



CHRISTMAS

Words You Should Know

fireplace	bells	candle	Christmas carols
reindeer	socks	card	Christmas card
celebrate	lights	church	Christmas Eve
decorations	gift	stocking	Christmas tree
presents	boots	chimney	Christmas cookie
Santa Claus	Santa	decorate	Merry Christmas

Christmas Traditions Around the World

Fill the gaps.

hang	decorate	popular	but	celebrating
markets	pudding	tradition	special	fried

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Comprehension Questions

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. How do people in the United States decorate their homes for Christmas?
3. What are Christmas crackers, and in which country are they popular?
4. What special food do people in Japan eat for Christmas?
5. What can you find at German Christmas markets?
6. What is a common tradition in Germany that involves small treats?
7. Why do children in the United States go to bed early on Christmas Eve?
8. What makes Christmas special around the world, according to the passage?