

Read these words, word combinations and sentences.

A. Festival, greetings, believe, midnight, money, hang, hung, prepare.

B. a quiet life a special day a real teacher
a quiet street a special holiday a real mother
a quiet evening a special present real food

to greet each other
to hug each other
to hear each other

Easter greetings
birthday greetings
New Year greetings

C. I wish you a Happy New Year.
I wish you a bright and happy Easter.



Обратите внимание на употребление предлогов в составе некоторых обстоятельств времени:

| at | on | in |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| three o'clock | Monday | 2012 |
| Easter | 31 December | January |
| Christmas | a cold day | February |
| noon | Thursday morning | March |
| night | Tuesday night | the evening |
| midnight | the New Year's Day | the morning |
| | Saint Valentine's Day | the afternoon |
| | the New Year's Eve | |

Complete the sentences with the missing words.

1) What do you write to the people you love ... St Valentine's Day? 2) Jack London, an American writer, was born ... 1876. 3) Are you always at home ... New Year's Eve? 4) ... June it is not very dark in St Petersburg ... night. 5) ... Thursday night all the boys decided to meet ... the living room. 6) How many classes have you got ... Friday? 7) Let's meet ... the afternoon. — Why? Let's meet ... the evening. 8) That day ... four o'clock a strong wind was blowing. 9) We usually stay at home ... New Year's Day. 10) Do you give your friends presents ... Easter? 11) ... midnight, when the clock struck twelve, there appeared Father Frost. 12) A lot of people go to church ... Christmas.

Read the text. Are these sentences true?

- 1) In England it is often rainy at Christmas.
- 2) Father Christmas visits children on Christmas Eve.
- 3) On Christmas Day they can hear the monarch of England on television.
- 4) People usually eat their Christmas cake on the day after Christmas.
- 5) People in the west of Russia celebrate Christmas on 25 December.

Christmas in Britain

Christmas (Xmas), or Christmas Day, is an important and very special religious holiday for millions of people all over the world. People in Britain and many other countries of Europe celebrate this festival on 25 December. They celebrate it as the day when Jesus Christ was born and send greetings to each other. It is often cold, wet and foggy at Christmas in Britain. Families decorate their homes and Christmas trees and often put candles in each window to show that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



fireplace



handbell

You can see Christmas lights in the streets. People often hang them there. There are Christmas trees in squares and other important places. People decorate them with bells, bright balls, Christmas stockings, toys and lights. You can hear music from different places.

The day before Christmas is Christmas Eve. It is a very busy time for families in England. They prepare gifts, make Christmas cake, hang stockings near the fireplace. Children often write letters to Father Christmas or Santa with their wishes. Many of them believe that while they are sleeping Father Christmas comes to visit. They think he is a real old man in red with a big sack of toys, sweets and other presents. He puts them in the children's stockings.



sack



Christmas
stocking

On Christmas Day everybody opens their presents and sits down to table to have a big dinner. Families usually have turkey or goose with vegetables. After dinner the family often meet in the living room to listen to the monarch of England on television. At teatime in the late afternoon they drink tea with their Christmas cake.

During the holidays some people go from house to house in the evening. They ring handbells and sing Christmas songs. Families often give them pies, nuts, fruit or a little money.

Complete the sentences from the box.

stockings, money, cards, monarch, turkey, December, gifts,
handbells, dinner, born, hang, fireplace, decorate

People in Britain and the USA celebrate Christmas on 25
(1) They believe Jesus Christ was (2) ... on that day.
People (3) ... their homes and Christmas trees. They prepare
(4) ... for each other and write special Christmas (5)
Children often (6) ... Christmas stockings near the (7)
They believe that Father Christmas is a kind old man who
puts sweets and small toys in their (8)

On Christmas Day families sit down to table to have a big
(9) They usually have (10) ... or goose with vegetables.
After dinner they meet in the living room to listen to their
(11) ... on television. There is also a tradition to walk from
house to house in the evening, ring (12) ... and sing Christmas
songs. People give them tasty things and a little (13)



Имя существительное **money** (деньги) является неисчисляемым в английском языке. Оно не имеет формы множественного числа. Это слово согласуется с глаголом в единственном числе и заменяется местоимением **it**. Неопределённый артикль с ним не употребляется.

Where **is** the money? **It is** on the table.

I had a lot of money yesterday, but I spent **it**.

Jack says there **was** some money in his bag.



Choose the words to complete sentences.

- 1) — (Was/Were) there any money in the box?
— I don't know, but there (is/are) no money in it now.
- 2) Where (is/are) the coins? (Is/Are) they on the shelf?
- 3) Ask Jane if she has (many/much) money.
- 4) Money (was/were) important in the past, money (is/are) important now.
- 5) Take (this/these) money and buy some fruit.
- 6) The money (is/are) not in the bag, (it/they) (is/are) in the moneybox.