









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 25<sup>th</sup> of December.

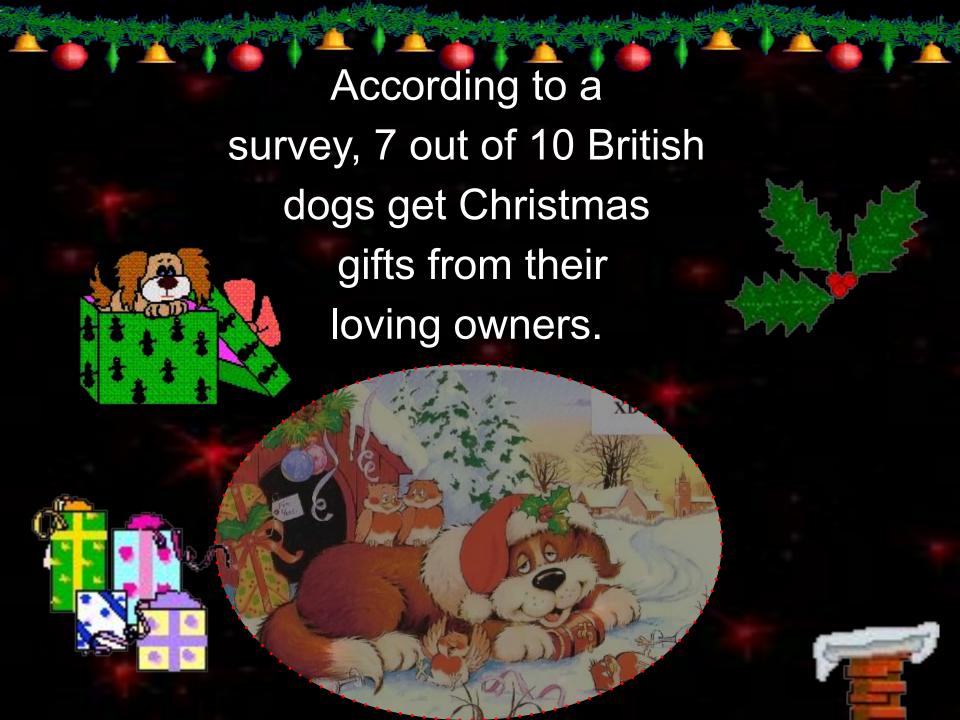


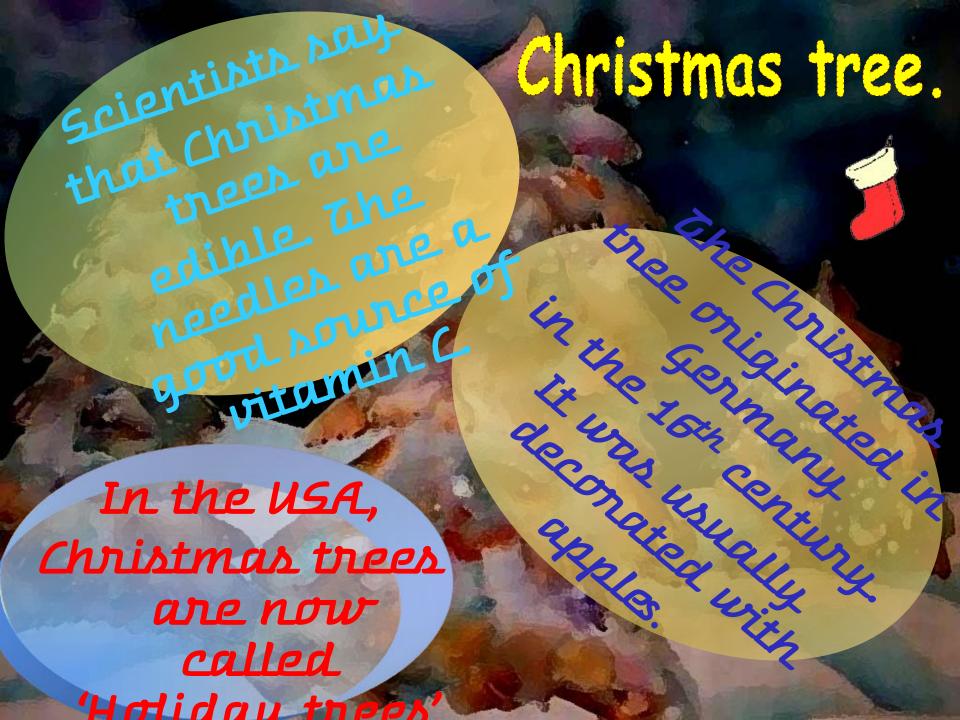


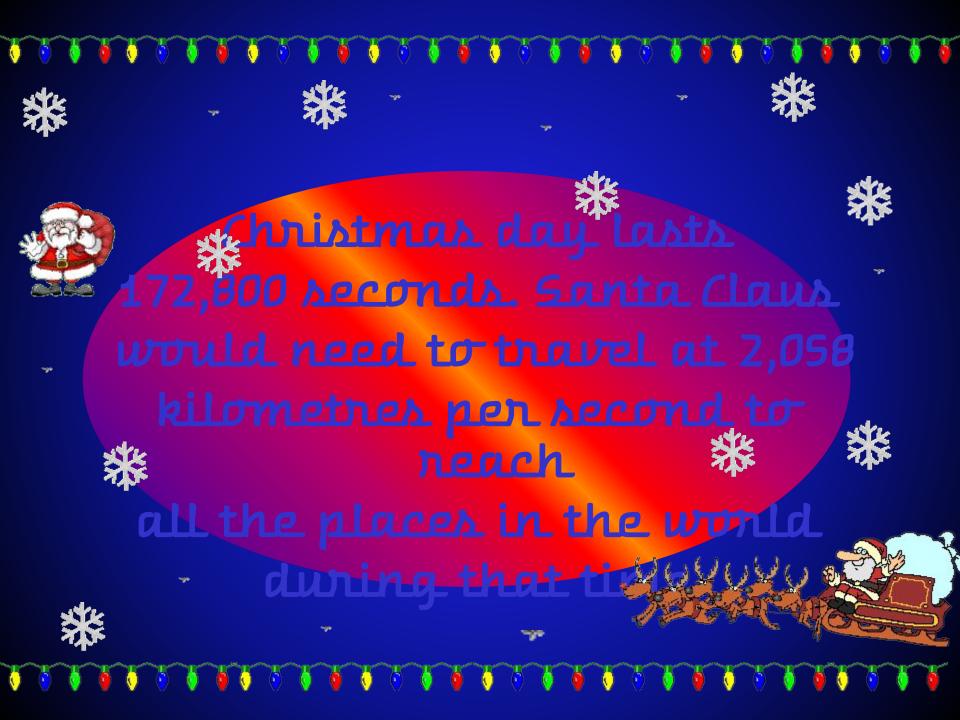


The name
'Santa Claus' comes
from the Dutch Sinter Klaus,
short for Sinter Nikolaus
or Saint Nicolas.

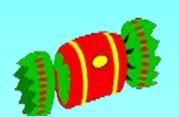














About 2 million tones of Christmas presents are given at Christmas























An internet site for Santa Claus was set

up.in. 1997

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





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 Generousity 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

- **H** ours of happy times with friends and family
- A bundant time for relaxation
- **P** rosperity
- **P** lenty of love when you need it the most
- Y outhful excitement at life's simple pleasures
- N ights of restful slumber (you know dont' worry be happy)
- E verything you need
- W ishing you love and light
- Y ears and years of good health
- E njoyment and mirth
- A angels to watch over you
- R embrances of a happy years!

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