

Christmas in England

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Christmas Day

In England, Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December, not on the 24th like in Denmark.

English children don't have to wait all day to get their presents - they open them in the morning! After breakfast, they play with their new toys or watch Christmas films on TV. Some families also go to church in the morning.

In the afternoon, it's time for Christmas dinner. Families eat roast turkey, minced pies, and little sausages called pigs in a blanket. For dessert there's Christmas pudding.

After dinner, people relax and watch the King's Christmas speech or play games together.



Difficult words: (Oversæt til dansk)

celebrated		afternoon	
presents		sausages	
breakfast		speech	
church		together	

Christmas Day

Find the answers to the questions in the text and write them on the line.

1 When is Christmas celebrated in England?

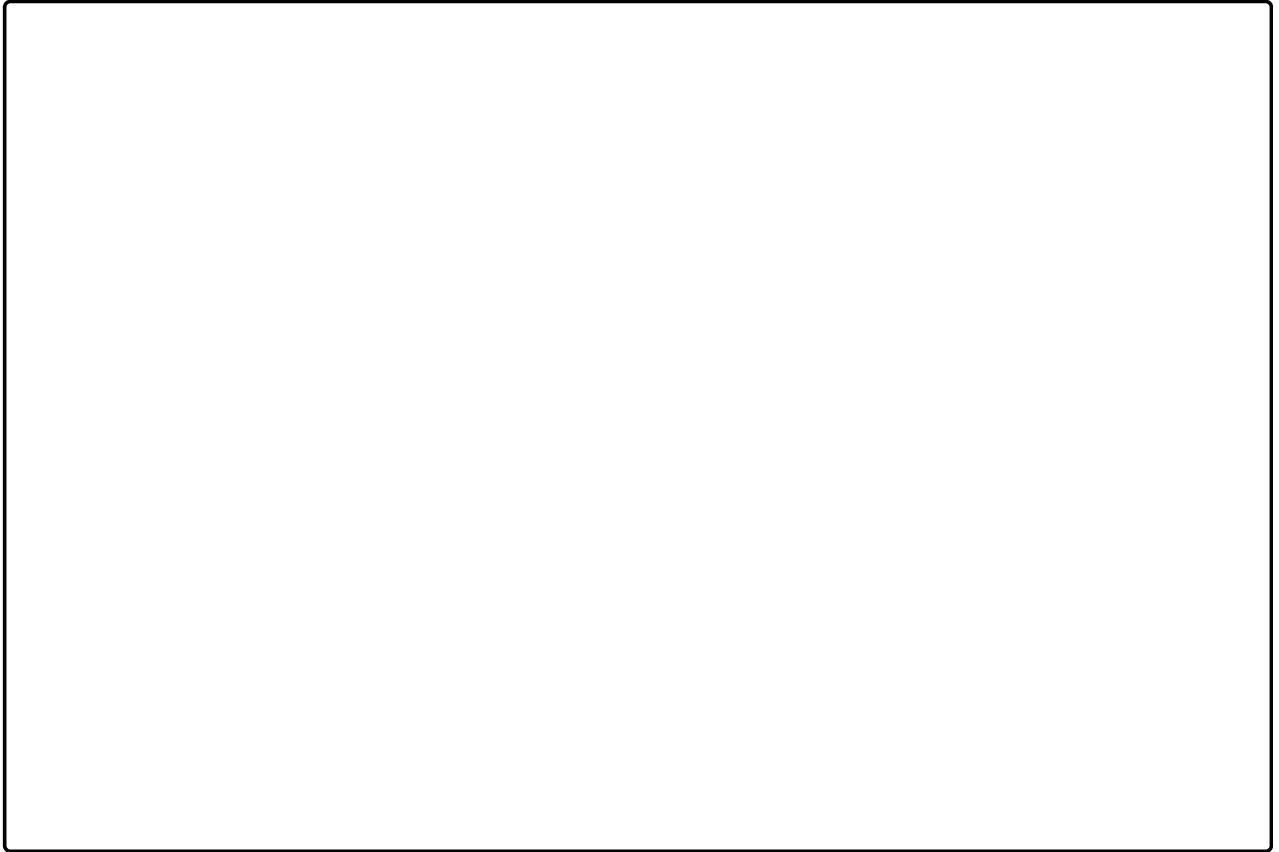
2 When do people open presents in England?

3 What is on the menu for Christmas dinner in England?



My Christmas Eve

Write and draw what your Christmas Eve is like.



The King's Speech

In England, many families watch The Royal Christmas Message on TV at three o'clock on the 25th of December.

The King talks to everyone in the country. He talks about the year, and about being kind, and helping others.

The first message was given by King George V in 1932. Queen Elizabeth II gave the speech 69 times! Now King Charles III gives the message, and he has done it three times so far.

Many families watch it after Christmas dinner and enjoy this special moment together.



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watch		speech	
talks		message	
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kind		enjoy	

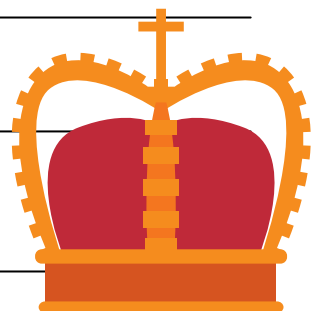
The King's Speech

Find the answers to the questions in the text and write them on the line.

1 What is The Royal Christmas Message?

2 Who gave the first Royal Christmas Message?

3 What does the king talk about?



I Can See...

How many of the different figures can you see in big square? Write the correct number in the boxes below.



Father Christmas

In England, children look forward to Father Christmas at Christmas. He is a kind, old man with a long white beard, wearing a red suit with white trim. In America, he is called Santa Claus, but in England he is usually called Father Christmas.

He brings presents to children on the night of 24th December, and they find them on Christmas morning! Children often leave a snack for him, like cookies and milk, and a carrot for his reindeer.

Father Christmas has been an important Christmas tradition in England for hundreds of years.



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look forward		carrot	
trim		reindeer	
called		important	
snack		hundreds	

Father Christmas

Find the answers to the questions in the text and write them on the line.

1 What does Father Christmas look like?

2 What do they call Father Christmas in America?

3 What does Father Christmas leave for children?



Read and Colour

The picture must be coloured – but how? Read the text below the picture and colour the different things as described.



- Colour the Christmas wreath green and red.
- Colour Father Christmas' clothes red and white.
- Colour Father Christmas' present purple and yellow.
- Colour the Christmas tree green.
- Colour the two presents red and yellow.
- Colour the fire yellow and orange.
- Colour the floor brown.
- Colour the fireplace red.
- Colour the star yellow.
- Colour the Christmas baubles red.
- Colour the rest as you like.

Gingerbread Houses

At Christmas time in England, many families bake and build gingerbread houses. Some of the ingredients for baking gingerbread is: ginger, cinnamon, cloves, butter and brown sugar.

When the gingerbread has cooled, it's joined together with icing like glue to make the walls and roof. Children love decorating their houses with colourful sweets, chocolate buttons, and little sugar figures. Some make cottages others make big houses with gardens.

Making a gingerbread house is a fun family activity in December, and when Christmas is over, everyone can break the house and eat it together.



Difficult words: (Oversæt til dansk)

gingerbread		joined	
cinnamon		decorating	
cloves		cottages	
cooled		break	

Gingerbread Houses

Find the answers to the questions in the text and write them on the line.

1 Which ingredients are used for baking gingerbread?

2 How can you decorate a gingerbread house?

3 What can you do with a gingerbread house after Christmas?



Word Search

K	C	S	K	U	M	P	T	X	J	A	S	B	M	D	A	S	A
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Find the words:

England gingerbread chocolate
 Christmas built sweets love
 bake icing sugar



Christmas Stockings

In England, children hang stockings for Father Christmas to fill with treats. Long ago, stockings were hung by the fireplace, but today many families hang them on shelves, stair rails, or at the end of their beds.

Families sometimes make this part of a Christmas Eve tradition, preparing the stockings together and guessing what surprises might appear. Some children also add small decorations, like tinsel or little bells, to make their stockings extra special.

On Christmas morning, children find the stockings filled with little gifts, sweets, and treats chosen just for them.



Difficult words: (Oversæt til dansk)

stockings		guessing	
fireplace		surprises	
shelves		filled	
stair rails		treats	

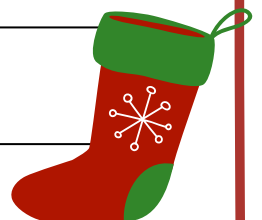
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1 What do many children hang before Christmas?

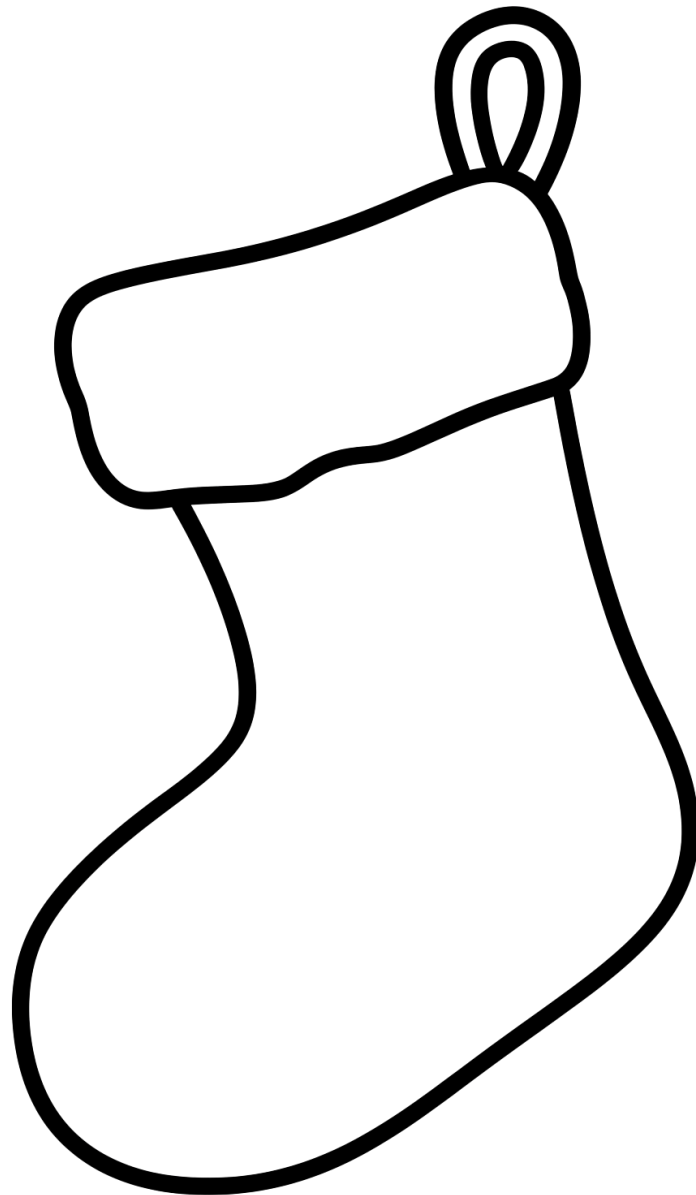
2 Where do people hang Christmas stockings today?

3 What is in the stocking Christmas morning?



My Stocking

Draw your own Christmas stocking and write which little gift or treat you hope is inside it.



I hope my stocking has a/an ...

The Christmas Number One

In England, people love Christmas songs! Every year, there is a big race to find the Christmas Number One – the most popular song at Christmas time.

The winner is the song that sells the most copies or is played the most on the radio. Some famous winners are “Do They Know It’s Christmas?”, “Merry Xmas Everybody”, and “Mary’s Boy Child”.

Some songs didn’t reach Number One for a long time but are still very popular. For example, “Last Christmas” by Wham! This song was only number two in 1984 when it was released. But it finally became Number One in 2023 and again in 2024!

Many families listen to the songs at home and sing along together.



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race		reach	
popular		released	
sells		finally	
famous		listen	

The Christmas Number One

Find the answers to the questions in the text and write them on the line.

1 What is The Christmas Number One?

2 Which songs have won the Christmas Number One?

3 When did "Last Christmas" by WHAM win the race?



Is It True?

Read the sentences and answer Yes or No.



	Yes	No
There is snow in the picture.	☐	☐
The children are all wearing red hats.	☐	☐
The children are all wearing black boots.	☐	☐
One girl has red hair.	☐	☐
The children all have a green book.	☐	☐
One boy wears a red scarf.	☐	☐
The children look happy.	☐	☐
The children are wearing winter coats.	☐	☐

Boxing Day

The day after Christmas, the 26th of December, is called Boxing Day in England. A long time ago, rich families gave boxes with food or gifts to their servants and to poor people – that's where the name comes from.

Today, Boxing Day is a time for relaxing after Christmas. Families visit friends, go for walks, or watch sports on TV, especially football. Many people also go shopping, as the big winter sales begin that day.

It's a cheerful day that keeps the Christmas spirit going just a little longer in England.

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boxes		shopping	
servants		sales	
poor		cheerful	
relaxing		spirit	

Boxing Day

Find the answers to the questions in the text and write them on the line.

1 When is Boxing Day?

2 Why is it called Boxing Day?

3 What begins on Boxing Day?

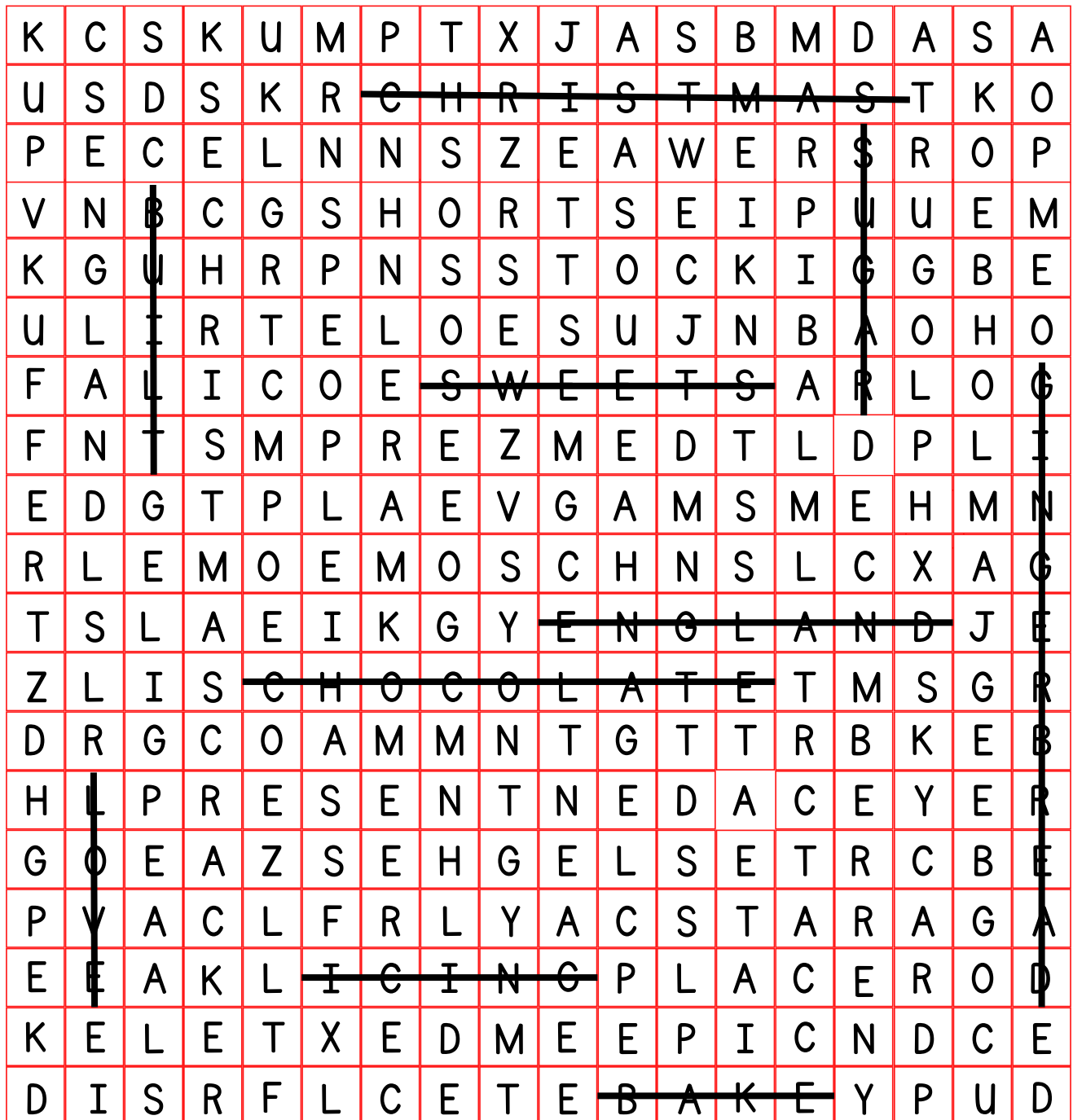
Do You Remember?

On each row, cross out the correct answer with a green colour. There is an answer for every question in the booklet.

		
In England, people open presents in the afternoon.	In England, people open presents in the morning.	In England, people don't give each other presents.
In England, people go to church after Christmas dinner.	In England, nobody goes to church during Christmas.	In England, some people go to church Christmas morning.
Queen Elizabeth gave the Royal Christmas Message 69 times.	Queen Victoria gave the first Royal Christmas Message on the radio.	King Charles has given the Royal Christmas Message 11 times.
Children leave cucumbers for Father Christmas.	Children leave chocolate for the reindeer.	Children leave milk and cookies for Father Christmas.
You can decorate gingerbread houses with sweets.	You can live in gingerbread houses.	Gingerbread houses are poisonous.
Children hang Christmas stockings on train rails.	Children hang Christmas stockings on shelves.	Children hang Christmas stockings on the roof.
The Christmas Number One is a beauty show.	The Christmas Number One is a baking contest.	"Last Christmas" by WHAM! won The Number One in 2023.
Boxing day is the day people open presents in England.	Boxing day is a time for relaxing with family and friends.	Boxing day is a big boxing match in England.



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