CHRISTMAS

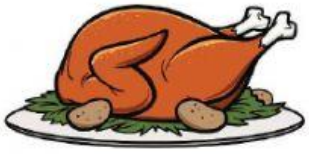
A. While- reading:

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**, **attend**ing 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.**

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1. **Compare the information presented in the text and your answers in activity 1. Which information about Christmas is the most interesting to you? Why?**

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2. **Read the definition and write the corresponding words/ phrases:**

The activity of singing happy or religious songs at Christmas: _____

Potatoes that have been boiled and crushed until they are smooth: _____

The meat of a large bird used as food and often eaten at Christmas: _____

An occasion when a shop sells its products at a lower price than usual: _____

An event where family members meet each other and spend time together: _____

A sweet, dark food containing dried fruit, eaten at the end of the meal in some countries at Christmas.
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A period when Christians (people who practice Christianity) gather at the church and worship:
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A long sock that children leave out when they go to bed on Christmas Eve so that it can be filled with presents: _____

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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,

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Helen

4. **Write a letter to a friend of yours to invite him or her to a Christmas party.**

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