

1 Read and complete the facts with the correct words from the list below.

• postcards • reindeer • Thanksgiving • silver • white • green • dessert • treat

Fun Facts About

Christmas

We all love Christmas! It's a time for decorations, festive food, presents and special traditions. Families and friends all around the world come together to celebrate this joyous occasion. Here are some fun Christmas facts that you can share with your own family and friends this Christmas!

1

The first artificial Christmas trees were not made of plastic.

They were actually made of feathers dyed

1) _____.



2

The famous British

2) _____ Christmas pudding, originally had meat in it.



3

Candy canes were originally completely 3) _____ and straight.



4

The popular song *Jingle Bells* wasn't written for Christmas. It was actually written for 4) _____.



6

Tinsel was originally made of real 6) _____. This made the light of the candles look brighter.



5

The tradition of leaving a 5) _____ for Father Christmas and his reindeer comes from an ancient Norse myth.



7

The first Christmas cards looked like 7) _____. They were sent in the UK in 1843.



8

The names of Father Christmas' 8) _____ first appeared in 1823 in an American poem called *A Visit from Saint Nicholas*.



2 **ICT** Fact hunt In groups, find the answers to the questions below.

- 1 What kind of feathers did they use to make artificial Christmas trees?
- 2 What meat did they use to make Christmas pudding?
- 3 When did the candy cane get its stripes?
- 4 What was the original title of *Jingle Bells*?
- 5 Where did the Norse children leave the treats?
- 6 Where did tinsel come from?
- 7 Who sent the first Christmas cards?
- 8 What are the names of the reindeer?

Bonus Which reindeer isn't mentioned in the poem *A Visit from Saint Nicholas*?

3 **ICT** In groups, find out more interesting facts about Christmas and make your own Interesting Christmas Facts poster. Then, present it to the class.

