

Direction: Complete the sentences with the first conditional tense.



MISTLETOE

1. If you refuse to kiss someone under the mistletoe _____
2. If your mistletoe doesn't have any white berries _____



HOLLY

3. Witches will enter your house if _____
4. If your holly is prickly _____



YULE LOG

5. If your Yule log isn't very big _____
6. If you want to celebrate Christmas Eve in a traditional way _____



ANIMALS

7. If you hear animals talking at Christmas _____
8. Your dog will go crazy during the year _____



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

9. You'll suffer bad luck if _____
10. If you sing Christmas carols and it's not Christmas _____



MINCE PIES

11. If you eat as many mince pies as you can over Christmas _____
12. You'll cut your good luck if _____



CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS



MISTLETOE

In the original superstition, the one who avoids a kiss under the mistletoe will have bad luck but the man is meant to present the kiss with a mistletoe berry. Once the berries are gone, the kissing stops



HOLLY

Holly is protective magic against witches and lightning and is brought in during the holiday season for that purpose. Another superstition is that if the holly is smooth, the wife will be the master, while if the holly is prickly, the husband will be, so cautious couples bring in both!



YULE LOG

The Yule log should be big enough to keep burning all night otherwise there it means bad luck for the year ahead. Tradition has it that you then sit around telling ghost stories and drinking mulled wine on Christmas eve in front of the Yule fire.



ANIMALS

At midnight on Christmas Eve horses kneel and blow as if to warm the manger, animals can speak but it is bad luck for a human to hear them, and the bees hum the Hundredth Psalm. Dogs that howl on Christmas Eve will go mad before the end of the year.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Carolling is the old tradition of going to people's houses and singing Christmas songs for them. Never turn them away without some food, some money or a drink or you will suffer bad luck for the rest of the year. Singing Christmas carols at any time other than during the festive season is unlucky.



MINCE PIES

Eat as many mince pies as you can on Christmas eve and afterward, because the amount will determine how much luck you will have in the next year. Don't cut them with a knife but rather bite into them or you will cut your luck.