# Christmas



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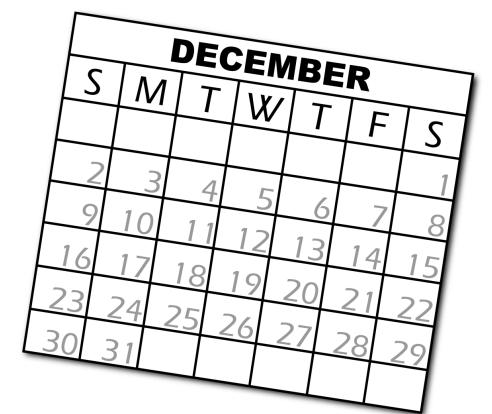
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### Advent

The coming of Jesus Christ; the month leading up to Christmas.

(noun)



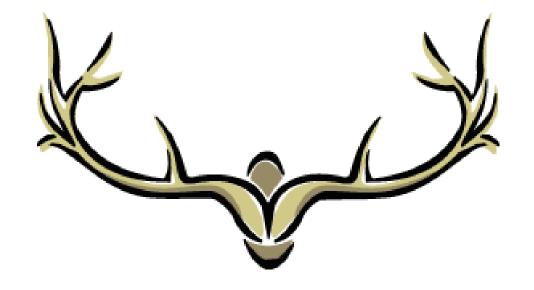
## Angel

A spiritual being who is believed to be a servant of God, usually represented as a human dressed in white with wings.



### Antler

The horn that grows on the head of male deer.



### Bauble

A shiny small ball that is used to decorate a Christmas tree.

(noun)



### Bethlehem

A town near Jerusalem, the birthplace of Jesus.

### Candle

A stick of wax with a string in the middle that gives light as it burns.



# Candy cane

A hard red and white candy shaped like a cane (walking stick), used to decorate a Christmas tree.



### Carol

A traditional religious song.

(noun)



# Chimney

A part of the house structure that allows smoke from the fireplace to come out of the house; the place where Santa Claus comes to fill stockings with gifts for children.



(noun)

### Christ

A short name for Jesus Christ.



### Christian

A person who believes in Christianity.

(noun)

Related to Christianity.

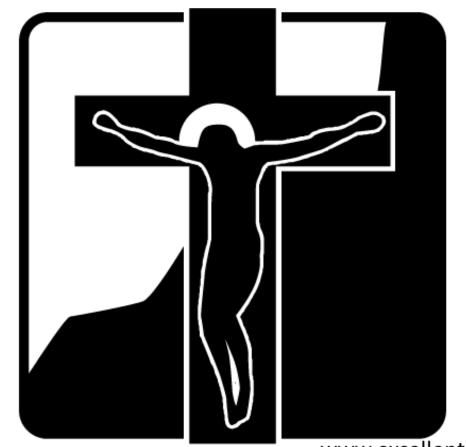
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# Christianity

The religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

(noun)



### Christmas

The period around 25
December, when
Christians celebrate the
birth of Jesus Christ.

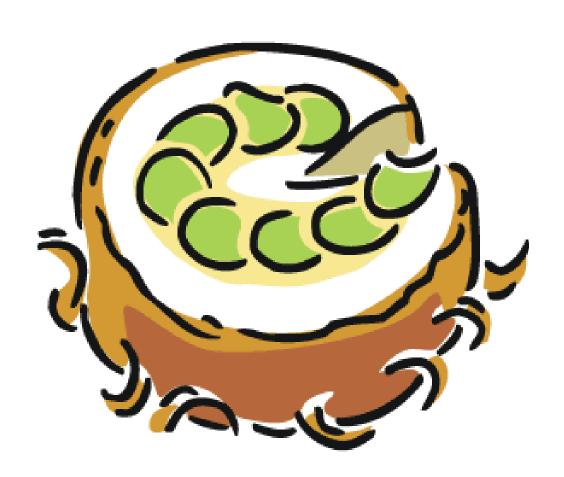
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### Christmas cake

A fruit cake that people eat at Christmas.

(noun)



### Christmas card

A decorated card that people send to friends and relatives at Christmas.

(noun)



### Christmas carol

A popular religious song that people sing at Christmas.

(noun)



## Christmas Day

The day when Christians celebrate the birth of Christ, which falls on 25 December.

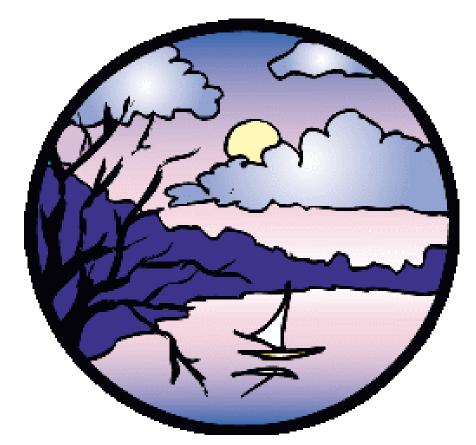
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### Christmas Eve

The evening before Christmas Day.

(noun)



# Christmas holidays

# Happy Holidays!

The holiday period for about a week before and after Christmas Day.

(noun)



# Christmas present

A gift or present given on Christmas Day.

(noun)



## Christmas stocking

A large long sock that is hung on Christmas Eve so that it can be filled with gifts.



### Christmas tree

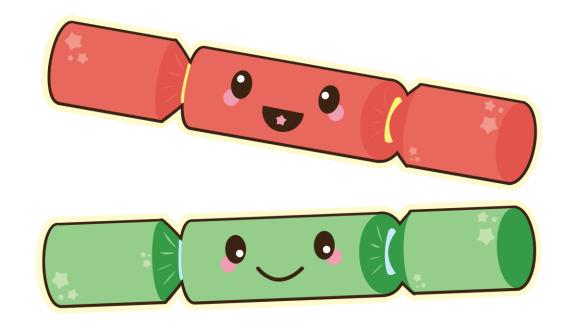
An evergreen tree that is decorated and put in the house during Christmas.

(noun)



### Cracker

A paper tube that is covered with bright paper and makes a short sharp sound when both ends are pulled.



(noun)

# Curling ribbon

The ribbon that has been formed into a curving shape, used as Christmas decoration.



## Egg-nog

A traditional Christmas drink made of alcohol with beaten eggs and milk.

### Elves

Small creatures with pointed ears that live with Santa Claus and act as his helpers.

(noun)



### Evergreen

A tree that does not lose its leaves in winter.



#### Father Christmas

The imaginary old man who wears red clothes and is said to bring presents to children at Christmas Eve (same as Santa Claus) (British English).

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### Festive

Looking or feeling happy and enjoyable that seems suitable for celebrating something.

(adjective)

# Fireplace

A space in the wall or a room, where you can make a fire.

(noun)



### Garland

A circle made of flowers and leaves that is usually used as Christmas decoration.

(noun)



# Gingerbread

A sweet brown cake that contains ginger.

(noun)

# Gingerbread man

A piece of gingerbread in the shape of a man.



# Happy Christmas

A greeting said at Christmas to wish people a pleasant Christmas period (same as Merry Christmas).

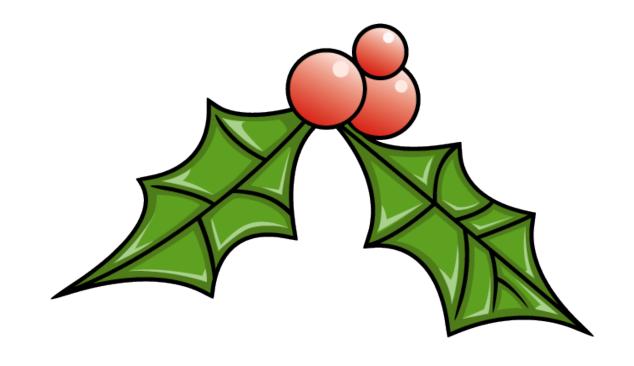
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# Holly

An evergreen plant with prickly dark green leaves and red berries.

(noun)



### Illuminations

Outdoor colored decorative lights that are used to decorate a town or building to celebrate Christmas.



### Jack Frost

A way of describing frost, very cold weather, as a person.



### Jesus Christ

The man who is believed to be and is worshipped as the son of God by Christians.



# Jingle bells

The title and first words of a popular Christmas song.

# Joseph

The husband of Mary, who was Jesus' mother.

(noun)

# Lapland

A region in Finland, which is believed to be the origin of Father Christmas.

(noun)

## Magi

The wise men from the east who brought gifts for the baby Jesus.

(noun)



### Manger

A trough for food for horses or cattle, used by Mary as a cradle or bed for Jesus.



# Mary

The mother of Jesus.

(noun)



## Merry Christmas

A greeting said at Christmas to wish people a pleasant Christmas period (same as Happy Christmas).

(noun)



# Midnight mass

A Christian religious service held around midnight on Christmas Eve.

### Mince pie

A pie that is filled with mincemeat (a mixture of apple, dried fruit, and nuts), often eaten at Christmas.



#### Mistletoe

An evergreen plant with white fruits and pale yellow flowers, used as a Christmas decoration.



### Mitten

A type of glove with a single part for all the four fingers and a separate part for the thumb.



### Mulled wine

Wine heated with sugar and spices, a traditional winter drink in some countries.

# Nativity

The birth of Jesus.

(noun)



# Nativity play

A play that tells the story about the birth of Jesus Christ, usually performed by children.

### Noel

A Christmas carol.

(noun)



### Nutcracker

A popular ballet that is usually performed at Christmas.

(noun)



#### Ornament

An object made of glass, metal, wood, or ceramics that are used to decorate a Christmas tree.



#### Pine cone

The hard, egg-shaped part of the pine tree that is often used as Christmas ornament.

(noun)



#### Poinsettia

A tropical plant which has large red leaves, usually used as Christmas decoration.



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#### Reindeer

A deer with large antlers found in some cold climates, which is believed to pull the sleigh for Santa Claus.



# Rejoice

To feel happy or show happiness.

(verb)



### Ritual

A ceremony that is performed regularly in the same way, in order to mark an important religious or social event.

### Rudolph

The red-nosed reindeer that Santa chooses to pull his sleigh on Christmas Eve.

(noun)



### Santa Claus

The imaginary old man who wears red clothes and is said to bring presents to children at Christmas Eve (same as Father Christmas) (American English).



# Santa's grotto

A small place where children can receive presents from a person dressed as Santa Claus.

(noun)



# Season's greetings

Something written on a card as a greeting during Christmas celebrations.

(noun)



Shepherd

A person who takes care of sheep and moves them from one place to another.



## Sleigh

An open vehicle with no wheels that is used for traveling over snow and is pulled by animals.

(noun)



#### Snow

The soft white pieces of ice that fall from the sky in cold weather.

(noun)



### Snowflakes

A flat piece of frozen water that falls as snow, represented as six-sided crystals on Christmas cards and decorations.

(noun)



#### Snowman

A figure like a man that is made of snow.



## Spruce

An evergreen forest tree with short leaves that are shaped like needles.



# Silent night

A well-known Christmas traditional religious song.

(noun)

### Saint Nickolas

The origin of the imaginary Father Christmas.

(noun)

#### Star

A symbol with four or more points, which represents the way a star looks in the sky.

(noun)



# Stocking filler

A small cheap Christmas present.

(noun)



#### The star of Bethlehem

The star which appeared in the sky when Jesus Christ was born, according to the Bible.

(noun)



# Tidings

An old word for news.

(noun)



### Tinsel

Long strips of shiny paper used as Christmas decoration.

(noun)

# Turkey

A large bird that is often cooked and eaten at Christmas in Britain.

(noun)



# Vigil

A period of time when stay in a place and quietly pray, especially at night.

(noun)

### Wassail

To enjoy yourself eating and drinking at Christmas; to go from house to house singing Christmas carols.

(verb)

#### White Christmas

A Christmas during which there is snow on the ground.

(noun)



#### Wreath

An arrangement of flowers and leaves in the shape of a circle that people usually hang on the door as Christmas decoration.

(noun)



#### Xmas

A short form or informal term for Christmas.

(noun)

## Yule

An old word for Christmas.

(noun)



### Yuletide

The period of time around Christmas.

(noun)

# Yule log

A chocolate cake shaped like a log (thick piece of wood) and eaten at Christmas.

(noun)

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