

MERRY CHRISTMAS



1 Read and find the word(s).

Christmas is a special celebration in the UK. People start to prepare for Christmas a few weeks before the big day. They send Christmas cards to family and friends, and they go shopping for presents. In many of the large department stores there is a Santa Claus who children can visit. They tell him what they want for Christmas! People also start to decorate their houses and put up a **Christmas tree**. They put special decorations on the tree, with a star or an angel on top. They also put Christmas lights inside and outside their houses.



On Christmas Eve, that is 24th December, some people stand outside their neighbours' houses and sing **Christmas carols**. It is tradition to give the carolers money. At night, children put out some mince pies, milk and carrots for Santa and his reindeer. It is a very exciting time for young children!



On Christmas Day, 25th December, children get up early and open the **presents** under the tree. Later in the day, the family sits down to **Christmas dinner**. It is traditional to eat turkey, vegetables, roast potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing and gravy. For dessert, there is a traditional Christmas pudding, made with dried fruit and nuts and special spices.



Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, is also a day when families get together. They usually watch sport on TV or play games.



- 1 It's a big shop. (15 letters)
- 2 You can put this on top of a Christmas tree. (5 letters)
- 3 This is someone who sings Christmas songs. (7 letters)
- 4 We leave these for Santa to eat. (9 letters)
- 5 They're the animals that pull Santa's sleigh. (8 letters)
- 6 It's a large bird that we usually eat on Christmas Day. (6 letters)
