

CHRISTMAS

Read the questions and write the correct answers:

1. Why is Christmas celebrated?

2. When is Christmas celebrated?

3. _____ is celebrated on December 24th.

4. _____ is celebrated on December 26th.

5. What did people do on Boxing Day in the past?

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| a. took part in boxing matches | b. gave presents to poor people | c. made boxes and sold at the market |
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d. What do people often eat at Christmas?

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| a. roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gingerbread cookies | b. fried chicken, chocolate cake, candy, popcorn. | c. roast beef, spring rolls, potato soup, roast pork. |
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e. When does Santa Claus give presents to children?

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| a. on Christmas Eve | b. on Christmas Day | c. on Boxing Day |
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6. What do people often do at Christmas?

7. What do people often do on Boxing Day?

2. Read and match the highlighted words/ phrases with the pictures:

Every year in December Christians around the world celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Besides Christmas Day on December 25th, Christmas celebrations also include Christmas Eve (December 24th) and Boxing Day (December 26th).

On Christmas Eve, some people spend the night **carol singing**, **attending a midnight church service**, or going out to the **pub** with their friends or family. For young children, Christmas Eve is the time when Father Christmas or Santa comes and brings them presents. Before going to bed, children **hang their stockings** on the fireplace, and in the next morning, they will check the stockings for presents.

The main celebration, Christmas Day, is the time for gift giving and **family gathering**. Families start opening presents at around 8 a.m. and then they sit down to have breakfast. Afterward, they can attend church or cook a big Christmas dinner, which is usually served at lunchtime with **roast turkey**, vegetables, and **mashed potatoes**. For dessert, there's a rich, fruity cake called **Christmas pudding**.

Boxing Day, which takes place on 26 December, was traditionally the day to open the Christmas box and share the contents with the poor. Today, Boxing Day is a bank holiday and is primarily known as a shopping holiday as many shops open very early and offer **sales**.

		
		
		

3. Read and write ONE WORD in each blank to complete the letter:

From: Helen

To: Henry

Hi Henry,

I hope you're (1) _____. I'm (2) _____ birthday party next week and I hope you can come. It's (3) _____ Friday evening from 8.00 p.m. until late. I'm having it (4) _____ home to keep things simple. I'm asking everyone (5) _____ bring some food to share. Can you (6) _____ something too? If so, let me know what you will bring. Then I can tell the others to bring something different.

See you soon,

Helen

Follow the sample letter above, write a letter to a friend of yours to invite him or her to a Christmas party.
