



A Birthday Without a Date

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ Nobody knows the real birthday of Jesus. The Bible tells his story, but it does not give a date. The oldest record of Christmas on December 25 comes from Rome in the year 336. Today, billions of people around the world celebrate Christmas.

❷ Christians believe Jesus was born in a small town called Bethlehem. In the story, there was no

room for his family at the inn. So his mother put the baby in a manger, a box for animal food. Shepherds and wise men came to see him.

❸ Santa Claus has a long story, too. He comes from Saint Nicholas, a kind bishop in what is now Turkey. He lived about 1,700 years ago and gave secret gifts to poor people. Dutch people called him Sinterklaas, and in New York the name became Santa Claus. Many people say Coca-Cola made Santa red, but red Santas were in magazines before that.

❹ Today, families decorate a tree with lights and put a star on top. Children hang stockings and hope for presents in the morning. In Britain, people pull paper crackers at dinner. They go bang, and a paper crown falls out.

❺ But Christmas looks very different around the world. In Australia, it is summer, so many families go to the beach. In the Philippines, the season starts in September. In Italy, a kind old woman on a broom brings presents in January. And in Japan, many people eat fried chicken and strawberry cake.



音声を聞こう

Words 単語**record** 記録**celebrate** 祝う**Bible** 聖書**inn** 宿屋**manger** 飼い葉おけ (家畜のえさ入れ)**shepherd** 羊飼い**bishop** 司教**secret** 秘密の、こっそりの**decorate** 飾る**stocking** (クリスマスの) くつした**cracker** クリスマスクラッカー**season** 季節、時期



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Christmas has a long history, and people celebrate it in many different ways.
- (B) Christmas started in Japan and later moved to Europe and America.
- (C) Christmas is only for children who get presents from Santa.
- (D) Christmas is the same in every country in the world.

2. When is the oldest record of Christmas on December 25?

- (A) The year 1
- (B) The year 1823
- (C) The year 336
- (D) The year 1,700

3. Why did Mary put the baby in a manger?

- (A) Because it was warm in the box
- (B) Because there was no room at the inn
- (C) Because the shepherds asked her to
- (D) Because it was a custom in Rome

4. Which is the correct order of Santa's names?

- (A) Santa Claus, Sinterklaas, Saint Nicholas
- (B) Sinterklaas, Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus
- (C) Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, Sinterklaas
- (D) Saint Nicholas, Sinterklaas, Santa Claus

5. In paragraph 3, the word "secret" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) very expensive
- (B) hidden, so others do not know
- (C) very large
- (D) made by hand

6. Which sentence is true about the reading?

- (A) The Bible says Jesus was born on December 25.
- (B) Red Santas appeared in magazines before Coca-Cola's ads.
- (C) In Italy, Santa brings presents in September.
- (D) In Australia, Christmas comes in winter.

7. Why do many Australian families go to the beach at Christmas?

- (A) Because Santa lives near the sea
- (B) Because the shops are closed in September
- (C) Because it is hot in December there
- (D) Because the Bible tells them to

8. In the dialogue, what is different about Christmas Eve in Japan and in Australia?

- (A) In Japan, many couples go on dates. In Australia, it is a family night.
- (B) In Japan, people go to the beach. In Australia, people eat cake.
- (C) In Japan, it is a holiday. In Australia, people work.
- (D) In Japan, people eat prawns. In Australia, people eat chicken.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| The Bible says Jesus was born on December 25. | T / F |
| Santa Claus comes from Saint Nicholas. | T / F |
| Red Santas appeared before Coca-Cola's ads. | T / F |
| In Australia, Christmas is in winter. | T / F |
| In Britain, people pull crackers at Christmas dinner. | T / F |
| Christmas is a national holiday in Japan. | T / F |



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



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● reindeer



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● tree



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● Santa



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● star



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● bell



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● snowman



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● present



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● stocking

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. S A N A T

2. S E P E R N T

3. R D E E R N I E

4. C Y N E H I M

5. C L O R A

6. E I R T W N

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

rice

hat

snow

Canada

call

prawns

presents

pumpkin

Christmas

sweater

beach

spring

summer

Christmas in Two Countries

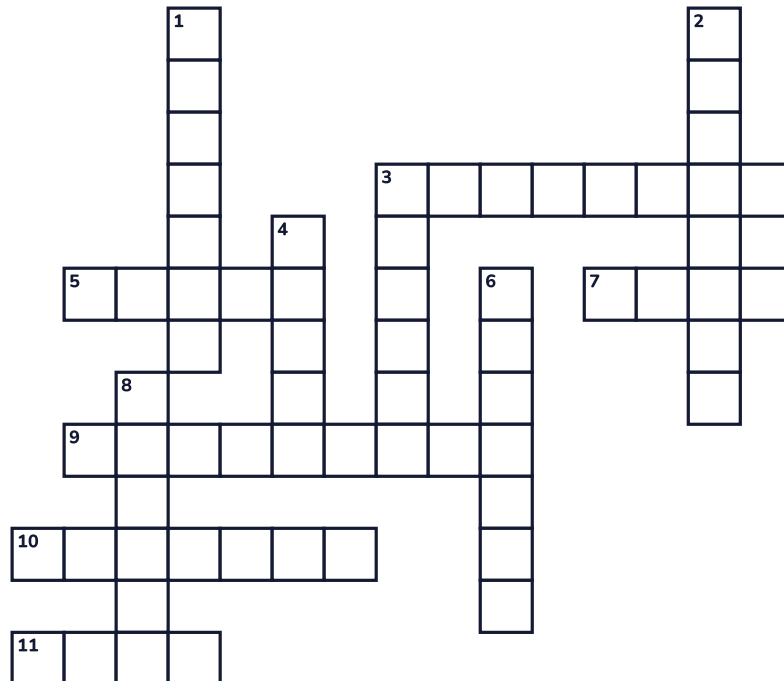
Ana lives in Australia. Her cousin Ben lives in (1) _____. On December 25, Ben wakes up and looks out the window. There is white (2) _____ everywhere. He opens his (3) _____ under the tree. In Australia, it is (4) _____. Ana and her family go to the (5) _____. They eat (6) _____ for lunch. In the evening, the cousins have a video (7) _____. Ben wears a warm (8) _____. Ana wears a (9) _____ for the sun. "Merry (10) _____!" they both say and laugh.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 3 A big sock. Children hang it by the bed. (8)
- 5 He brings presents and has a white beard. (5)
- 7 People put lights and a star on it. (4)
- 9 The small town where Jesus was born. (9)
- 10 In Britain, two people pull it and it goes bang. (7)
- 11 It shines at the top of the tree. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 A gift in pretty paper. (7)
- 2 Animals that pull a sleigh through the sky. (8)
- 3 Santa rides in it over the snow. (6)
- 4 A Christmas song, like Silent Night. (5)
- 6 Santa comes down it into the house. (7)
- 8 An old woman in Italy. She flies on a broom. (6)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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V	J	S	D	Y	O	M	B	R	I	R	A	A
E	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	O	R	A	A	R
U	M	M	E	O	P	L	O	C	S	C	J	O
O	U	P	O	I	F	K	S	E	L	K	B	L
T	S	A	S	R	N	T	S	Y	E	E	B	S
C	A	N	J	S	K	D	E	I	I	R	E	G
H	N	G	M	P	N	K	E	C	G	T	L	M
I	T	E	T	M	R	O	V	E	H	C	L	C
M	A	L	J	U	F	V	W	H	R	N	S	Y
N	J	S	T	S	T	O	C	K	I	N	G	P
E	H	S	Y	G	N	L	E	J	W	W	K	N
Y	F	H	L	T	U	S	T	A	R	E	S	V

Find these words! 14

- ☐ ANGEL
- ☐ BELLS
- ☐ CAROL
- ☐ CHIMNEY
- ☐ CRACKER
- ☐ PRESENT
- ☐ REINDEER
- ☐ SANTA
- ☐ SLEIGH
- ☐ SNOW
- ☐ STAR
- ☐ STOCKING
- ☐ TREE
- ☐ TURKEY

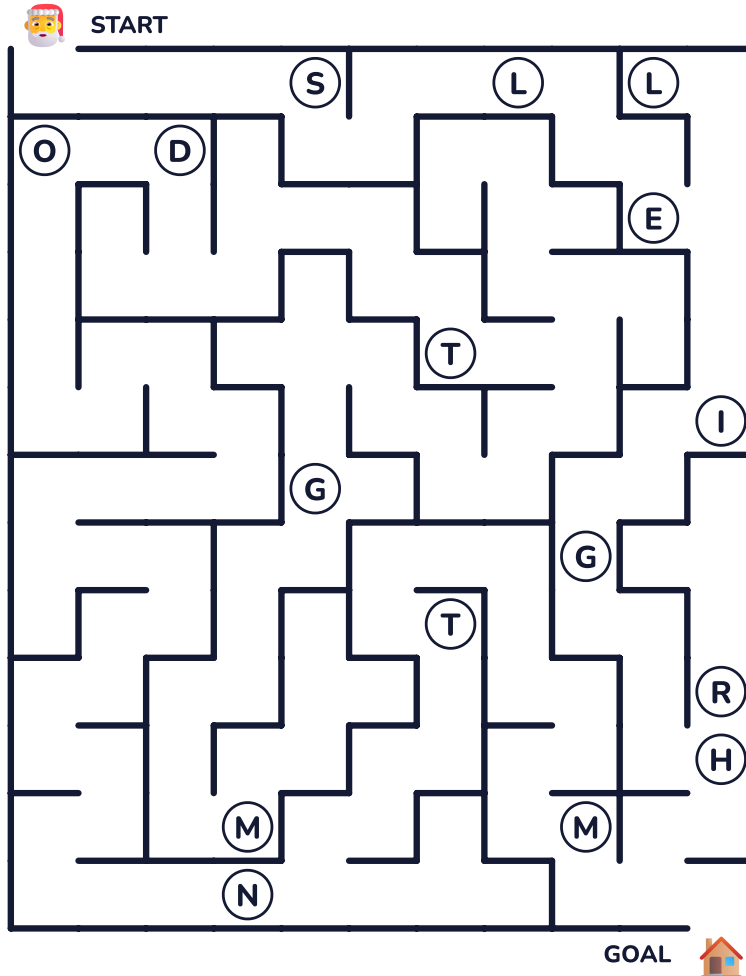
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help Santa find the chimney!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. decorate / colorful / the / We / tree / lights / with .

2. comes / Claus / Saint / Nicholas / from / Santa .

3. bed / the / their / hang / by / Children / stockings .

4. Australia, / Christmas / In / is / summer / in .

5. Eve / on / fried / Christmas / eats / family / My / chicken .



Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has decorated a Christmas tree	
... has written a letter to Santa	
... likes strawberry cake	
... can sing a Christmas song in English	
... knows the name of a reindeer	
... has seen snow on Christmas Day	
... knows what Xmas means	
... likes fried chicken	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I could spend Christmas in another country, I would go to _____ because _____.

Dear Santa, this year I _____. Please bring me _____.

Christmas in Japan is different from Christmas in _____ because _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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tree



santa



reindeer



stocking

