

## Christmas in the classroom

### BEFORE YOU LISTEN:

Look at the picture. What can you see?



### LISTEN AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.



1. What's the principal's name?

- a) Ms Dinwiddie.
- b) Ms Jackson.
- c) Ms Davis.
- d) Ms Smart.



2. What must be in every classroom?

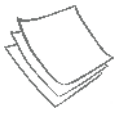
- a) A Christmas tree.
- b) Food.
- c) A game.
- d) A person from Germany.
- e) Decoration.
- f) Music.



3. Who tells the pupils what country their classroom is?

- a) Nobody, it's a secret.
- b) Ms Smart tells them.
- c) They can choose a country.
- d) The principal tells them.

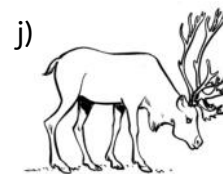
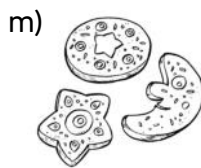
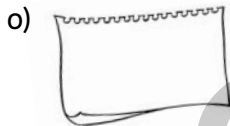
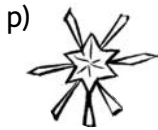
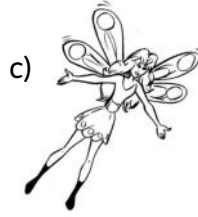
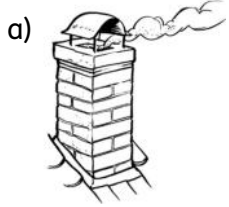


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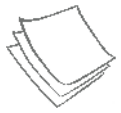
## Santa needs help with the words.



1. Match the words with the pictures.



Santa Claus      elf  
 stocking      fireplace  
 bell      candy  
 ball      present  
 chimney      candle  
 sleigh      reindeer  
 cookies      star  
 wish list      tree  
 angel



2. Crossword puzzle: Find all the Christmas words and write them down.

S  
L  
D E C  
T M V G I D T C  
I V K A Q G M D I X H  
W Q Z B V E H X F A U N I  
O E K S G E C P D D X R W S V  
F O J P R D L K T A Q E L A H  
N S N T C T I L O S G I D S N  
H X H D X D H A O Z S M N H J F L  
V P R E S E N T I X Y D D Z B D J  
S M O F P F D Q M H D V E L A Q A  
L T Q A L C V U D P W E U L K  
W D S K O A N G E L O R H L N  
Q P D M W N G K F T T T Q M O  
C A N D Y P D Q C S X I  
A T I L Z X S I U O R  
K P E D J T G W D  
Z Q I

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3. Find the words and write them down.

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b)

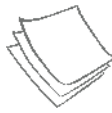
c)

d)

e)

f)





## Christmas in Germany

### BEFORE YOU READ THE TEXT:

Look at the picture.  
What can you see?



### READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

Ms Smart tells the kids that their classroom must be full of German Christmas traditions. Everybody must do something to make it German, but nobody knows anything about Christmas in Germany. Not a problem in the internet age! Their homework is to do an internet search for German Christmas traditions and decide what they want to prepare. Jack and Alisha go online because they want to look for Christmas games from Germany. What they find is *Bleigießen*, but that's not really for Christmas, it's for New Year's Eve. They also find Secret Santa (= *Wichteln*), but they feel like that's nothing special. Finally, they find *Sankt Nikolaus*.

**Alisha:** In Germany, the kids put their shoes outside the house and Santa Claus comes to fill them up with Christmas treats. That's cool!

**Jack:** Yeah, let's make that into a game. When the parents come to our classroom, they must take their shoes off and leave them outside the door. We put treats inside their shoes, but we also hide their shoes so when they come back, they must go and find them.

**Alisha:** Hahahaha! That's not a game, that's a prank. I love it!

1. Alisha and Jack do an internet search for German Christmas traditions. What do they find?

- a) giving a present to someone who doesn't know where it comes from
- b) putting Christmas treats into shoes
- c) baking Christmas cookies
- d) writing a Christmas wish list



## Christmas in English-speaking countries

### BEFORE YOU READ THE TEXT:

1. What do you know about Christmas in other countries? Talk to your partner.
2. Look at the map and the flags of the different countries. What could Christmas be like in these countries? Talk to your partner.



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### READ THE TEXT AND DO THE QUIZ.

#### Ghana

People in Ghana celebrate (= *feiern*) Christmas from December 20 to the first week in January with lots of different activities. Over 66 languages are spoken in Ghana, and all these language groups have their own traditions. On Christmas Eve (December 24) many go to church services (= *Gottesdienste*). There is lots of singing, drumming (= *Trommeln*) and dancing. Sometimes these services and the dancing go on all night long. Everybody is dressed in colourful traditional clothes.



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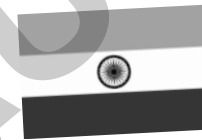
### Australia



Christmas comes at the beginning of the summer holidays! Children have their summer holidays from mid-December to early February, so some people might even be camping at Christmas. Australians sometimes go out to sing Christmas carols (= *Weihnachtslieder*) on Christmas Eve (December 24). People also decorate their gardens with Christmas trees and Christmas lights. Neighbours sometimes have little competitions (= *Wettbewerbe*) to see who has the best light display.

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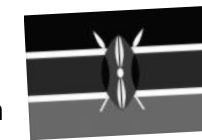
### India



Christmas is quite a small festival in India because most people are not Christians (= *Christen*). Midnight church service is very important for Christians in India. The whole family walks to the Mass, and after the service, everybody goes home for a massive dinner (mostly curries) and the giving and receiving of presents (= *Geschenke*). Churches in India are decorated with flowers and candles for the Christmas Eve midnight church service.

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### Kenya



Christmas is often the only time large (= *groß*) families will see each other all year, so it is very important. Many people go to a midnight church service. After the service, people go home and the party really starts – you might well not sleep that night! Barbecue is very popular for Christmas dinner.

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### Great Britain



Most families have a Christmas tree in their house for Christmas. Everyone in the family helps to decorate the tree. Children believe that Father Christmas or Santa Claus puts presents into stockings (= *Strümpfe*) so they hang up stockings by the fire or by the bed on Christmas Eve (December 24). The next morning it's Christmas Day (December 25) – and yes, now the stockings are filled with chocolates and there are presents under the tree.

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