

Mira's Magic Christmas



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Look at the picture.
How many people can you see?

In Britain and America, most people celebrate Christmas on 25th December. This is when children find all their presents under the Christmas tree. How do the presents get there? Well, Santa Claus brings them, of course! Some people in England call him Father Christmas. But most people just call him Santa! He is a big man in a red suit and with a long white beard who lives on the North Pole. Once a year, at Christmas, he travels all over the world in his big golden sleigh. The sleigh is pulled by eight flying reindeer – it is very heavy because there are so many presents in there. The ninth flying reindeer is called Rudolph. He has a glowing red nose and guides Santa's sleigh through the night.



Do you know the famous song?
Sing it with your class mates!

On Christmas Eve (24th December) it is getting really exciting! When we decorate the tree, Freddy always puts a lot of candy canes on it. Before we go to bed, we hang up our stockings at the fireplace.

While we are asleep, Santa comes through the chimney, fills them with sweets and puts our presents under the tree. This is a very busy night for Santa! On Christmas Day (25th December) Freddy and I always get up really early to check our stockings and open our presents. Then we (Mum, Dad, Freddy and I, Whisker and our monsters) and our Uncle Merlin's family get together to celebrate and have Christmas Dinner. Everybody helps with the cooking. We usually have turkey, potatoes and vegetables. Before we eat, we have a lot of fun when we pull open our Christmas crackers and find out what is inside!



What is in the Christmas cracker?
Draw it!

After dinner we all just sit around, watch TV/videos or play with our new toys. Freddy's and my favourite film is The Grinch. Do you know it? He is just soooo bad! In the evening we are all really tired – but very happy. Merry Christmas!



Look at the picture again. On the right, there is a big white box. What, do you think, is in it? Make a drawing.

Mira's Magic X-Mas Quiz

Are you ready for a quiz? Tick the answers you think are right.
Then compare in class and check your score!

PS: If you need help, read Mira's text again very carefully!
You can find all the answers there!

1. Most British and American children get their presents on

- 24th December
- 25th December
- 31st December

2. Who brings all their presents?

- Santa Claus
- The Christ child
- Elves and reindeer

3. Where does Santa live?

- In the UK
- In the USA
- On the North Pole

4. How does Santa bring presents to children all over the world?

- He sends them by post
- He sends little angels or elves to deliver them
- He has a big sleigh which is pulled by flying reindeer

5. The most famous flying reindeer is called

- Blixen
- Rudolph
- Vixen

6. Santa comes to the children's houses ...

- ... through the chimney
- ... by ringing the doorbell
- ... through an open window

7. What do British and American families usually eat for Christmas Dinner?

- Roast beef and vegetables
- Fish and chips
- Stuffed turkey, mashed potatoes and vegetables

8. Do you know the name of the green monster who doesn't like Christmas?

- Ebenezer Scrooge
- Joey
- The Grinch

Your score:

7-8 points: Well done! You know all about Christmas!





5-6 points: Not bad. Would you like to be one of Santa's helpers?

3-4 points: Oh dear. You need more practice!! Quick!

0-2 points: Are you sure you're not a Grinch??



Here are some extra tasks for you!

-  What is in your white box? Walk around and compare your drawing with 3 colleagues.
-  Look at the Christmas tree. How many candy canes can you see?
-  Are there any monsters in the picture? Say where they are.
-  Count all presents. How many boxes are there? Compare with your colleagues.