

Christmas: Fun and Games

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Activity 1

Read the following statements about Christmas and decide if they are true or false.

1. The word 'Xmas' is an abbreviation for the word 'Christmas'. T/F?
2. If you post a letter to Father Christmas in Britain, you will get a reply. T/F?
3. Before Queen Victoria (Queen of England 1837 - 1901) British people didn't usually have Christmas trees. T/F?
4. People should take down their Christmas decorations by 6th January. T/F?
5. Santa Claus (another name for Father Christmas) is a contraction of Saint Nicholas. T/F?
6. The day before Christmas is called Christmas Eve. T/F?
7. The day after Christmas is called Saint Stephen's Day. T/F?
8. The Queen makes a speech on TV on Christmas Day. T/F?

Activity 2

Put the following letters in the correct order to spell a word associated with Christmas.

1. Womanns
2. Eetrnps
3. Acdrs
4. Leang
5. Errideen
6. Icynehm
7. Ebeecrmd
8. Urrettsayok
9. Ibnro
10. Exammysr

Activity 3

How many words can you make from the word 'Christmas'? Work with a partner and write a list on a separate piece of paper. The words must have at least 2 letters. The words must be in the singular, not plural (so CAT is OK but CATS is not OK). You mustn't use letters more than once (so STAR is OK but START isn't because there's only one T in Christmas - but MISS is OK because there are 2 S's in Christmas).