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Christmas traditions around the world

Read the text and complete the activities.

Christmas is a special holiday celebrated by people all over the world. In the United States, families decorate Christmas trees with colourful lights and ornaments. On Christmas Eve, children hang stockings by the fireplace, hoping that Santa Claus will fill them with gifts.

In Germany, the tradition of Advent is very popular. Families light candles on an Advent wreath every Sunday in December. German children look forward to Saint Nicholas Day on December 6th, when they receive small presents in their shoes.

In Mexico, people celebrate Las Posadas. This is a nine-day celebration that represents Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem. Families sing songs, break piñatas, and enjoy delicious food together.

In Australia, Christmas comes during the summer. Many people go to the beach to celebrate, and barbecues are common. Instead of reindeer, Santa is sometimes seen on a surfboard!

Christmas is celebrated in many different ways, but it is always a time for love, family, and giving.

Activity 1

Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Children in the United States hang stockings on Christmas Day.
2. In Germany, people celebrate Saint Nicholas Day in December.
3. Las Posadas lasts for seven days in Mexico.
4. Christmas in Australia is during the winter.
5. Christmas is a time for family and giving in many countries.

Activity 2

Complete the sentences with correct words.

1. Families in the United States decorate their Christmas trees with lights and _____.
2. In Germany, families light candles every Sunday in December to celebrate _____.
3. People in Mexico break _____ during Las Posadas.
4. Christmas in Australia is celebrated in the _____.
5. Santa Claus in Australia is sometimes seen without _____.