

Amazing Christmas Facts





The Romans celebrated Saturnalia in honor of the god Saturn.

It was supposed to be the period of chaos between the old and the new year when the normal rules of society could be ignored. People drank a lot, went wild and gave presents to each other.

Saturnalia was adopted by the Roman Christians and became Christmas, celebrated on the 25th of December.



*The name
'Santa Claus' comes
from the Dutch Sinter Klaus,
short for Sinter Nikolaus
or Saint Nicolas.*



According to a survey, 7 out of 10 British dogs get Christmas gifts from their loving owners.



Christmas tree.

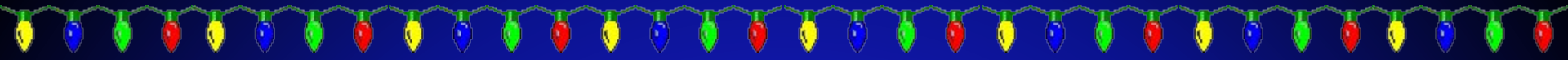
Scientists say that Christmas trees are edible. The needles are a good source of vitamin C.

In the USA, Christmas trees are now called 'Holiday trees'

The Christmas tree originated in Germany. It was usually decorated with apples.



Christmas day lasts
172,800 seconds. Santa Claus
would need to travel at 2,058
kilometres per second to
reach
all the places in the world
during that time.



**About 2 million
tones of Christmas
presents are given at
Christmas**



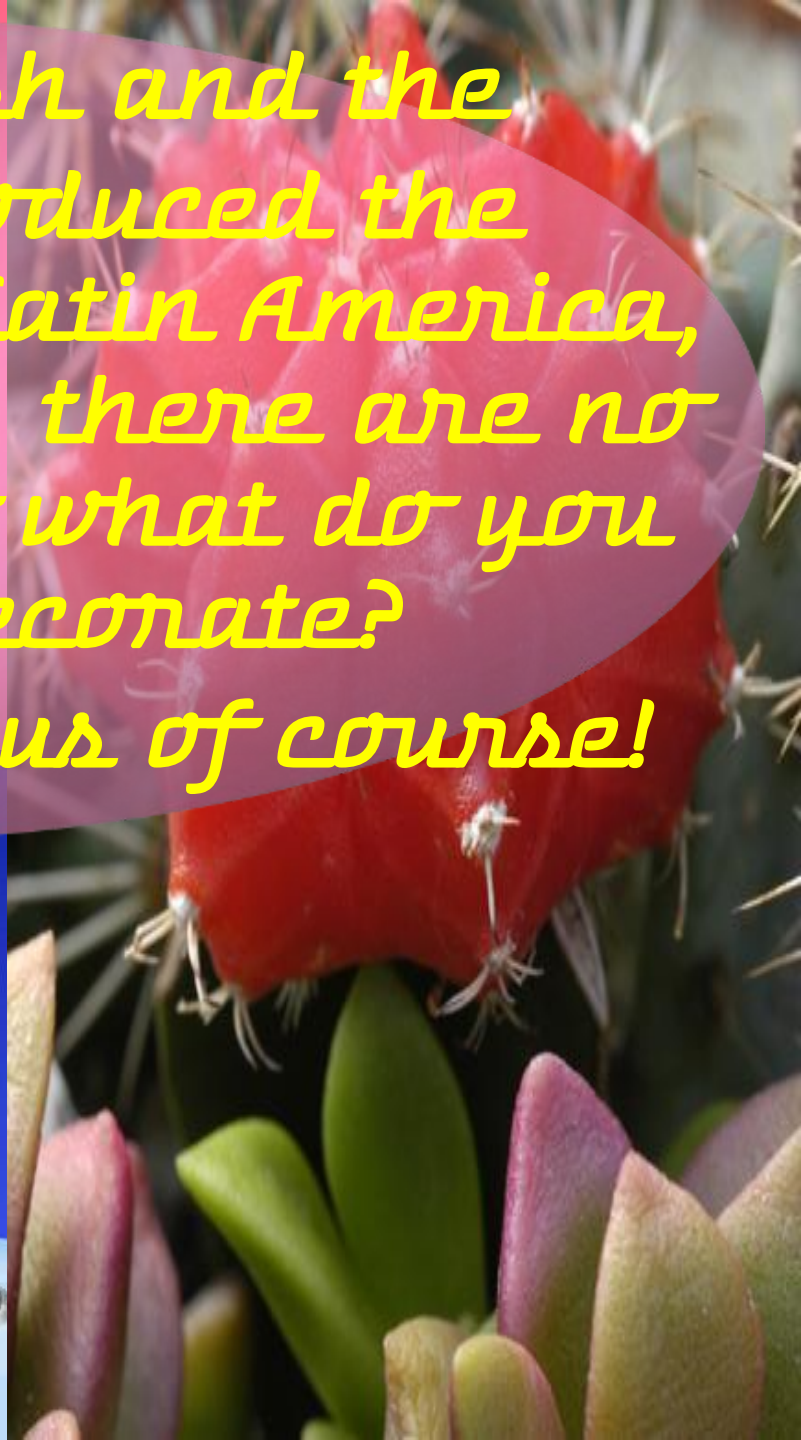


**The well known image of Santa Claus
was invented
by Coca-Cola.**



The Spanish and the Portuguese introduced the Christmas tree to Latin America, but unfortunately there are no fir trees there, so what do you think they decorate?

The Christmas cactus of course!





*In 1995, in
Canada, Santa
Claus was given
his own
postcode -*



*An internet site
for Santa
Claus was set
up in 1997*





New Year Wishes...

**I wish you Health...
So you may enjoy each day in comfort.**

**I wish you the Love of friends and family...
And Peace within your heart.**

**I wish you the Beauty of nature...
That you may enjoy the work of God.**

**I wish you Wisdom to choose priorities...
For those things that really matter in life.**

**I wish you Generosity so you may share...
All good things that come to you.**

**I wish you Happiness and Joy...
And Blessings for the New Year.**

**I wish you the best of everything...
That you so well deserve.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR, FRIEND!

Here are my wishes for you

Hours of happy times with friends and family

A bundant time for relaxation

Prosperity

Plenty of love when you need it the most

Youthful excitement at life's simple pleasures

Nights of restful slumber (you know - dont' worry be happy)

Everything you need

Wishing you love and light

Years and years of good health

Enjoyment and mirth

Angels to watch over you

Remembrances of a happy years!

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