

It's Christmas time!



How do the
British
celebrate
Xmas?



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

- Every year in December we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ: It's Xmas time!
- How do people in Britain celebrate this holiday?
- They send **Christmas cards**.
- They watch **nativity plays**.
- They have big **family get-togethers**.



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

- People sing special songs called **Christmas carols**:

Silent Night

Jingle Bells

White Christmas

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

- Children write their **Santa List** and they make **snowmen**.





CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

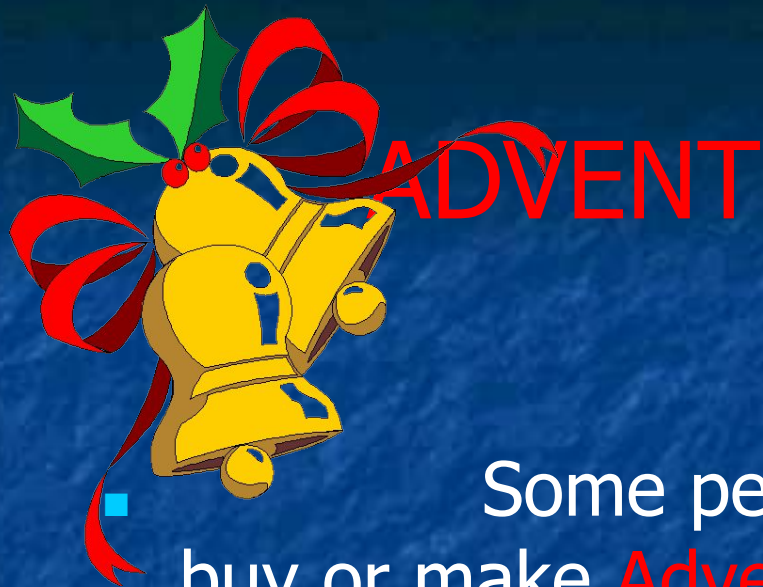
- What do people say when it's Christmas time?
- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- HAPPY CHRISTMAS!
- SEASON'S GREETINGS!



ADVENT

- Advent is the time of waiting for the Christmas coming . During Advent preparations for Christmas begin:
- People decorate their homes with **ornaments** and **mistletoe**!
- Kissing under the mistletoe is a tradition!!





- Some people buy or make **Advent Calendars**
- These calendars have chocolates for the children hidden behind each window!!!



CHRISTMAS EVE

- It is the day before Christmas Day. It is the night when **Father Christmas** comes! Children hang up **stockings** above the fireplace
- Father Christmas and his **elves** make all the **toys** in his **workshop** in the **North Pole**.
- Then he flies around the world in a **sleigh** pulled by eight **reindeer**



CHRISTMAS DAY

- This is the favourite day for children.
- They wake up very early in the morning to open the presents!
- Children find their presents under the Christmas tree.
- How do the British decorate their Christmas trees?



CHRISTMAS DAY

- People decorate their Christmas Trees with:
 - Bells
 - Candles
 - Lights
 - Tinsels
 - Ornaments
 - Candy canes
 - A star or an angel at the very top of the tree





CHRISTMAS EVE

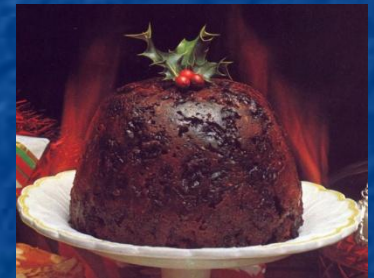


- Rudolph is the red-nosed reindeer!
- Children leave **mince pies**, brandy, cookies, hot chocolate or milk for Santa and carrots for the reindeer!
- Santa goes down the chimney to leave the **presents** or the **coal!**



CHRISTMAS DAY

- Both parents and children gather together to unwrap the presents.
- Later the whole family sits down for Christmas dinner.
- What does a traditional Christmas dinner include?
 - Roast turkey
 - Roast potatoes
 - Cranberry sauce
 - For dessert they have rich fruity **pudding** which you douse in brandy. Christmas puddings usually include raisins, nuts and cherries.
 - **Gingerbread** is also typical.



CHRISTMAS DAY



- Do you know what a **cracker** is?
- A Christmas cracker is a coloured paper tube which contains a banger.
- When two people pull the cracker it snaps in half making a loud bang.
- Inside the cracker there are paper crowns, jokes or little gifts.

BOXING DAY



- Boxing Day is celebrated on December 26, the day after Christmas
- On Boxing Day people in Britain play sports. Football and horse racing are the most popular activities.
- Shops sell their Christmas inventory at reduced prices!
- And families gather together again, go for a walk, watch football matches together, go shopping...
- **The origins:**
- English families boxed up Christmas leftovers. Then they gave them to poor families and churches for charity.
- The tradition still continues today! Employers give extra money to their employees and schools across the country send their Christmas Boxes full of gifts to poorer countries.

And... what about these Three Kings???



- On the **Twelfth Night** families remove all the Christmas decorations, so as not to bring bad luck upon the home!!!
- It is on the 5th January.
- British people don't celebrate the Reyes Magos, but they are considered part of the whole Christian tradition.

The Three Wise Men



- The Three Wise Men or Three Kings, as they are called in Britain (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar), followed the Star of Bethlehem and gave gifts to Jesus Christ.
- What kind of gifts?
 - Gold
 - Frankincense
 - Myrrh

CHRISTMAS



A father
and son



window shopping.



A girl



hanging up
a stocking.



CHRISTMAS



Some boys



opening presents.

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Santa Claus



checking his list.



CHRISTMAS



A man



putting up
lights.



Elves



making toys.

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CHRISTMAS



A woman



decorating a tree.



Santa Claus



eating
cookies and milk.



CHRISTMAS



Children



singing carols.



A father
and daughter



bringing home a
Christmas tree.



CHRISTMAS



A girl



about to open
a present.



Santa Claus



delivering
presents.

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CHRISTMAS



A man



wrapping
a present.

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A young
couple



about to kiss under
the mistletoe.



CHRISTMAS



A boy



peeking at
a present.



A girl



sitting on
Santa's lap.



CHRISTMAS



Now... let's have some fun!!!

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- This word starts with a "W." It is the season of the year in which Christmas is celebrated. What is it called?
- **Winter**
- This word starts with an "S." It is a fluffy white form of water that sometimes falls in cold parts of the world during winter. What is it called?
- **Snow**

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- This word starts with an "S." It is a character that you can make out of snow. What is it called?
 - **Snowman**
- This word starts with a "P." Christmas is a time for giving. This is another word for a gift. What is this other word?
 - **Present**

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- This word starts with a "T." Most children hope to get some of these for Christmas. What are they?
Toys
- This word starts with a "T." This is a symbol of Christmas. Some people put one of these in their house and decorate it with ornaments, lights and angels. What is it?
Tree

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- This word starts with an "N." This cold, far-away area is where Santa lives. What is it called?
 - **North Pole**
- This word starts with a "G." These decorated cookies are made in the shape of little people. What are they called?
 - **Gingerbread**

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- This word starts with an "R." These animals pull Santa's sleigh. What are they called?
 - Reindeers
- This word starts with a "C." Many people send these paper items to their friends and family at Christmas time. What is one of these called?
 - Card

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate form of the verbs:

- Hello! My name's Charlene and I'm going to tell you about the way we _____ Christmas in my family.
- **celebrate**
- My mother likes to _____ Christmas cards to everyone!!
- **send**
- She _____ the Nativity plays represented at my sister's school.
- **watches**
- My little sister Mary loves Christmas carols but unfortunately she _____ too well.
- **doesn't sing**
- She always sings... "We _____ you a Merry Christmas..."
- **wish**

celebrate

wish

watch

sing

send

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate form of the verbs:

■ My mother always _____ that Christmas is a very special celebration.

■ **says**

■ I _____ usually _____ Christmas cards to my friends because they are too expensive!

■ **don't / write**

■ In my city it generally _____ to snow some time before Christmas, so little children _____ snowmen in their gardens.

■ **begins / create**

■ The mistletoe is very important here in my country. _____ you also _____ under the mistletoe in your country?

■ **do / kiss**

create

say

kiss

write

begin

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate form of the verbs:

- My grandfather always _____ a Christmas Tree for us and then we decorate it at home.
- **buys**
- The most important day for everyone is Christmas Day. We _____ up our stockings above the fireplace and buy crackers!
- **hang**
- My sister still believes that Santa _____ around the world in his sleigh. She thinks that the reindeers _____ the sleigh and that Santa actually _____ down the chimney and leaves her the presents!!!
- **flies / pull / goes**
- She _____ who Santa really is!

know

buy

go

fly

pull