

Christmas.

The story of the holiday.



What do we celebrate?

Every year on December, 25th in Britain people celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. That is why we call this time of year 'Christmas' 'Mass' (the birth).

Christmas is a wonderful time, when families and friends together. Many families in Britain stay at home with ton Christmas day





People celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December in Great Britain and on the 7th of January in Russia





The symbols of Christmas.

Christmas Tree

The tradition to decorate the Christmas tree comes from Germany. English queen Victoria liked the idea to decorate a fir tree, and in the 19th century this tradition came to Britain. Now all British families decorate the tree with toys, balls, sweets. And this tradition became popular in many countries.







the man who gives presents is...

Santa Claus



Stocking

□ In Great Britain children believe, that Santa Claus put presents in the stockings.



Candle

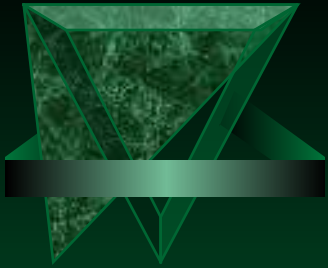


- **Candle is one of the Christmas traditions. People light candles when all family get together for Christmas dinner.**

Holly

□ Holly is the flower of the Christmas season. People in Britain like to decorate their houses with this green plant.





A
Joyful
Christmas

Carols

- Carols are special Christmas songs. It is very important tradition in Britain.



People sing them in churches



and in the streets



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Candycane

- Parents give children candy canes for Christmas. The candy is made as letter J, because name Jesus starts with this letter.



Ginger Cookies

□ Ginger cookies is traditional food for Christmas.







Boxing Day

It is usually celebrated on 26 December, the day after Christmas. In this day people open their Christmas presents and make visits to friends.



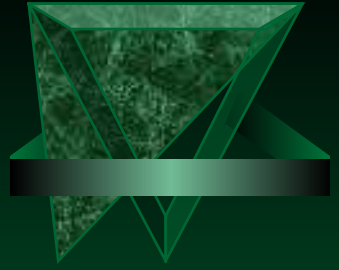


Christmas Dinner.

For Christmas dinner people eat turkey, potatoes and green vegetables.

Then they have the Christmas pudding. At five o'clock it's time for tea and Christmas cake.





Christmas tree in London.

The biggest Christmas tree in London, is in Trafalgar Square. The tree is a present from the people of Oslo, Norway.





The Queen's Speech



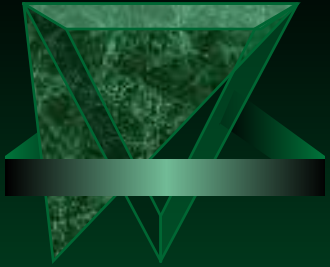
One of the main traditions in Britain is the Queen's Christmas Message or Speech. At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Queen gives her Christmas Speech to the nation which is broadcast on radio and television.



The most popular Christmas song. *Jingle bells*

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Through the fields we go
Laughing all the way.
The bells on bob-tail ring
They make our spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight.
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh
A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Funny Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank





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And then we got upset



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