

Read the text. Match the pictures (A–C) to the paragraphs (1–3). What Christmas traditions have you learned about? Do we have the same traditions in Ukraine?



1. People in Britain celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December. On the Eve of this holiday all people do the shopping. They buy food and make postcards. On Christmas Day, families and friends exchange presents and share a Christmas dinner. Traditionally, they make a special dish. It is usually a turkey and a Christmas pudding. There are crackers beside every place setting. Crackers are colourful packages with a paper hat, a joke, and a little present. Two people pull it in different directions to make a cracking noise.

2. Children also prepare for a holiday. They make the decorations and write a letter to Father Christmas. They believe that Father Christmas or Santa Claus brings presents to them. On Christmas Eve children hang Christmas stockings at the end of their beds or at the fireplace. Father Christmas comes down the chimney and puts presents in their stockings.

3. One of the symbols of Christmas is a Christmas Tree. Many people in Great Britain have a decorated Christmas tree in their houses at Christmas. This tradition came to Britain from Germany. Prince Albert put up the first Christmas Tree for his wife, Queen Victoria, in Windsor Castle, in 1841.

**Answer the questions.**

1. What do the British people do before Christmas Day?
2. What special dish do they make?
3. Where does the tradition of decorating Christmas Tree come from?
4. Why do children put a Christmas stocking at their beds or at the fireplace?