

Name:- \_\_\_\_\_

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### Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is, of course, the day before Christmas Day. It's quite a busy day for most people who celebrate Christmas. There are so many things to do - usually last-minute things. For example, you have to quickly send a Christmas card to people you forgot, especially when they sent you one. You also have to do last minute Christmas shopping. I always find Christmas Eve afternoon is a good time to shop. Many people think this is a busy time, but the Christmas rush is over, and the shops are quite empty. You just have to hope they haven't run out of wrapping paper and sellotape. Then you have to go home and wrap all of your presents and put them under the Christmas tree in the living room. It's such a lovely sightseeing a decorated tree with lots of wrapped boxes and parcels under it.

Christmas Eve is not the same in all countries. In Denmark, for example, Christmas Eve is when people have Christmas dinner and open their presents. I think most people go to midnight mass on Christmas Eve. This is a special church service held at midnight to remember the birth of Jesus. I think one of the oldest jokes in the world is: "What time is Midnight Mass?" It's an easy joke to figure out. Of course, Christmas Eve is the busiest night of the year for Santa Claus. People in England call him Father Christmas. If you look carefully, you'll see him flying on his sleigh full of presents. He used to climb down people's chimneys to deliver his presents. I'm not sure what he does nowadays because people don't have chimneys.

### PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article and write the correct letter in the box.

#### Paragraph 1

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. It's quite a busy day for          | a. run out                   |
| 2. There are so many                  | b. most people               |
| 3. You also have to do last           | c. quite empty               |
| 4. the shops are                      | d. lovely sight              |
| 5. You just have to hope they haven't | e. things to do              |
| 6. It's such a                        | f. minute Christmas shopping |

#### Paragraph 2

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Christmas Eve is not the       | a. through the air       |
| 2. have Christmas dinner and open | b. the year              |
| 3. one of the oldest jokes        | c. nowadays              |
| 4. the busiest night of           | d. same in all countries |
| 5. you'll see him flying          | e. in the world          |
| 6. I'm not sure what he does      | f. their presents        |

## READING GAP FILL

Christmas Eve is, of course, the day before Christmas Day. It's quite a \_\_\_\_\_ people who celebrate Christmas. There are so many things to do - usually last-minute things. For example, you have to quickly send a Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ - to people you forgot, especially when they sent you one. You also have \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas shopping. I always \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve afternoon is a good time to \_\_\_\_\_. Many people think this is a busy time, but the Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ shops are quite empty. You just have to hope they haven't run out of \_\_\_\_\_ paper and sellotape. Then you have to go home \_\_\_\_\_ your presents and put them \_\_\_\_\_ the Christmas tree in the living room. It's such a lovely sightseeing a \_\_\_\_\_ tree with lots of wrapped boxes \_\_\_\_\_. Christmas Eve is \_\_\_\_\_ all countries. In Denmark, for example, Christmas Eve is when people have Christmas dinner and open their presents. I think \_\_\_\_\_ people go to midnight mass on Christmas Eve. This is a special church \_\_\_\_\_ midnight to \_\_\_\_\_ the birth of Jesus.. Of course, Christmas Eve is the busiest \_\_\_\_\_ for Santa Claus. If you look carefully, you'll see him flying \_\_\_\_\_ his sleigh full of presents. He used to climb down people's \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver his presents. \_\_\_\_\_ he does nowadays because people don't have chimneys.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

Christmas Eve is, of course, the day before Christmas Day. It's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a busy day for most people who celebrate Christmas. There are so many things to do - usually (2) \_\_\_\_\_ minute things. For example, you have to quickly send a Christmas card to people you (3) \_\_\_\_\_, especially when they sent you one. You also have to do last minute Christmas shopping. I always (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve afternoon is a good time to shop. Many people think this is a busy time, but the Christmas (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is over and the shops are quite empty. You just have to hope they haven't run out of wrapping paper and sellotape. Then you have to go home and wrap all of your presents and put them under the Christmas tree in the living room. It's such a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ sight seeing a decorated tree with lots of wrapped boxes and parcels under it.

Christmas Eve is not the same in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ countries. In Denmark, for example, Christmas Eve is when people have Christmas dinner and open (8) \_\_\_\_\_ presents. I think most people go to midnight mass on Christmas Eve. This is a special church service held at midnight to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the birth of Jesus. I think one of the oldest jokes in the world is: "What time is Midnight Mass?" It's an easy joke to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ out. Of course, Christmas Eve is the busiest night of the year for Santa Claus. People in England call him Father Christmas. If you look really (11) \_\_\_\_\_, you'll see him flying on his sleigh full of presents. He used to climb down people's chimneys to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ his presents. I'm not sure what he does nowadays because people don't have chimneys.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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|-------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. (a) quite      | (b) quit      | (c) quiet      | (d) quits    |
| 2. (a) least      | (b) last      | (c) lasting    | (d) lastly   |
| 3. (a) forget     | (b) forgotten | (c) forgetful  | (d) forgot   |
| 4. (a) found      | (b) finds     | (c) find       | (d) findings |
| 5. (a) rushed     | (b) rush      | (c) rushing    | (d) rushes   |
| 6. (a) lovely     | (b) lovelier  | (c) love       | (d) lover    |
| 7. (a) whole      | (b) every     | (c) the        | (d) all      |
| 8. (a) they       | (b) them      | (c) their      | (d) these    |
| 9. (a) memory     | (b) remember  | (c) memories   | (d) memorize |
| 10. (a) figures   | (b) figured   | (c) figuring   | (d) figure   |
| 11. (a) carefully | (b) careful   | (c) careless   | (d) care     |
| 12. (a) delivery  | (b) delivered | (c) delivering | (d) deliver  |

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. most for day busy a quite It's people.

2. you Christmas forgot. card quickly to send you people a

3. last also minute have Christmas to shopping. do You

4. quite empty. the Christmas rush is over and the shops are

5. you have to go home and wrap all of your presents.

6. Eve in is all not countries. the Christmas same

7. midnight special services at churches. are held

8. an joke figure It's easy to out

9. the the year It busiest for night is Santa of Clause.

10. Chimneys. used climb people's He to down