



Read the text, then choose the suitable word for each blank and drag it into the correct sentence.

### CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Hardly a house in Britain or in America but puts up the children's stocking by the side of the chimney for Father Christmas, or Santa Claus, on Christmas Eve; and generation of children have gone eagerly to them on Christmas morning to see \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Santa Claus has put into them. Yet the practice has nothing to do with Christmas, or Christian festival. Its only connection is with Santa Claus, or, to give the name its correct appellation, Saint Nicholas. The \_\_\_\_\_ (2), who liked to do good by stealth, heard that three \_\_\_\_\_ (3) sisters; who lived in a poor cottage on the outskirts of a town \_\_\_\_\_ (4) so poor that if they wanted to continue living at all, a life of shame was the only alternative.

The good saint made \_\_\_\_\_ (5) way to their home one night, and threw a gift of three \_\_\_\_\_ (6) pieces through the smoke-hole of the cottage. (There were no chimneys in those days. The \_\_\_\_\_ (7) went out through a hole cut in the roof). Instead of the gold pieces falling on the hearth, as he expected, they fell into the stockings of the girls, which had \_\_\_\_\_ (8) hung up over the fire to dry after washing. Hence, when the tale became known, the custom of hanging up stockings over the fire \_\_\_\_\_ (9) into being and Christmas Day was chosen for the doing, because it was Saint Nicholas's Day. Hence, also, the idea that Santa Claus comes down the \_\_\_\_\_ (10).

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