

Christmas



Warm up



- Is Christmas your favourite holiday?
 - What do you like/dislike about Christmas?
 - Do you celebrate Christmas in your country?
 - Did you believe in Santa Claus as a child?
What other fictional characters did you believe in?
 - Do you enjoy buying and giving presents?
 - Have you completed your Christmas shopping?
 - What do you usually do on Christmas day?
 - Do you play any games on Christmas day?
 - Do you have any plans for this Christmas?
If so, what are they?
- What did you receive last Christmas?
 - What do you eat on Christmas day?



1. Read the facts below. Do you think they are true or false?

1. Christmas was banned in Cuba for almost 30 years. *True*
Christmas was banned in Cuba from 1969 until 1998. The then Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, didn't want any religious celebrations. Christmas was made a public holiday again in 1998 in honour of the Pope visiting the country.
2. Santa Claus has his own post code in Canada. *True*
The post code is H0H 0H0. The postal service responds each year to tens of thousands of children's letters from around the world addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, H0H 0H0, Canada.

3. Mariah Carey's song *All I want for Christmas is You* is the best selling Christmas song of all time. *False*

Bing Crosby's classic White Christmas is not only the best-selling Christmas song, but the best-selling single of all time. The 1942 song, written by Irving Berlin and performed by Bing Crosby, has sold an estimated 50 million copies since its release.



4. KFC is the most popular Christmas meal in Japan. *True*

KFC created a national phenomenon and one of the most popular Japanese Christmas food traditions. Around 3.6 million Japanese people eat KFC every Christmas.

5. Modern day Christmas trees started in Italy. *False*

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

6. Australians often celebrate Christmas with a BBQ on the beach. *True*

A sunny and warm Christmas Day for much of the country sent droves of people flocking to the beach to celebrate - an Australian tradition. People took to the sand and the surf with their Santa hats to enjoy some time in the water on Christmas morning and crowds continued to swell throughout the day

7. The US is the lead exporter of Christmas trees. *False*

Canada is the world's largest exporter of natural trees? Last year, more than 1.9 million trees, valued at \$43.1 million, made their way to living rooms all over the world, including "Down Under" in Australia and even Thailand.

8. In Venezuela people ride horses to church on Christmas morning. *False*

Every year between 16 and 24 December in Caracas, Venezuela, roads are closed to traffic to let people roller skate to the early morning Christmas mass.



2. Match the vocabulary to the images below.

tinsel/garland
candy canes

Christmas pudding
Christmas cracker

mistletoe
reindeer

stockings
bauble

1. Christmas cracker



2. candy canes



3. mistletoe



4. Christmas pudding



5. bauble



6. reindeer



7. stockings



8. tinsel/garland



What do you know about these items?



3. Christmas word search

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R	U	D	O	L	P	H	G	U	F	A	M	I	L	Y	E	X	B
M	Y	K	U	R	U	C	R	A	C	K	E	R	F	R	X	C	E
F	B	T	W	R	E	A	T	H	T	M	Z	P	Q	E	S	G	L
T	G	S	P	R	W	M	B	S	N	O	W	G	L	O	B	E	L
T	R	L	N	G	D	E	C	O	R	A	T	I	O	N	S	K	S
L	C	E	R	O	I	R	S	N	O	W	T	I	N	S	E	L	S
C	I	I	E	I	W	F	J	B	A	U	B	L	E	S	O	M	T
L	W	G	N	B	N	M	T	M	I	S	T	L	E	T	O	E	A
E	Y	H	H	R	X	B	A	S	O	B	P	C	Z	Q	V	S	R
D	L	D	T	T	N	L	H	N	V	M	Q	E	E	J	N	V	O
C	G	F	B	M	S	S	N	O	W	F	L	A	K	E	B	V	R
Y	N	X	C	A	N	D	Y	C	A	N	E	I	J	D	S	V	X

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BAUBLES
BELLS
CANDY CANE
CRACKER
DECORATIONS
ELF
FAMILY

GIFTS
LIGHTS
MISTLETOE
RUDOLPH
SLEIGH
SNOW
SNOWFLAKE

SNOW GLOBE
SNOWMAN
STAR
TINSEL
TREE
WREATH



4. Christmas Jeopardy

Instructions: Choose the amount of money you want to bet and the teacher will ask you a question. If you get it write you get the money in points, if you get it wrong you lose the points.

Good luck!

Name five things	Christmas stuff	Santa Claus	Christmas around the world
€100 Name 5 toys children often get at Christmas	€100 How can you shorten the word Christmas? <i>Answer: Xmas</i>	€100 What is the name of Santa's most famous reindeer? <i>Answer: Rudolph</i>	€100 In the southern hemisphere Christmas comes in the middle of... ? <i>Answer: summer</i>
€200 Name 5 things which smell like Christmas.	€200 What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under mistletoe? <i>Answer: Kiss</i>	€200 What does he ride? <i>Answer: A magic sleigh</i>	€200 In Mexico, children celebrate Christmas by breaking... ? <i>Answer: Pinatas</i>
€300 Name 5 things Santa Claus wears.	€300 How many sides does a snowflake have? <i>Answer: 6</i>	€300 How many reindeers does Santa have? <i>Answer: 9</i>	€300 What did people put on Christmas trees before lights? <i>Answer: Candles</i>
€400 Name 5 foods people commonly eat on Christmas day.	€400 Who assembled the first strand of electric Christmas lights? <i>Answer: Thomas Edison</i>	€400 What does Santa give to children on the naughty list? <i>Answer: Coal</i>	€400 How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish? <i>Answer: Feliz Navidad</i>
€500 Name 5 of Santa's reindeers.	€500 What Christmas activity became popular by the story of Hansel and Gretel? <i>Answer: Making gingerbread houses</i>	€500 What country does Santa originally come from? <i>Answer: Turkey</i>	€500 An old British superstition says if you eat one of these a day for the 12 days leading up to Christmas you will have good luck. <i>Answer: Mince pies</i>