Christmas in Britain

Reading and vocabulary – Klasse 5

Today you learn about Christmas traditions in Britain. Look at the picture, read the text, answer the questions and practise new words. Viel Spaß!

1 Beschrifte die markierten Stellen.



1: _____ 2: _____

3: _____ 4: _____

2 Look at the picture. What do you already know about Christmas in Britain? Name two things in English or German (z. B. Christmas tree, presents, Father Christmas).

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Read the text carefully. You will need it for the next tasks.

Christmas Traditions in Britain

Christmas Eve is on 24 December. In the evening, many families sing carols or watch a Christmas film together. Children hang stockings by the fireplace. They hope that Father Christmas fills the stockings with small gifts and sweets at night.

Christmas Day is on 25 December. The whole family has a big dinner together. They eat turkey and Christmas pudding. A Christmas pudding is a dark, round cake – it is not ice cream or a pancake. After dinner, everyone opens more presents, and people pull Christmas crackers with

a loud bang. Inside a cracker, there is a small gift, a paper hat and a joke.

26 December is Boxing Day. In the past, rich families put gifts in boxes for poor people on this day. Today, Boxing Day is also a popular day for sport and shopping – but nobody fights or boxes on Boxing Day!

3 When is Christmas Eve, and what do families do together in the evening?

4 What do children hang by the fireplace on Christmas Eve, and what do they hope is inside?

5 What three things can you find inside a Christmas cracker?

6 What did rich families do for poor people on Boxing Day in the past?

7 Read the statements. Decide if they are right (True) or wrong (False).

	richtig	falsch
A Christmas pudding is a type of ice cream.	☐	☐
Turkey is a traditional food for Christmas Day dinner in Britain.	☐	☐
The name "Boxing Day" means that people box (fight) each other as a sport.	☐	☐
Christmas Day in Britain is on 25 December.	☐	☐
Boxing Day is on 26 December.	☐	☐

8 Match each English Christmas word to the correct German meaning.

1. stocking	____	A) Weihnachtspudding
2. Christmas cracker	____	B) Knallbonbon
3. Christmas pudding	____	C) Geschenkstrumpf
4. Boxing Day	____	D) Tag nach Weihnachten (26. Dezember)

Fill in the gaps. Choose the correct words from the box. One word is extra and not needed:
family – dinner – presents – Boxing Day – pudding

9 Christmas is a special time for the whole _____ in Britain. On 25 December, everyone has a big Christmas _____ together. After the meal, children and adults open more _____. On _____, many people watch sport on TV or go shopping.

10 Write a short paragraph (5–6 sentences) in English about your own Christmas or winter holiday traditions. Use the present simple and the questions below to help you:
- When is your celebration?
- What do you eat?
- What do you do with your family?
- Is something similar to a British tradition from this worksheet (e.g. stockings, a special dinner, special gifts)?

Lösungen

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Aufgabe 1: 1: stocking, 2: Christmas cracker, 3: Christmas pudding, 4: Christmas tree

Aufgabe 2: Individuelle Schülerantwort, zum Beispiel: People have a Christmas tree. / Father Christmas brings presents. / Families eat a big dinner together.

Aufgabe 3: Christmas Eve is on 24 December. In the evening, many families sing carols or watch a Christmas film together.

Aufgabe 4: Children hang stockings by the fireplace. They hope that Father Christmas fills them with small gifts and sweets.

Aufgabe 5: Inside a Christmas cracker, there is a small gift, a paper hat and a joke.

Aufgabe 6: In the past, rich families put gifts in boxes for poor people on Boxing Day.

Aufgabe 7: A Christmas pudding is a type of ice cream. → **falsch**
Turkey is a traditional food for Christmas Day dinner in Britain. → **richtig**
The name "Boxing Day" means that people box (fight) each other as a sport. → **falsch**
Christmas Day in Britain is on 25 December. → **richtig**
Boxing Day is on 26 December. → **richtig**

Aufgabe 8: 1 → C, 2 → B, 3 → A, 4 → D

Aufgabe 9: family, dinner, presents, Boxing Day

Aufgabe 10: My family celebrates Christmas on 24 and 25 December. On Christmas Eve, we decorate the tree and sing songs together. On Christmas Day, we have a big dinner with potato salad and sausages. After dinner, we open our presents under the tree. We don't have Christmas crackers like in Britain, but we also give small gifts to our neighbours. Boxing Day is not special in my country, so we just relax at home.

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