

Christmas is in the air (a worksheet)

Activity 1

Discuss the questions with your partner.

1. When is Christmas celebrated in your country?
2. What is Christmas for you?
3. Do you believe in Christmas miracles?
4. Can you remember an unforgettable Christmas day?

Activity 2

Make a list of words which you associate with Christmas (e.g. Christmas tree, presents, Christ's birthday, etc)

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Activity 3

Tick the things you can see in these pictures:

<input type="checkbox"/> Angel	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas lights	<input type="checkbox"/> goose
<input type="checkbox"/> bells	<input type="checkbox"/> robe	<input type="checkbox"/> chestnut
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> sack	<input type="checkbox"/> Carol services
<input type="checkbox"/> Advent	<input type="checkbox"/> sleigh	<input type="checkbox"/> stockings
<input type="checkbox"/> chimney	<input type="checkbox"/> holly	<input type="checkbox"/> Nativity plays
<input type="checkbox"/> fireplace	<input type="checkbox"/> ivy	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas cracker
<input type="checkbox"/> Boxing Day	<input type="checkbox"/> mistletoe	<input type="checkbox"/> reindeer
<input type="checkbox"/> Yorkshire pudding	<input type="checkbox"/> roast turkey	<input type="checkbox"/> feast



Activity 4

Read the text and find differences in celebrating Christmas in your country and in the UK.

Christmas in the United Kingdom



Christmas is one of the most popular feasts among Christians all over the world. However, customs and traditions differ greatly in various countries. And the UK is in the top list of the countries celebrating Christmas abundantly.

Most families have a Christmas Tree in their houses. The process of the tree decoration is a beautiful family occasion. Many people in the UK also use holly, ivy and mistletoe to decorate houses, offices, shops, etc. The whole country with its cities, towns and even small villages is decorated with big Christmas lights.

Being a religious feast, Carol services and Nativity plays are of course very famous at Christmas time. The service consists of hymns about Christmas and readings from the gospels. The nativity play performs the birth of Jesus to the people.

Children write letters to Father Christmas with their requests and wishes. They toss their letter into the fire so their wishes can go up the chimney. On Christmas Eve, when the children go to bed, Father Christmas visits them. He wears a long, red robe, carries a big sack, and arrives on his sleigh pulled by reindeer. He puts the presents into the children's stockings.

People in the UK cook a special dinner on Christmas day. It is usually a roast turkey with chestnut stuffing or roast goose with currants. For dessert, they have a Yorkshire pudding. The decoration of the dinner table is a must as well. They usually do it with Christmas Crackers, flowers and candles.

After dinner, the family members go to the living room and listen to the speech of the Queen of England on the radio or on TV. At teatime, the nicely decorated Christmas cake is served.

The day after Christmas is called Boxing Day in the UK. In fact, this day is not connected with fighting. Many years ago, people donated something to the poor by putting something into the boxes in the church. Then on December 26, the boxes were distributed. Nowadays, people give small presents or money to the people, who have helped them during the year.

Sources: people.howstuffworks.com and whychristmas.com

Activity 5

Choose the correct word.

1. In the UK, the day following Christmas is called (*Fighting Day / Boxing Day*).
2. In their (*letters / messages*) children write to Father Christmas what they want as a present.
3. Father Christmas puts the presents into the children's (stockings / bags).
4. For Christmas dinner, people have a big feast with a (*Pumpkin Pie / Yorkshire pudding*) as a dessert.
5. In past, people gave a (*present / donation*) to the poor putting it into the boxes in the church.

Activity 6

Discuss the following questions with your teacher.

1. And how do get ready for the holiday?
2. How do you celebrate Christmas in your family?
3. Have you ever sent letters to Santa?
4. What do you usually do the day after Christmas?

Activity 7

Make up a story according to this picture. Turn on your imagination. Use as many new words as possible.

