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## Christmas in the United Kingdom

In the UK (or Great Britain), families often celebrate Christmas together, so they can watch each other open their presents.

Most families have a Christmas tree in their house for Christmas. The decorating of the tree is usually a family occasion, with everyone helping. Holly, ivy and mistletoe are also sometimes used to decorate homes or other buildings.

Most villages, towns and cities are decorated with Christmas lights over Christmas. Often a famous person switches them on. The most famous Christmas lights in the UK are in Oxford Street in London. Every year thousands of people go to watch the big 'switch on' around the beginning of November.

Father Christmas or Santa Claus leaves presents in stockings or pillow-cases. These are normally hung up by the fire or by a child's bed on Christmas Eve.

In the UK, the main Christmas meal is usually eaten at lunchtime or early afternoon on Christmas Day. It is normally roast turkey, roast vegetables and 'all the trimmings' which means vegetables like carrots, peas, stuffing and sometimes bacon and sausages. It is often served with cranberry sauce and bread sauce.

Dessert is often Christmas pudding. Mince pies and chocolates are often eaten as well! The dinner table is decorated with a Christmas cracker for each person and sometimes flowers and candles.

Now answer the questions below about how you celebrate Christmas.

- 1.** How do you celebrate Christmas?

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2. Do you have a Christmas tree in your house? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe below what a perfect Christmas tree looks like. What would you decorate the tree with? Try to be as creative as possible!

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# QUESTIONS

**16 Total: Identify, Multiple Choice**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# NAZI PROPAGANDA

**IDENTIFY** Use the word bank to identify each description.

word	Match Example	word
suburbs	Final days from	Secret
beatniks/beat	postwar	Red Cross

1. First anti-Nazi film in 1939 urban setting
2. 1939's regime and film on film
3. New York's pre-war film scene
4. Name of film
5. First official Nazi film to come from home
6. Third International's name change 1935
7. Propaganda genre with the focus of popular culture
8. Nazi film to entertain them
9. Method of communicating. Speech

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** Choose the correct answer.

10. Propaganda that is made available to the audience. Propaganda works in this way because the production of it is made available for the entire of the

What is the best example of Nazi propaganda?

- A. Propaganda film
- B. Nazi youth organization
- C. Nazi youth organization
- D. Nazi youth organization

What was the main purpose of the film, *Triumph of the Will*?

- A. To show the power of the Nazi Party
- B. To show the power of the Nazi Party
- C. To show the power of the Nazi Party
- D. To show the power of the Nazi Party

13. How did the Nazis inspire the people with the "Triumph of the Will" campaign?

- They made a film that made the camp look nice.
- They did not show all the parts of the camp.
- They hid the final property of the camp.
- They showed most of the property of the camp before a movie was made.



- How are these German children represented in the poster?

  - Shy
  - Frightened
  - Cynical
  - Unaffected



- What is the most dangerous the New Plan is, depicted in the background?

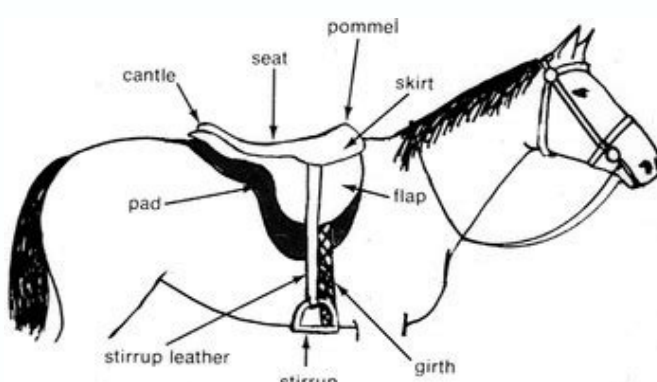
  - There are no concentration camps.
  - There are only Nazi leaders.
  - There are members of other groups.
  - There are Jews in Germany.



- The terrible poster reads, "We Don't Fear Jews for Us."
- What is the most likely reason Hitler targeted young children?

  - They were the most influential.
  - They were the best soldiers.
  - He knew their parents would stay away.
  - He wanted to show his power.

**Final Questions**



Level 1

# Idioms

What's really being said? Pick the best meaning.

1. You crack me up.

a. You make me laugh.  
b. You hurt me.  
c. You woke me up.
2. Hit the books.

a. Books are hard to hit.  
b. It is better to hit books than people.  
c. It is time to study.
3. To have a heart of gold.

a. Someone is nice.  
b. Someone is sad.  
c. I'm going to give you money.
4. She is pulling your leg.

a. She makes me fall down.  
b. She's joking with me.  
c. She's pulling on my leg.
5. In one ear and out the other.

a. I'm listening.  
b. I hear a sound on one side and then the other.  
c. I'm not paying attention.
6. Don't let the cat out of the bag.

a. Don't let my cat escape.  
b. Don't give away the surprise.  
c. The cat ran away.
7. Hold your horses.

a. Don't let the horses run.  
b. Find the horses.  
c. Wait patiently.
8. He's a couch potato.

a. He watches tv and is lazy.  
b. He likes potatoes.  
c. He found a potato on the couch.
9. I have a sweet tooth.

a. My tooth hurts.  
b. I have pretty teeth.  
c. I like sweets.
10. That's a piece of cake.

a. I like cake.  
b. That's easy.  
c. There's a piece of cake.



Bonus!

What does "it's raining cats and dogs" mean?

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Charles Dickens Biography



Charles Dickens was a prolific and highly influential 19th century British author, who penned a great number of highly acclaimed works such as "Oliver Twist", "A Christmas Carol", "David Copperfield" and "Great Expectations". Born on February 7, 1812, Charles Dickens was a British novelist, journalist, editor, illustrator and social commentator. Dickens is considered to be one of the most important and influential writers of the 19th century. Among his accomplishments, he has been lauded for providing stark pictures of the Victorian social conditions, helping to bring about social change.

**Early Life and Education**

The famed British author was the second of eight children. His father, John Dickens, was a naval clerk, who managed of doing a bit. Charles Dickens' mother, Elizabeth Barrow, worked as a tea-baker and school teacher. Despite his parents' best efforts, the family remained poor. Nevertheless, they were happy in the early days. In 1814, they moved to Chatham, Kent, where young Charles and his siblings were the first to start the countryside and enjoy the old castle at Sandwich.

In 1822, the Dickens family moved to Camden Town, a poor neighbourhood in London. As their father's financial situation had grown dire, so John Dickens had a dangerous habit of going beyond the family's means. Eventually, John resorted to prison for debt in 1824. Charles was just 12 years old at the time.

Following his father's imprisonment, Charles was forced to leave school to work at a boot-making factory alongside the Elver Thwaites. At the run-down, squalid-sloven factory, Dickens earned an abysmal wage, which paid just of "boarding" - a subsistence level for dear expenses. It was the last he could do to help support his family. Much to his relief, Dickens was permitted to go back to school when his father managed a timely reprieve and paid the gas off his debts. But when Dickens was 15, his education was pulled out from under him once again. In 1827, he had to drop out of school and work as an office boy to contribute to his family's income. As it turned out, the job became a teaching point for his writing career.

**Wife and Children**

Charles Dickens married Catherine Hogarth soon after his first book, *Sketches by Boz*, was published. The couple had a total of 10 children. During the 1850s, Dickens suffered two devastating losses: the deaths of his daughter and father. He was separated from his wife in 1858. Dickens continued Catherine publicly, and struck up an intimate relationship with a young actress named Ellen Ternan.

**Early Career**

Within a year of leaving school, Dickens began freelance reporting at the law courts of London. Just a few years later, he was reporting for two major London newspapers. In 1833, he began submitting sketches to various magazines and newspapers under the pseudonym "Boz". In 1836, his drawings were published in the first book, *Sketches by Boz*.

In the same year, Dickens started publishing *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club*. His series of sketches, originally written as sketches for artist Robert Seymour's humorous sports-themed illustrations, took the form of monthly serial instalments. *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club* was wildly popular with readers, so that Dickens' sketches were more often popular than the illustrations they were meant to accompany.

During his first U.S. tour in 1842, Dickens spoke of his opposition to slavery and expressed his support for abolitionist reform. His sketches, which began in England and ended in Niagara, were so widely distributed that their authors gathered outside his events. "They would flock around me as if I were an idol," raved Dickens, a crowd shout-off. Although he opposed the abolition of slavery, he eventually rejected the notion of his critics. He was also opposed to what he termed as "American" progressivism and crude habits, as he later expressed in *American Notes*.

After his criticism of the American people during his first tour, Dickens travelled across the U.S. tour from 1842 to 1844, hoping to establish rapport with the public. This time, he made a theatrical speech promising to pass the Pickwick Papers in regards of American Notes for General Crockett and *The Life and Adventures of Martin Chuzzlewit*. On 7th readings held on September 1845/1846, which, unlike Dickens was, successfully approximately 10.5 million in around 100 copies.

Do you love to play video games? Normally when we think of a forest we picture a wooded area somewhere with acres of trees. Which of the following is a good conductor of heat? At first Duke Kahanamoku performed poorly at an Olympic qualifying meet in. What are the major categories of Shakespearean plays? When did baseball begin to resemble the sport we know today? Which of the following is NOT a reason why Franklin decided to write his autobiography? Watch a movie where a talented actor portrays a major character; Shakespeare did not come from a prominent family; his father was a glovemaker. The best things in an artist's work are so much a matter of intuition, that there is much to be said for the point of view that would altogether discourage intellectual inquiry into artistic phenomena on the part of the artist. Do some research and write a short report explaining why he was named Surfer of the Century in 1999. Write an editorial that urges homeowners to plant more trees on their property. Mr. Utterson the lawyer was a man of a rugged countenance that was never lightened by a smile; cold, scanty and embarrassed in discourse; backward in sentiment; lean, long, dusty, dreary and yet somehow lovable What causes Mr. Enfield to begin telling his story? Have you ever boiled water? People get frustrated with a large breed of dog at about one year of age. It is important for students to read at every age. What does the narrator remember doing in Sleepy Hollow when he was a child? What is the purpose of insurance? Use these sixth grade reading worksheets at school or at home. What kind of communication is body language? Almost as if by magic, applying enough heat from the stove burner causes the water to boil and ultimately change state from a liquid to steam, the gaseous state of water. After studying the results of 3,000 cat personality tests, researchers in Australia have identified five human-like personality traits in cats. Modern as opposed to classical physicists define five states of matter. Why did Lord Canterville tell Mr. Otis that the house he was buying was haunted? Why do some people protest our modern, agricultural system? Mikhail Baryshnikov defected from the Soviet Union while he was performing where? If you don't know the answer, look it up. Which of the following are symptoms of food poisoning? The sixth grade reading worksheets provided give good practice with reading at the intermediate levels. This is the sixth grade reading section. Games resembling baseball in the United States have been referenced as far back as the 18th century. How many stages are there in the development of a puppy into a young adult? Most of these neurons are occupied on a daily basis in breaking down food, absorbing nutrients, and expelling waste, jobs that require chemical processing, mechanical mixing, and rhythmic muscle contractions - all things that take place independently of the brain in our heads. Duke Kahanamoku is also famous for his contributions to surfing. No matter how one tries, it will not fit. Are you creative, dedicated, and determined to remain young at heart? From The Fruit of the Tree by Edith Wharton What is one of the interests of Justine Brent's crowded yet lonely life? Why does the author believe that the average person should study the history of furniture? Reading every year and building upon reading skills is an important habit to build. Have you ever been outside in the middle of July and seen swarms of dragonflies? Besides being a playwright, Shakespeare was also a well-known what? What kind of companies would benefit from investing in urban trees? Otis, the American Minister, bought Canterville Chase, every one told him he was doing a very foolish thing, as there was no doubt at all that the place was haunted. Car chases, heroes and villains dangling from buildings, or enormous explosions keep movie viewers on the edge of their seats and make for top-selling movies. Why do dragonflies do almost everything while flying? Our Sixth Grade Reading Worksheets are free to download and easy to access in PDF format. Why is food poisoning a dangerous illness for children and the elderly? The sixth grade reading worksheets contain good comprehension questions that will challenge the student at the intermediate reading level. Click the image to be taken to our Sixth Grade Reading Worksheets. A serious problem like a car accident or a house fire can be very expensive to recover from, and many people do not have access to the kind of money that fixing these problems requires. How many human-like personality traits have been identified in cats? Students should actively read to improve comprehension skills. Dogs come in many different sizes, shapes and colors depending upon the breed. How do humans and other animals communicate with each other? Do some research and locate a copy of one his paintings. Write a detailed descriptive essay on the painting. Our sixth grade reading worksheets may be used for a variety of learning levels. Describe three scenes from the movie where the actor's body language contributes greatly to the scene. Listen to the news these days and, more often than we'd care to hear, some food product is being recalled by the manufacturer due to the possibility of contamination by bacteria. To try to write a history of furniture in a fairly short space is almost as hard as the square peg and round hole problem. Reading allows a child to improve their vocabulary background and comprehension of written and spoken text. Of course, humans communicate verbally by talking and making other sounds like laughing. Located in Rome, Italy, the Pantheon is one of the most famous buildings remaining from ancient civilizations. What advice would you give to the dog owner? Edgar Degas is well-known for his paintings of ballet dancers. Does the author believe that art can be taught? Why are magicians and movie makers illusionists? Bluescreen technology uses what color background? The most common path to finding a place in the video game field is to take courses related to game design at college. Based upon what you've learned from this reading, explain why this happens. Not many champion swimmers achieve Olympic records but in 1912 Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku won Olympic Gold and set a new world's record in the 100- meter freestyle event. Another major project constructed by Emperor Hadrian is known as Hadrian's Wall. From Benjamin Franklin, His Autobiography 1706 - 1757. When Mr. Hiram B. Dragonflies are large and strong. Reading is the action or skill of reading written or printed matter silently or aloud. What are most of the neurons in our second brain occupied by doing? Who destroyed the original Pantheon? What distinguishes one species of waterfowl from another? Explain what an illusion is. Do some research and explain what Hadrian's Wall was. Do some research and list and define the five states of matter. he former Soviet Union produced two of the world's most famous ballet performers, Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov.

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