

I LOVE CHRISTMAS

I love Christmas. I love the Christmas lights in the streets in December and the Christmas trees in all the shop windows. I love going to the shops and buying presents for my family. And I love getting Christmas cards.

We stay with my grandparents for three days – Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. My uncles, aunts and cousins stay with them, too. There are twenty of us and we play games, eat, sing songs and watch TV.

On **Christmas Eve** we put stockings next to our beds. In the morning, there are lots of small presents from “Father Christmas” in our stockings. There’s always an orange or a tangerine, some nuts and some chocolate money in the stockings. It’s a traditions. And there are other small presents like magic tricks, sweets, pens and pencils and toy animals. The big presents are under Christmas tree in the living room.

Christmas lunch is the big moment of the day. We have turkey first, then we have Christmas pudding. There are always Christmas crackers on the table at Christmas lunch. You pull the crackers and there are little presents in them – paper hats, silly jokes, toy watches and other things. Then we all wear our paper hats for lunch. My dad always wants to be really silly so he wears two paper hats! After lunch we open the presents under the tree.

Boxing Day is the day after Christmas. It’s a holiday too. We usually eat turkey sandwiches and watch TV. There are always some good films on TV on Boxing Day.

VOCABULARY

Merry Christmas – Christmas day – Christmas Eve - Father Christmas – Stocking – Angel – Decoration – Christmas tree – present – star - Christmas pudding – paper hat- cracker – turkey – ribbons – balls – candles – lights – toys – holly – mistletoe – wreath – crib – sleigh – candy cane – card – bell – reindeer – robin – tinsel

ACTIVITIES

1. Draw a house, localize objects and describe
2. Describe Father Christmas
3. For Christmas time I wish you ... peace, joy, serenity, love, luck, happiness
4. For Christmas time I would like ...

CLOZE TEST WITH SCRAMBLED SOLUTIONS

At _____ time families decorate a _____ with _____ and _____.

Christmas _____ - is on 24th _____.

Children put Christmas _____ near the fireplace for _____.

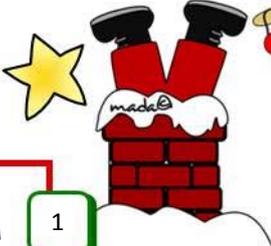
Christmas _____ is on 25th _____.

For Christmas dinner people eat _____ and _____.

Everyone has a Christmas _____.

- CHRISTMAS
- TREE
- LIGHTS
- TINSEL
- EVE
- DECEMBER
- STOCKINGS
- PRESENTS
- DAY
- DECEMBER
- TURKEY
- CHRISTMAS PUDDING
- CRACKER

Christmas time



- bells
- candle
- Candy cane
- Christmas cards
- Chimney
- Christmas tree
- elf
- gingerbread
- holly
- letter
- lights
- mistletoe
- ornaments
- presents
- reindeer
- Santa Claus
- sleigh
- snowman
- stocking
- wreath

1 A creature like a small person with pointed ears, who has magic powers. He's Santa's helper.

2 It is a large sock that children leave out on Christmas Eve.

3 You put them on your Christmas tree together with lights.

4 You write it to Santa before Christmas.

5 Children decorate it with lights and ornaments.

6 It is a vehicle that slides over snow and is pulled by reindeer.

7 Santa comes into your house through it.

8 They are fastened to Santa's sleigh and make a ringing sound.

9 You sent them to your friends and relatives before Christmas.

10 It's a sweet soft biscuit in the shape of a person.

11 It's a piece of flavored hard candy shaped like a walking stick.

12 You light it and put it on a table at Christmas.

13 He brings presents on 24th December.

14 You make it out of snow just for fun.

15 It is a bush with hard shiny leaves and bright red berries used as a decoration.

16 It is a plant with small shiny white berries that is often used as a decoration. There's a tradition of kissing under it.

17 They pull Santa's sleigh.

18 You can find them under the Christmas tree on Christmas Day.

19 You put them on your Christmas tree to illuminate it.

20 You hang it on door as a decoration at Christmas.



Let's talk about CHRISTMAS

Conversation cards

Do you celebrate Christmas in your country?
How do you celebrate it?

Is Christmas a national holiday where you live?
Are schools and businesses closed?

What supposedly happened at Christmas a long time ago?
Why do Christians celebrate

What do you usually do on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day?
Compare with others.

What do you usually eat at Christmas?
Who cooks it?

What does Christmas mean to you personally?

Do you give (or receive) Christmas presents? What kind of presents do you buy? What presents do you like to get?

What do you like about Christmas?
What don't you like about it?

What is your favourite Christmas song?
Can you sing it in English?

What do you know about Santa Claus (AmE) or Father Christmas (BrE)?

Did you believe in Santa Claus when you were young?
When did you stop believing?
Who told you?

Do you put up a Christmas tree?
Is it real or artificial?
What do you think is best or the environment? Why?

What's the weather like at Christmas in your country?
Do you like it?

Would you like to spend the Christmas holidays in another country?

What would change about Christmas if you could?
Would you change anything at all?

How many Christmas cards do you usually get?
Do you write real Christmas cards or e-cards? Why?

'Christmas has become too commercialised.' Explain.
Do you agree or not?
Discuss in group.

What is Boxing Day?
Do research and report to the class.

Match words & pictures

candle & holly	
gingerbread man	
mistletoe	
Rudolph	
Santa & sleigh	
stocking	
Xmas balls or baubles	
Xmas card	
Xmas lights	
Xmas present	
Xmas pudding	
Xmas tree	



Quotes

Explain and discuss

- I never believed in Santa Claus because I knew no white man would be coming into my neighbourhood after dark. ~ Dick Gregory

- Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. ~ Calvin Coolidge