**CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD**

**Santa sleigh carol stocking presents jingle bells wrapping paper carp turkey mistletoe star**

**candle Mary fairy tale chimney angel Christmas tree holiday lights reindeer gifts nativity scene**

1. Things we give and are given to us at Christmas
2. A figure with wings sometimes placed on top of a Christmas tree
3. A typical Christmas plant with little white berries.
4. The old fat man who brings presents to children in the USA.
5. A shape with five points
6. The time off work
7. A bird eaten for Christmas dinner in the UK and some other countries.
8. Santa’s entrance to the house, it is a part of a roof.
9. A typical Christmas song.
10. A beautiful story on TV during Christmas time.
11. Colourful material put around presents (2 WORDS) The second one is in 12.
12. The second word from 11.
13. Santa’s vehicle.
14. Jesus’s mother

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**FINISH THE SENTENCE**

At Christmas I love\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_but I hate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On Christmas Eve I usually need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The days before Christmas I can’t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I always enjoy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ At Christmas I

This Christmas I have decided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At Christmas I avoid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last Christmas I stopped\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At Christmas nobody should\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It is not important\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Christmas always makes me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I want everybody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at Christmas.

On New Year’s Eve I prefer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS**

Use the following verbs to make questions.

*cook watch sleep feel hide wrap give buy clean decorate help spend eat drink*

1. *WHY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
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4. *WHERE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
5. *WHAT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
6. *WHO\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
7. *HOW MUCH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
8. *WHICH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**THE MAGIC CHRISTMAS STAR**

It was Christmas Eve and Robin was waiting for someone special. Being only a tiny bird, he didn’t have a Christmas present to give his best friend and so he had asked Santa to help. Twittering with excitement, Robin showed his way to the bear cottage, where his very best friend, Little Bear, lived. Robin sighed that he only had his song to give and he gave that every day. For Christmas he wanted to give Little Bear something wonderful.

‘I think your song is wonderful, ‘said Santa, ‘but I will see what I can do’. But when he took out Little Bear’s gift, Oh Dear, it was empty.

What were they going to do? Where would they find something wonderful at this hour? Just then a trail of light sparkled across the sky. ‘What was that?’ they cried. ‘A Christmas star! A real Christmas star?’ Excited they raced to find out.

‘Do you think it’s broken?’ chirped Robin.

‘I think it’s magic,’ said Santa. He chuckled and reminded Robin that it was Christmas Eve.

‘Wonderful things happen on Christmas Eve, magical things.’

Inside the cottage there was no sign of Little Bear. Robin knew he would be tucked up in bed as all good little bears are on Christmas Eve.

‘Santa will be cold in the snow,’ said Dad, so they left some tasty treats to warm him.

‘Ssssh! Is that him on the stairs?’ Little Bear had crept out of bed. He was just too excited to sleep.

Little Bear knew that tomorrow would be magical but he couldn’t wait for it to come.

Then he heard a familiar song. Robin had come to say good night.

‘Can’t you sleep either?’ Little Bear whispered. ‘I am just too excited.’ So Robin chirped a lullaby. At last Little Bear’s eyes grew heavy. And tomorrow was finally just one magical dream away.

Now the bears may have finished their preparations and gone to bed but outside someone else was still very busy. Up Santa climbed onto the snowy rooftop with this wonderful surprise. Robin flitted and chirruped with excitement. What was it? What had Santa done? What was the special surprise? Wait and see.

‘Christmas has come,’ cried Little Bear, and he ran to see the presents under the tree. ‘Come on, then, ‘said Mommy and Daddy. ‘See what’s inside.’

He opened the lid and there was the Christmas Star. Little Bear had never seen anything so beautiful. The star was so thrilled to be with such kind and loving friends, it filled the home with light and magic and wonderful things.

But the most wonderful thing, the most magical thing was the feeling in Little Bear’s heart. ‘Thank you’ he whispered. He felt very, very special. ’Thank you! Thank you!’ he cried. But where had this feeling come from? From the treats and goodies? From the sparkly things?

Then he heard the faithful little Robin singing and he knew. It was the song he heard every day and it meant more to him than anything in the world.

‘Have a very Merry Christmas!’ Santa chuckled.

‘I will,’ whispered Little Bear, ‘I promise.’

‘And Happy Christmas to you, too!’ they all cheered happily. And Little Bear knew that Christmas magic like real friendship and the love that goes with it lasts forever.

**Mexicans** share many traditions with the Spanish. Their main Christmas celebration is called ***La Posada***, which is a religious procession (náboženský průvod) that re-enacts (opakovat) the search for shelter (přístřeší) by Joseph and Mary before the birth of Jesus. During the procession, people go from house to house carrying the images of Mary and Joseph looking for shelter.

Santa Claus is not so common but the bright red suit is represented in the traditional flower of the season. This flower is the ***poinsettia***, which has a brilliant red star-shaped bloom. It is believed that a young boy walking to the church to see the nativity scene showing the birth of Jesus had no gift for the Christ child so he picked up some plain green branches. The other people laughed at him because the present was so simple but when he put the branches near the manger (jesle) they started to bloom a bright red **poinsettia** flower on each branch.

The Mexican children get presents. On Christmas day they are blindfolded (mají zavázané oči)and try to break a decorated clay (hliněná) **piñata** that swings (houpat se) at the end of a rope. When the piñata is broken, the children climb to get the candy that is inside the piñata. Those children who have been good also on January 6th get a gift from the **Three Wise Men**.

Mexicans go to a midnight mass service which is called **la Misa Del Gallo** or "the rooster's mass," and at the mass they sing lullabies (ukolébavky) to Jesus.

Why do people walk in La Posada?

What is the legend of poinsettia?

What is inside piñata?

When do children in Mexico get presents?

**Christmas in Australia** is often very hot. Whereas the northern hemisphere is in the middle of winter, Australians are baking in summer heat. It is not unusual to have on Christmas Day more than 30 degrees Celsius.

A traditional meal is turkey and a Christmas plum pudding as a dessert. In the Australian gold rushes, Christmas puddings often contained a gold nugget. Today a small favour (maličkost) is baked inside. When you find it, you know you will enjoy good luck.

Some Australians and especially tourists often have their Christmas dinner at midday on a local beach. [Bondi Beach](http://www.sydneycity.net/sydneybeaches2.htm) in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs attracts thousands of people on Christmas Day. Other families enjoy their day by having a picnic. If they are at home, they go swimming in a pool, play Cricket out the backyard, and do other outdoor activities.

Thanks to the warm weather Australians can enjoy a tradition which started in 1937. **Carols by Candlelight** is held every year on Christmas Eve, where tens of thousands of people gather in the city of Melbourne to sing their favourite Christmas songs. The evening is lit by many candles . The sky with its Southern Cross stars is like a mirror.

Australians surround themselves with **Christmas Bush**, a native plant which has little red flowered leaves.

Christmas shopping is often done in shorts and t-shirts. At many beaches Santa Claus arrives on a surfboard, or even on a surf lifesaving boat.

What is the usual Christmas weather in Australia?

What was put in Christmas pudding in the past?

Where is Bondi Beach and what happens there on Christmas Day?

What does Carols by Candlelight mean?

What is the name of plant which is typical for Australian Christmas?

What vehicle does Santa use in Australia?