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Students level B2

❖ Read the following text

CHRISTMAS

A Christian holiday signifying the birth of Jesus, Christmas is widely celebrated and enjoyed across the United States and the world. The holiday always falls on 25 December (regardless of the day of the week), and is typically accompanied by decorations, presents, and special meals.

Specifically, the legend behind Christmas (and the one that most children are told) is that **Santa Claus**, a bearded, hefty, jolly, and red-jacket-wearing old man who lives in the **North Pole**, spends the year crafting presents with his **elves**, or small, festive, excited Santa-assistants. All the children who behave throughout the year are admitted to the **Good List**, and will presumably receive their desired gifts on Christmas, while those who don't behave are placed on the **Naughty List**, and will presumably (although the matter is determined by parents) receive a lump of coal.

Santa Claus is said to fly around the Christmas sky in a sled powered by his **magical reindeer**, or cold-resistant, mythically powered, individually named animals, delivering presents to each child's house in the process. Santa is also expected to slide through chimneys to deliver these presents (homes not equipped with chimneys might "leave the front door cracked open"), and children sometimes arrange cookies or other treats on a plate for him to enjoy.

Gifts are placed underneath a **Christmas tree**, or a pine tree that's decorated with ornaments and/or lights and is symbolic of the holiday. Additionally, smaller gifts may be placed inside a **stocking**, or a sock-shaped, holiday-specific piece of fabric that's generally hung on the mantle of a fireplace (homes without fireplaces might use the wall). A Christmas tree's **ornaments**, or hanging, typically spherical decorations, in addition to the mentioned lights, may be accompanied by a **star**, or a representation of the Star of Jerusalem that the Three Apostles followed while bringing Baby Jesus gifts and honoring him, in the Bible.

Taken from: <https://lingua.com/es/ingles/lectura/christmas/>

❖ Answer the following questions

1. What does the Christmas date mean?

- a. It's a normal day
- b. The birthday of Santa Claus is celebrated
- c. Celebrating the day the child Jesus was born

2. This date is celebrated in which countries?

- a. In United States
- b. At the north pole
- c. All over the world

3. Point out a representative Christmas symbol

- a. Christmas tree
- b. Pumpkin
- c. Cupid

❖ Check the following video and practice the Christmas vocabulary and fill in the image as appropriate



A star

A candy cane

A Wreath

Stocking

A sleigh

Holly

Christmas Tree

A bell

Decoration

Santa Claus

