. No one knows the exact date of Christ's birth but most Christians celebrate Christmas on December 25.

Children write letters to Santa Claus and tell him what presents they would like to get. People send Christmas cards to relatives and friends. A Christmas tree is one of the main symbols of Christmas in most homes. Relatives and friends may join in trimming the tree with lights, tinsel, and colourful ornaments. Presents are placed under the tree. On Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, families open their presents.

Many children believe that Santa Claus arrives on Christmas Eve in a sleigh pulled by a reindeer and brings presents. Some children hang up stockings so Santa Claus can fill them with candy, fruit and other small gifts.

In many parts of the United States and Canada groups of people walk from house to house and sing Christmas carols. Some people give singers money or small gifts or invite them for a warm drink.

Many people attend church services on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. They listen to readings from the Bible and sing Christmas carols.

A traditional Christmas dinner consists of stuffed turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and a variety of other dishes. Some families have ham or roast goose instead of turkey. Pumpkin pie, plum pudding, and fruitcake are favourite desserts.

For most British families, this is the most important festival of the year.

In the afternoon they may watch the Queen on the television as she delivers her traditional Christmas message to the United Kingdom and Commonwealth. Then they enjoy a piece of Christmas cake or eat a hot mince pie.

On the Sunday before Christmas many churches hold a service where special hymns are sung. Sometimes singers can be heard on the streets as they collect money for charity.

Most families decorate their houses with brightly-coloured paper or holly, and they usually have a Christmas tree in the corner of the room, glittering with coloured lights and decoration.

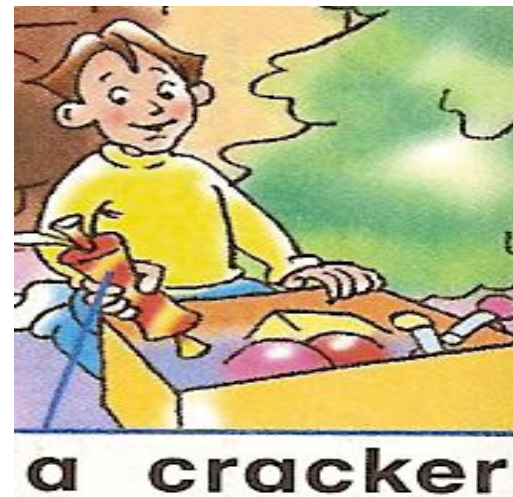


- ◉ 1. What is the most important festival in Great Britain?
- ◉ 2. What does Christmas celebrate?
- ◉ 3. What do children do on Christmas?
- 4. What is the main symbol of Christmas?
- 5. What does a traditional Christmas dinner consist of?
- 6. What do the family do during this holiday?

- ◉ Read the text and complete the missing words choosing the correct word from the list below:



- Now lets play the game «Associations». You should remember as many as possible words connecting with the holidays of New Year and Christmas as you can.



Letters to Santa
Dere Farther Crismus pleas
cum soon and bring me a nice
big red balloon. I luv you.
Andrew.
(Age 2)



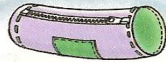
- What can you say about
- -Christmas stocking
- -tree
- -presents
- Father Christmas or Santa Claus



START



I've got
a



Sing a
Christmas
song.



Merry ... !



I've got
a

FINISH

Congratulations!

presents from Santa Claus

Name five
Christmas
presents!



Ask Santa
Claus for a
present.



What colour
is it?

D- - - a - e
the
Christmas
tree.



I've got
a



Spell three
Christmas
decorations.



Stop!!!
Miss a turn!



Happy ...
Year!

Name five
Christmas
decorations.



I've got
a



I've got
a

What's
this?



Do you like
presents?



Say the
Christmas
chant.

- ⦿ Merry Christmas!
- ⦿ I wish you a very happy Christmas!
- ⦿ Warmest wishes for the New Year!
- ⦿ From our home to yours!