

CHRISTMAS WORKSHEET

CLIL Culture

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Pre- Reading

Discuss these questions with a partner or in small groups:

1. What do people do to celebrate Christmas in your country?
2. What kind of food do people eat at Christmas?
3. Do you know how people celebrate Christmas in other countries?

Word List

Celebrate: to do something special for a holiday or event

Candle: a stick of wax that gives light when it burns

Piñata: a colourful decoration filled with sweets

Tradition: something people do the same way every year

Wreath: a circle made of leaves or flowers used as decoration

Market: a place where people sell and buy things

Ornament: a small decoration for the Christmas tree

Barbeque: a meal cooked outside over a fire or grill

Carol: a song about Christmas

Sunshine: light and heat from the sun

Christmas Around the World!

Read three texts about how people celebrate Christmas in Mexico, Germany and Australia:

1. Christmas in Mexico

In Mexico, Christmas is full of colour and music. People start celebrating in December with *Las Posadas*, a tradition that remembers Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Families go from house to house, singing and carrying candles. On Christmas Eve, people go to church and then enjoy a big meal of tamales, turkey, or bacalao (salted fish). Children often break a bright *piñata* filled with sweets and small toys. Homes are decorated with paper lanterns and *nacimientos* - small scenes that show the baby Jesus in the stable. The celebrations last until January 6th, Three Kings' Day.



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2. Christmas in Germany

Christmas in Germany is very traditional and cosy. At the start of December, families make an *Advent wreath* with four candles. Every Sunday before Christmas, they light one candle. Christmas markets appear in towns, selling hot chocolate, handmade gifts, and *Lebkuchen* — a sweet gingerbread cookie. On December 6th, children leave their shoes outside for St. Nicholas, who fills them with sweets.

Families decorate their homes with wooden stars and glass ornaments. On Christmas Eve, they eat roast goose or sausages with potato salad, and open presents under a beautifully decorated tree.



3. Christmas in Australia

In Australia, Christmas comes in the middle of summer! The weather is hot, so people often celebrate outdoors. Many families have a barbecue on the beach or in the garden, eating prawns, cold meat, and fruit salad. Houses are decorated with lights and Christmas trees, just like in colder countries. Some people sing carols by candlelight in parks. Instead of snow, there's sunshine — and Santa Claus sometimes arrives by surfboard! On Christmas Day, people relax, swim, and enjoy time with family and friends in the warm weather.



READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text again and decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1. In Mexico, people eat turkey and break piñatas at Christmas. ☐
2. The Christmas celebrations in Mexico finish on December 25th. ☐
3. In Germany, families light a candle each Sunday before Christmas. ☐
4. Children in Germany hang stockings for St. Nicholas. ☐
5. In Australia, Christmas is in winter. ☐
6. Many Australians eat hot soup and drink hot chocolate at Christmas. ☐
7. In Germany, people buy food and gifts at Christmas markets. ☐
8. In Australia, people sometimes celebrate Christmas at the beach. ☐