



The Kids' School

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The Kids' School by Easy Access English



Christmas in English Speaking Countries

Activity One: Christmas Around the World in English-Speaking Countries

Christmas in the USA and Canada

The USA and Canada are multicultural! Because of this, Christmas traditions depend on family heritage. But some traditions are seen all over the country. Let's have a look!

Most towns have a big Christmas tree and Christmas decorations.



Lots of North Americans decorate the front of their house with Christmas lights and sometimes statues. They can be modest or extravagant!



Families of Western European heritage typically eat turkey or ham with cranberry sauce as their main Christmas meal. The large population of Italian families may eat lasagna and other Italian dishes. Usually the Christmas meal is at dinner time on Christmas Eve.



In the morning on **Christmas Day** (December 25th), families usually give **gifts** and children believe that **Santa Claus** leaves them presents under the **Christmas tree** on **Christmas Eve** (December 24th).



Christmas in the UK

In the United Kingdom, Christmas celebrations are usually similar to the United States. **Gifts** are exchanged on **Christmas Day**. Children believe that presents are delivered by **Santa Claus** and left under their **Christmas tree**, or in their **Christmas stocking**.



The **Christmas meal** is usually at lunch time on **Christmas Day** in the UK, and typically includes turkey, roast potatoes, vegetables and stuffing with cranberry sauce, and gravy. Popular desserts are **Christmas pudding**, Christmas cake and mince pies.



Streets in the UK are decorated with **Christmas lights**.



Small groups of **carolers** go door to door all of December, singing **Christmas carols** to their neighbours, sometimes dressed in historical costumes.



Christmas in South Africa

Christmas celebrations in South Africa happen in the summer! Sunshine and warm weather is expected at Christmas. Most Christmas traditions are similar to the UK, but not the meal! Many South Africans eat their traditional **Christmas meal** outside during the holidays.



Christmas in Australia and New Zealand

Like South Africa, Christmas falls in the middle of the summer in both Australia and New Zealand. But, a lot of Christmas imagery comes from the United Kingdom and North America, so we still see **snow** on **Christmas cards** and **Santa Claus** still rides in a **sleigh** while wearing a fur coat!

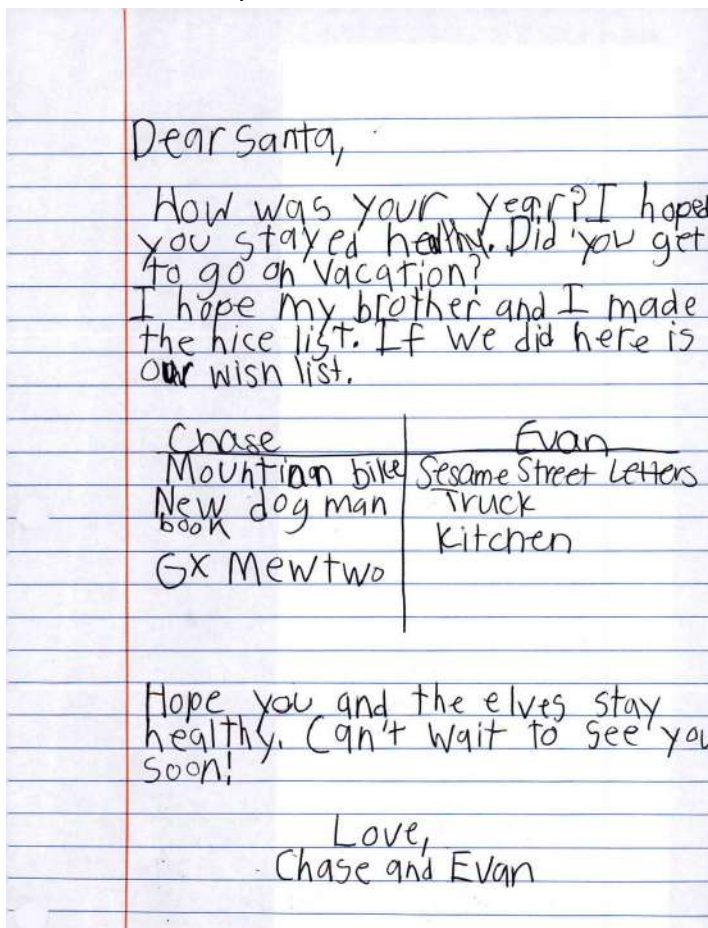


Activity Two: Your Ideal Christmas

With a partner, decide which Christmas traditions you like from the English-speaking countries. What would you do and eat on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day? Present your ideal Christmas holiday to the class.

Activity Three: Letter to Santa

Write a letter to Santa! What will you ask him for? Have you been good? Read this letter to Santa as an example!



Activity Four: Christmas Card

Design your own Christmas card and draw some Christmas images on it. Describe what you have drawn to the class. Merry Christmas!

Activity Five: Repeat after me

I like Christmas
I like Santa
I like presents
I like the Christmas tree
I like decorating the tree
I like snow



Activity Six: Gift Giving

Here are pictures of what I would like for Christmas.

(Write under each picture what it is in English and describe it and/or say why you like it.)

Here are pictures of what I would like to give for Christmas. (Write under each picture who you want to give the present to.)