

**Direction: Complete the sentences with the first conditional tense.**



### MISTLETOE

1. If you refuse to kiss someone under the mistletoe \_\_\_\_\_
2. If your mistletoe doesn't have any white berries \_\_\_\_\_



### HOLLY

3. Witches will enter your house if \_\_\_\_\_
4. If your holly is prickly \_\_\_\_\_



### YULE LOG

5. If your Yule log isn't very big \_\_\_\_\_
6. If you want to celebrate Christmas Eve in a traditional way \_\_\_\_\_



### ANIMALS

7. If you hear animals talking at Christmas \_\_\_\_\_
8. Your dog will go crazy during the year \_\_\_\_\_



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

9. You'll suffer bad luck if \_\_\_\_\_
10. If you sing Christmas carols and it's not Christmas \_\_\_\_\_



### MINCE PIES

11. If you eat as many mince pies as you can over Christmas \_\_\_\_\_
12. You'll cut your good luck if \_\_\_\_\_



# CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS



## MISTLETOE

In the original superstition, the one who avoids a kiss under the mistletoe will have bad luck but the man is meant to present the kiss with a mistletoe berry. Once the berries are gone, the kissing stops



## HOLLY

Holly is protective magic against witches and lightning and is brought in during the holiday season for that purpose. Another superstition is that if the holly is smooth, the wife will be the master, while if the holly is prickly, the husband will be, so cautious couples bring in both!



## YULE LOG

The Yule log should be big enough to keep burning all night otherwise there it means bad luck for the year ahead. Tradition has it that you then sit around telling ghost stories and drinking mulled wine on Christmas eve in front of the Yule fire.



## ANIMALS

At midnight on Christmas Eve horses kneel and blow as if to warm the manger, animals can speak but it is bad luck for a human to hear them, and the bees hum the Hundredth Psalm. Dogs that howl on Christmas Eve will go mad before the end of the year.



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Carolling is the old tradition of going to people's houses and singing Christmas songs for them. Never turn them away without some food, some money or a drink or you will suffer bad luck for the rest of the year. Singing Christmas carols at any time other than during the festive season is unlucky.



## MINCE PIES

Eat as many mince pies as you can on Christmas eve and afterward, because the amount will determine how much luck you will have in the next year. Don't cut them with a knife but rather bite into them or you will cut your luck.