

Christmas in the USA

In the US, the most important person is Santa Claus. He wears a red-and-white suit, has got a big white beard and says "Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas!" Santa Claus leaves presents under the tree on December 24th (Christmas Eve), when everyone is sleeping. On Christmas Day morning (25th December) everyone runs to the tree to open their presents as soon as they wake up.

People also hung up their stockings by the fireplace because they believe Santa Claus will fill them with presents.

Some families have a big dinner on Christmas Eve with their aunts, uncles, and cousins. Other families have got their Christmas dinner on the 25th, Christmas Day. There is always a lot of food.

Christmas music is everywhere but Christmas films are most important to people. Some popular films are *How the Grinch stole Christmas* or *Home Alone*.

Questions:

1. Who gives presents to children in the USA?
2. What does he wear?
3. When is Christmas Eve? When is Christmas Day?
4. When do they open their presents?
5. What are some favourite Christmas films?