

Read the text and answer the questions.



CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS



THE ADVENT CALENDAR

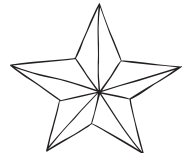
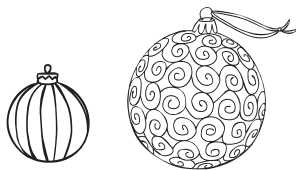
The Advent Calendar has 24 windows. Children use it to count down the days to Christmas Day. They can open one window every day. The first day must be December 1st. When you open the windows of the Advent Calendar, you find a chocolate or a small gift.

BAUBLES

Baubles are glass decorations that people hang on Christmas trees. They have different colours and designs. In the USA, you can buy baubles with designs of your favourite musician or sports team.

PRESENTS

All around the world, children get presents for Christmas. In some countries, Santa Claus brings the presents, but in others the gifts are from the Three Kings or an old witch. The presents are put in different places: in shoes, stockings or under the Christmas tree. In Poland, children open their presents on Christmas Eve, after the evening meal. In the UK and the USA, everybody opens their presents on Christmas Day.



SANTA CLAUS

People believe that Santa Claus lives in the North Pole. He makes toys there with the help of Christmas elves. He also watches children and checks if they are good or naughty. On Christmas Eve he travels around the world and brings presents to all of the good boys and girls. The naughty children get coal from Santa.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Christmas stockings are red. Children hang them by the fireplace. Santa Claus puts small gifts into the stockings. These can be oranges, chocolate coins or small toys. In some families, the gifts in the stockings are from Santa and the gifts under the Christmas tree are from the parents.



1. What can you find in the windows of the Advent Calendar?
2. What type of baubles can you buy in the USA?
3. When do children in the USA and the UK open their Christmas presents?
4. Who helps Santa to make toys?
5. Where do children hang their Christmas stockings?

1. Work in pairs. Ask the questions to your friend. Should he or she get presents from Santa?



SANTA'S GOOD AND NAUGHTY TEST

Do you ...	always	usually	often	sometimes	never
1. tidy your room?					
2. make your bed?					
3. help with the cooking?					
4. help with the shopping?					
5. brush your teeth in the morning?					
6. brush your teeth in the evening?					
7. eat a lot of fruit?					
8. eat a lot of vegetables?					
9. help your friends when they need you?					
10. come to school on time?					
11. listen to your teachers?					
12. do your homework?					



2. Tell another student about your friend.

Marysia sometimes tidies her room.

She often makes her bed.

She never helps with the cooking.

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