

The Christmas Tree

A **Christmas tree** is a decorated tree, usually an evergreen conifer such as spruce, or pine or fir, traditionally associated with the celebration of Christmas. An artificial Christmas tree is an object made to resemble such a tree, usually made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

The tree was traditionally decorated with edibles such as apples, nuts or dates. In the 18th century, it began to be illuminated by candles, which with electrification could also be replaced by Christmas lights. Today, there are a wide variety of traditional ornaments, such as garland, tinsel, and candy canes. An angel or star may be placed at the top of the tree, to represent the host of angels or the Star of Bethlehem from the Nativity.

The custom of the Christmas tree developed in early modern Germany with predecessors that can be traced to the 16th and possibly the 15th century, in which "devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes". It acquired popularity beyond Germany during the second half of the 19th century. The Christmas tree has also been known as the "Yule-tree".

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True/False –circle T for true or F for false or N for no info

1. The tradition with the Christmas is German. T / F / N
2. In the old days they decorated the tree with bones from dead animals. T / F / N
3. You could place a star or an angel at the top of the tree. T / F / N

4. Garland, tinsel, and candy canes are edible decorations. T / F / N

5. In the old days the tree was decorated with apples, nut and dates. T / F / N

6. The tree you bring into the house is usually a fir, a pine or spruce. T / F / N

Your Christmas Tree

1. What kind of tree do you bring into your house?

2. What do you use for decorations?

3. Who decorates the tree in your home?

4. When do you bring the tree into the house?

5. How long do you keep the tree inside?

6. Is there a tradition in your family that involves the tree? If yes, what is it?

7. Do you use the tree when you bring it out of your house? If yes, what for?



How many words can you make from the word:

C H R I S T M A S T R E E ?

Tick ✓ the things you can use for decorations for the tree.

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| bauble | tinsel | spiders | stars |
| angels | apples | nuts | candy |
| popcorn | salt | oranges | balls |
| shells | drums | music | candles |
| lights | hearts | garlands | mice |
| | ivy | holly | snow |
| | mistletoe | | |

