

Christmas in England

In English speaking countries, children don't get their presents on Christmas Eve (24 December). Santa comes at night when everyone is asleep. Santa's reindeer can fly and take him from house to house. They land on the roofs of the houses and then Santa climbs down the chimney to leave the presents under the Christmas tree.

In the morning of Christmas Day (25 December), children usually get up very early to unwrap their presents. Then they have plenty of time to play with their new toys.

Christmas dinner is served in the early afternoon. Most people eat turkey and sprouts and a Christmas pudding.

26 December is called Boxing Day. It hasn't always been a holiday. People used to go back to work on that day where their bosses gave them little Christmas presents in small boxes. That's why the day is called Boxing Day.

Answer the questions according to the text.

1. In English speaking countries...
 - children receive their gifts on Christmas Eve.
 - children receive their gifts the 24 December
 - children receive their gifts the 25 December
2. Santa's sleigh lands ...
 - in front of the house
 - in the sitting room
 - on top of the house
3. Santa puts the presents ...
 - under the tree
 - in the chimney
 - in his bag
4. Most people eat...
 - turkey and sprouts and a Christmas pudding for dinner
 - turkey and sprouts and a Christmas pudding for lunch
 - turkey and sprouts and a Christmas cake for dinner
5. Why is 26 December called Boxing Day?
 - People used to fight for their presents on that day.
 - People hang around all day watching TV.
 - People received little gift boxes on that day.