

# Christmas Around the World



## Greenland

For Christmas, people in Greenland eat mattak, which is raw whale skin with a strip of blubber attached. Would you try it? List 10 things that you would not like to find on your Christmas dinner table.



## England

The tradition of sending Christmas cards as we know them got its start in London, England. The oldest surviving one is from 1843. Use subtraction to figure out how old it is. Design a Christmas card for someone who is important to you.



## Spain

On Epiphany Eve, January 5th, children in Spain leave their shoes on their balconies in hopes that the Three Kings will fill them with treats and small toys. Do you think shoes are good for collecting gifts? How do they compare to stockings? What other items would be good for collecting treats and small gifts?



## The Glass Pickle Ornament

The pickle ornament is considered a very special Christmas tree decoration. Many families in America traditionally decorate their trees on Christmas Eve, and the pickle ornament is always the last to be hung. It is the parents' job to hide it in the green boughs after the children go to bed. Then, on Christmas morning the little ones gleefully begin searching for the pickle ornament. They know that whoever finds it first will receive an extra little gift from Santa Claus for the most eager child. If there are no children, then the first adult will have good luck for the whole year.



1. Why do Spanish kids put their shoes on their balconies on January 5th?
  - (A) Because they want the Three Kings to have something to wear.
  - (B) To give Santa Claus somewhere to put their toys.
  - (C) So that the Three Kings have a place to leave them goodies.
  - (D) Because the Three Kings will come and collect them.
  
2. How is Christmas celebrated?
  - (A) Everyone in America hides green pickles all around their house.
  - (B) People in Greenland have uncooked skin and fat from a whale.
  - (C) Children in England make shoes out of their Christmas cards.
  - (D) People everywhere collect green boughs before going to bed.
  
3. Which is true about the pickle ornament?
  - (A) It got its start from a tradition brought over from England.
  - (B) It's put on the Christmas tree last because it's made of glass.
  - (C) It brings good fortune to the person who hides it first.
  - (D) It's hard to find because it's the same color as the tree.
  
4. What quality does the child who finds the pickle first need to have?

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# Christmas Quiz

What do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus?  
Circle the right option.

1. When does Santa come?  
(A) 24 December  
(B) 25 December  
(C) 26 December



2. How does Santa get into the house?  
(A) through the window  
(B) through the door  
(C) through the chimney



3. What does Santa carry the toys in?  
(A) in a box  
(B) in a sack  
(C) in a pocket



4. What do children hang up for Santa to put the gifts in?  
(A) a bag  
(B) a coat  
(C) a stocking



5. Who helps Santa to make toys?  
(A) elves  
(B) witches  
(C) reindeer



6. What bird is cooked for Christmas dinner?  
(A) duck  
(B) goose  
(C) turkey



7. Where are the presents kept before opening them?  
(A) in the yard  
(B) under the tree  
(C) behind the door



8. What is hung outside on the door?  
(A) a bell  
(B) a wreath  
(C) a pumpkin



9. Before electricity, what were put on the trees?  
(A) lamps  
(B) torches  
(C) candles



10. What is common four-letter abbreviation of Christmas?  
(A) Xmas  
(B) Ymas  
(C) Wmas



11. Where does Santa live?  
(A) in outer space  
(B) at the North Pole  
(C) in a pineapple under the sea



12. Which reindeer has a red, shiny nose?  
(A) Cupid  
(B) Dasher  
(C) Rudolph



13. How many times does Santa check his "naughty and nice" list?  
(A) once  
(B) twice  
(C) never



14. Is Santa married?  
(A) yes  
(B) no



15. How does Santa go from house to house?  
(A) by car  
(B) on a horse  
(C) on a sleigh





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- (B) white
- (C) green



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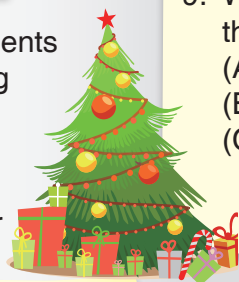
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- (A) carols
- (B) pop songs
- (C) rap songs



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- (B) Santa's truck
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17. When is Boxing Day?

- (A) 24 December
- (B) 25 December
- (C) 26 December



18. What color are Santa's boots?

- (A) red
- (B) black
- (C) white



19. Is Santa married?

- (A) yes
- (B) no



20. How does Santa go from house to house?

- (A) by car
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