

Merry Christmas
with
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WORKBOOK



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Christmas in the USA

Christmas is very important for Americans. Every year, they celebrate Jesus Christ's birth on December 25th.

Christmas traditions



For Christmas, many people decorate their homes and their gardens with lights, holly and fake snow and they erect Christmas trees. It is common to organize a special meal, often consisting of turkey and a lot of other festive foods that you share with your

family. The best part of Christmas is, of course, the exchange of gifts!

Christmas in your neighbourhood

Many communities and churches organize special events including decorating the neighbourhood, planning a Nativity performance or putting up a Christmas tree. You may also meet carolers that knock at your door and sing Christmas songs!



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Christmas in the USA

Interviews

Marcus, what do you usually do for Christmas?

Every year, me and my family get together on Christmas Eve and we all open presents together. There is a lot of food (the best part!) and we sing our own version of the 12 Days of Christmas.. We also play sherades (when someone acts something out and you try and guess who they are) and we play the men vs women so it gets pretty intense! (laughs) Then on Christmas Day it would be just me, my mom, dad, and sister to open presents. We would first go around to each other and say what we were thankful for and my dad would read us the story of what Christmas really was with Jesus' birthday. That was Christmas for me growing up and I do kind of miss it.

Scott, what was your best Christmas memory?

I guess my best memory would be when I wanted the Buzz Lightyear toy from the movie Toy Story and finally got it. I was like 9 or 10 I think and super excited to see Buzz Lightyear sitting under the Christmas tree! I saw it at first because it was the only present that was not wrapped! All the other ones were so it made the present even more special.



Vocabulary

Holly = houx

Fake = faux

To erect = dresser

Gift = Present = cadeau

Performance = représentation théâtrale

Caroler = choriste de Noël

Thankful = reconnaissant

Toy = jouet

Wrapped = emballé



Exercises

1) Answer the questions :

- * What can you find in Christmas meal?
- * How do people decorate their houses and gardens?
- * What is the best part of Christmas?

2) Match the words with their definition:

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| Nativity performance | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | A choir that sings Christmas songs |
| Including | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | A musical or dramatic entertainment which represents the birth of Christ. |
| Carolers | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | A district, often with reference to its inhabitants. |
| Community | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | A group that shares common (religious, social, occupational) characteristics |
| Neighborhood | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Such as |



3) Tick the good answers about Marcus' Christmas:

What activities do Marcus and his family take part in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Playing sherades | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating the tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading a book about Nativity |

Who is with Marcus for Christmas?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> His mom | <input type="checkbox"/> His grand father | <input type="checkbox"/> His sister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> His cousin | <input type="checkbox"/> His dad | <input type="checkbox"/> His brother |

What is 12 Days of Christmas?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A movie | <input type="checkbox"/> A book | <input type="checkbox"/> A song |
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4) Answer the questions below:

What did Scott receive for Christmas?

How old was Scott when he had his best Christmas?

Where was Buzz Lightyear?

Why did Scott notice Buzz Lightyear immediately?

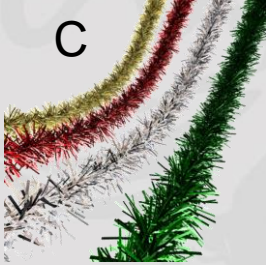


Games

1) Match the drawings with their meanings



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Candles _____

Christmas tree _____

Gift _____

Holly _____

Present _____

Reindeer _____

Santa Claus _____

Sleigh _____

Snowman _____

Stockings _____

Tinsels _____

Wreath _____



2) Find the words which go with the definitions. All the letters are in the name :

DAWSON

- To have got something _____
- At this moment _____
- The contrary of « happy » _____
- The preterit of « see » _____
- A boy is the _ _ _ of his father.
- The preterit of « be » _____
- The preterit of « win » _____
- To say yes with your head _____
- When the sun is rising _____
- The contrary of « up » _____
- Beaches are made of this _____
- In winter, there is no rain, there is _____
- Harry Potter uses it to catch spells _____



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ACROSS

1. He's old and fat. He likes to wear red clothes. He brings children their presents
5. It's cold and white.
8. This is the name of a Christmas carol. *Silent* what?
10. What is the name of the day before Christmas Day?
12. What is Santa Claus' favourite colour?
14. Many people go there on Christmas Day. They go there to pray and sing carols.
16. It's green and brown. People come and put presents under it for Christmas.
17. On Christmas Day, we say *Happy Christmas!* What's another word for *Happy*?
18. On January 1st, we say *Happy New*!
19. What kind of animal is Rudolph? Rudolph the red-nosed what?

DOWN

2. This is something that is made with snow. It looks like a man.
3. How does Santa Claus enter into a house? Through what?
4. Many people eat this bird on Christmas Day... And on Thanksgiving!
6. You can see this at night, in the sky.
7. In what season is Christmas?
9. Children receive this on Christmas Day.
11. How often does Santa Claus work?
13. In what month is Christmas?
15. This is something the mailman brings at Christmas.

