The History of the Christmas Tree in the UK

1 Read, choose and complete.

The Christmas tree became popular in the UK in 1841. Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, brought a Christmas tree over from 1) _____ and put it in Windsor Castle. When people saw pictures of the Royal Family standing around the tree, they 2) _____ the idea of having a tree in their houses, too! After that, it became very popular for people to 3) _____ a tree in their homes at Christmas time. People used to put cakes and sweets tied with 4) _____ on the tree. They used to put 5) _____ on their Christmas trees, too, but this was quite dangerous. Nowadays, they decorate the trees with electric 6) _____, chocolates and Christmas 7) _____ . In the UK, the traditional Christmas tree is a 8) _____, but many people these days are going green, so they buy artificial trees.


lights


ribbons


fir tree


put up


Germany


baubles


liked


candles

2 Read again and answer the questions.

1 When did the Christmas tree become popular in the UK?

2 Who brought the Christmas tree to the UK?

3 What did people use to put on their Christmas trees in the past?

4 How do people decorate Christmas trees today?

5 What kind of tree is the traditional Christmas tree in the UK?

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