

# CHRISTMAS

Read the questions and write the correct answers:

1. Why is Christmas celebrated?

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2. When is Christmas celebrated?

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

- a. took part in boxing matches
- b. gave presents to poor people
- c. made boxes and sold at the market

d. What do people often eat at Christmas?

- a. roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gingerbread cookies
- b. fried chicken, chocolate cake, candy, popcorn.
- c. roast beef, spring rolls, potato soup, roast pork.

e. When does Santa Claus give presents to children?

- a. on Christmas Eve
- b. on Christmas Day
- c. on Boxing Day

6. What do people often do at Christmas?

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7. What do people often do on Boxing Day?

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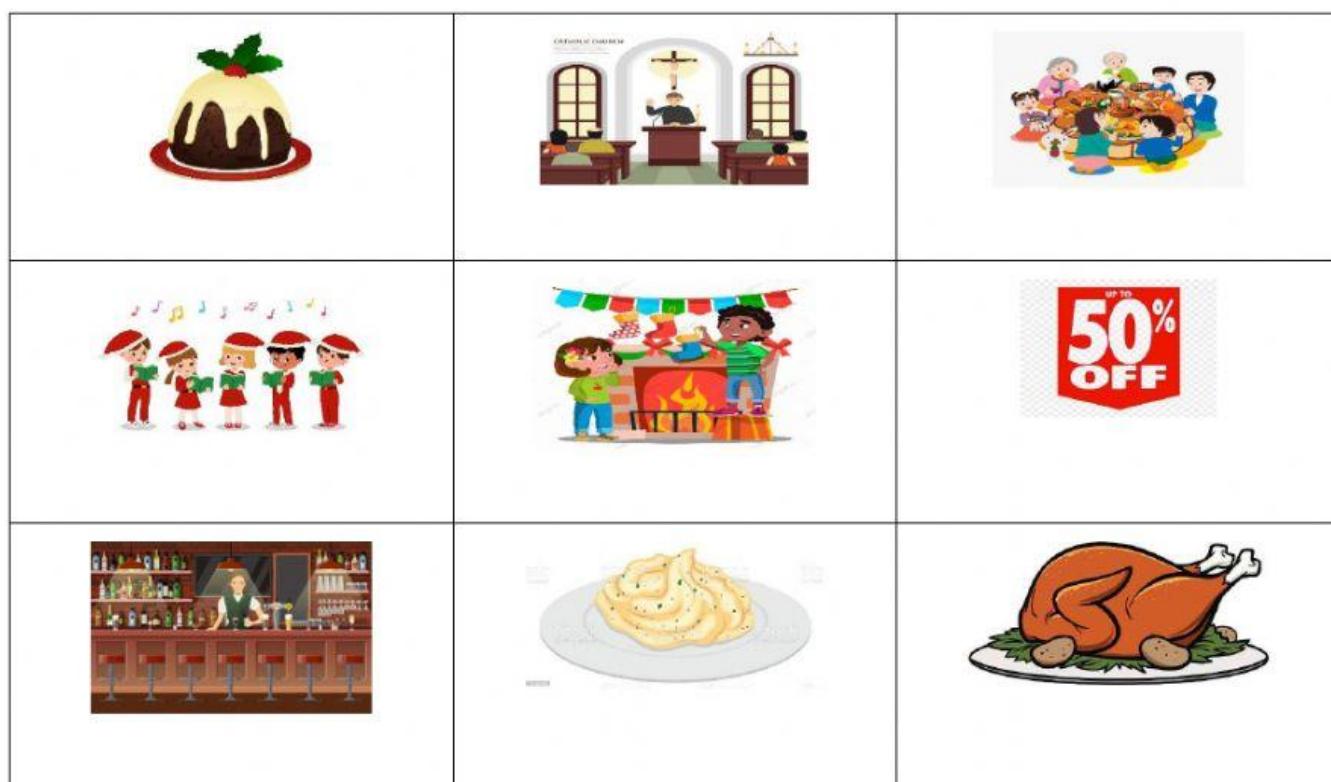
## 2. Read and match the highlighted words/ phrases with the pictures:

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

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.