

**CHRISTMAS**



**The 25<sup>th</sup> of December is Christmas Day. Christmas is a religious holiday because it is the day that Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.**



**People prepare for Christmas weeks before. It's a very busy time for families in England.**



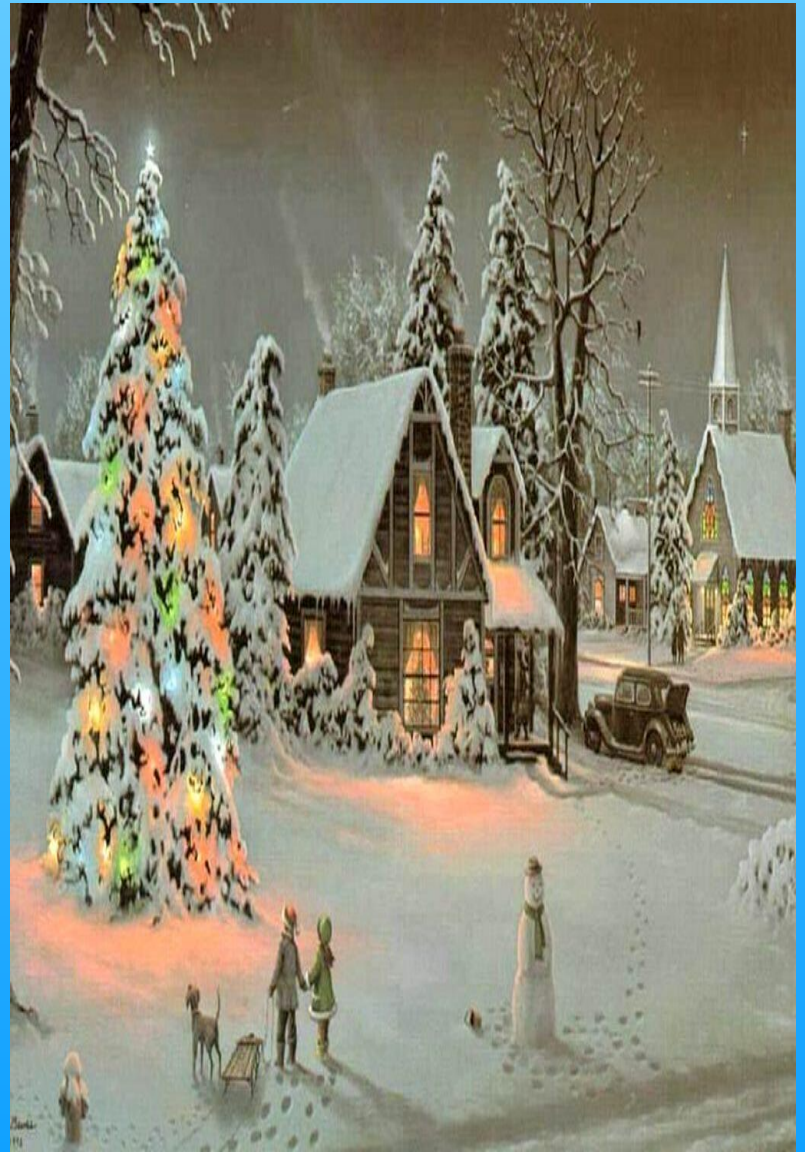
**Christmas is a family holiday.**



**Everybody tries to come home for Christmas to be with their families.**



**People buy a Christmas tree.**





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**Most families  
decorate their  
houses with holly.**



**They usually have a  
Christmas tree in the  
corner of the front room.**







**People decorate a tree with toys, coloured balls and coloured lights.**



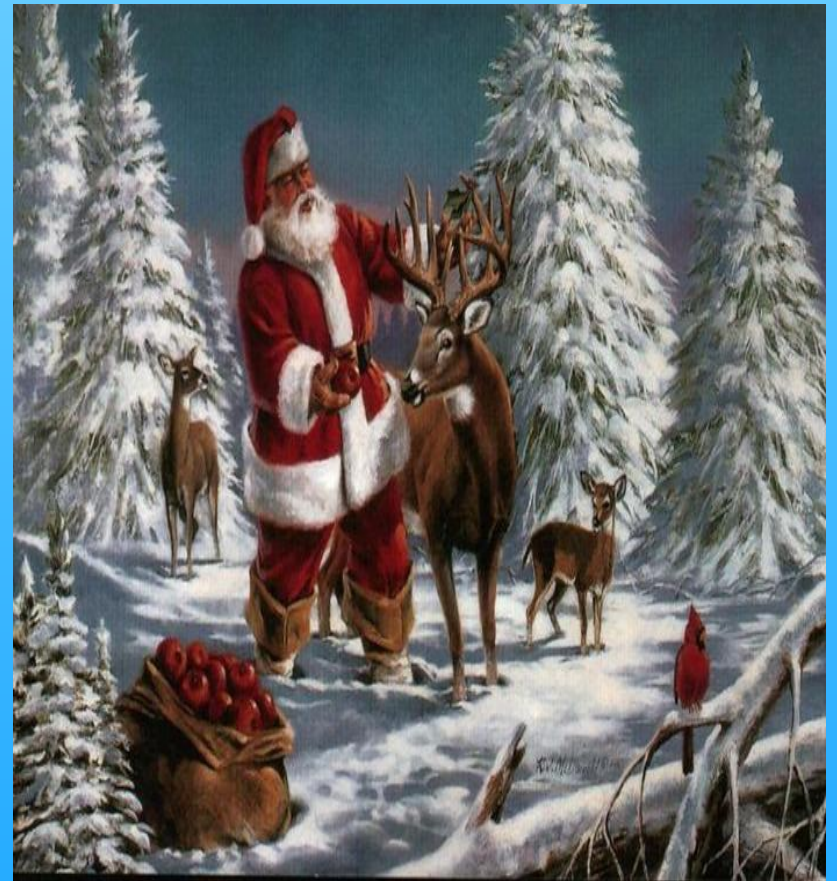
**Children hang stockings near the fireplace. They believe that while they are sleeping, Father Christmas comes to visit them.**





**Father Christmas is a kind old man in red clothes with a big sack of presents.**

**Father Christmas comes from the North Pole in his sleigh.**



**Christmas is also the day that Father Christmas visits children and brings a lot of presents. Children often write letters to him with their wishes.**





**He has presents  
of whatever kind  
everyone may  
wish.**



**Every year there is a very big Christmas tree in the centre of London, in Trafalgar Square.**



**This is a present from the people of Norway to the people of Great Britain.**







**They send a Christmas tree to Londoners every year.**





**Londoners decorate the Christmas tree. In the evening before Christmas people like to come to Trafalgar Square.**





**On Christmas Eve London is decorated too.**

**Father Christmas delivers presents on Christmas Eve, the night before Christmas, when everybody is sleeping.**



**On Christmas Day  
people open their  
presents on Christmas  
morning.**





**They all are happy  
with what they get.**



**They often open their presents together and then they go to church.**







**For Christmas dinner the family eat turkey, potatoes and green vegetables.**





**Then they have the  
Christmas puddings.**





**At 5 o'clock it's time for tea and Christmas cake.**



**After dinner the family gathers in the room to listen to Queen of England on television. The Queen delivers her traditional Christmas message to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.**

**The day after  
Christmas is Boxing  
Day. People usually  
visit their relatives and  
friends.**



