



# Celebrating Christmas

Get ready to explore the vocabulary words and traditions associated with Christmas in this festive lesson.



# Festive

Meaning: Relating to or characteristic of a celebration or festival.

1 How do you make your home feel festive during the holiday season?

Sub Vocab: decorations, ambiance, atmosphere

2 What's your favorite festive decoration or tradition?

Sub Vocab: ornaments, lights, garlands

3 Why is creating a festive atmosphere important during Christmas?

Sub Vocab: joy, cheer, celebration

# Ornament

Meaning: A small, decorative object that is hung or used as an accessory, especially on a Christmas tree.

1 Do you have a favorite type of Christmas ornament?

Sub Vocab: bauble, trinket, decoration

2 Can you describe the most unique Christmas ornament you've seen?

Sub Vocab: intricate, handmade, ornate

3 Why do people use ornaments to decorate Christmas trees?

Sub Vocab: symbolism, tradition, aesthetics





# Tradition

Meaning: A belief or behavior passed down within a group or society, usually with symbolic meaning or special significance.

1 Share a Christmas tradition that's important in your family or culture.

Sub Vocab: customs, rituals, practices

2 Can you think of any unusual or unique Christmas traditions from around the world?

Sub Vocab: exotic, peculiar, distinctive

3 Why are traditions significant during the holiday season?

Sub Vocab: heritage, togetherness, continuity

# Jolly

Meaning: Cheerful and happy in a lively, festive way.

1 What makes people feel jolly during Christmas?

Sub Vocab: merriment, joyous, festive

2 Describe a time when you felt especially jolly during the holidays.

Sub Vocab: gleeful, lighthearted, exuberant

3 Why is spreading jolliness a part of Christmas cheer?

Sub Vocab: goodwill, happiness, laughter



# Candle

Meaning: A cylinder or block of wax with an embedded wick, lit to produce light or fragrance.

1 How are candles used in Christmas celebrations?

Sub Vocab: illuminating, symbolic, decor

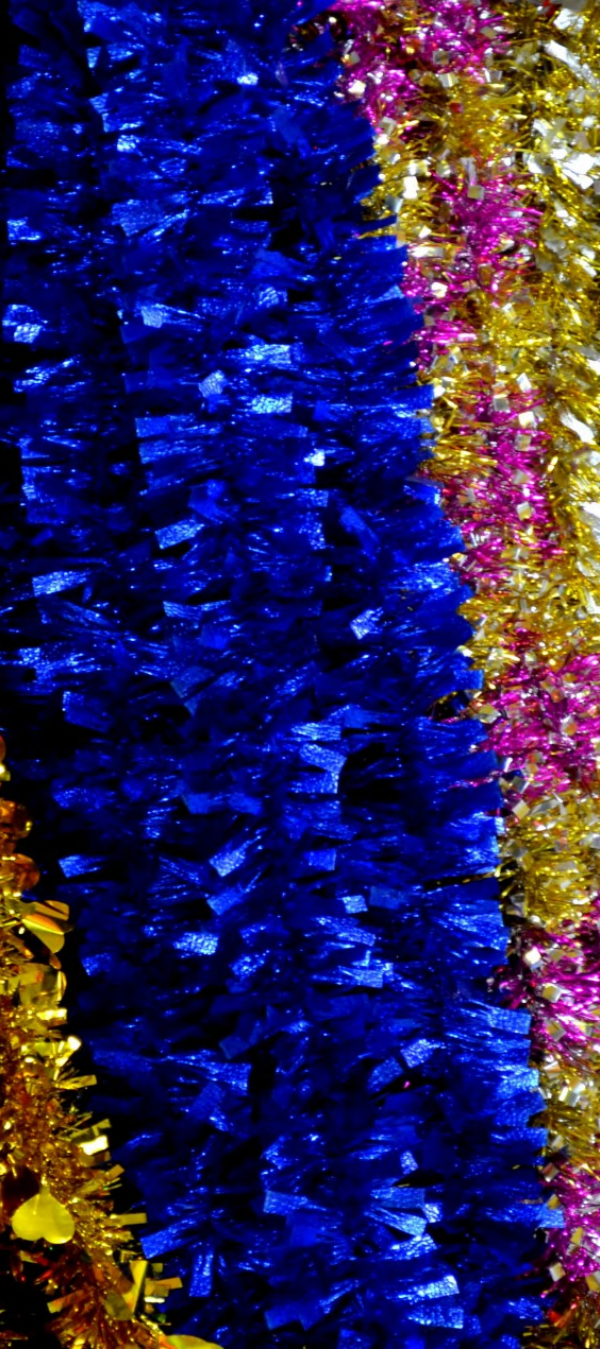
2 Can you share a memorable experience with Christmas candles?

Sub Vocab: flickering, cozy, scented

3 Why are candles a symbol of light and warmth during the season?

Sub Vocab: glow, radiance, solace





# Tinsel

Meaning: Shiny, decorative material made of thin strips of metal or plastic used to give sparkle to Christmas decorations.

1 Do you like decorating with tinsel? Why or why not?

Sub Vocab: shimmering, glittering, shine

2 What's the significance of tinsel in Christmas decorations?

Sub Vocab: embellishment, adornment, glitz

3 How does tinsel add sparkle to holiday displays?

Sub Vocab: shimmer, glisten, twinkle

# Reindeer

Meaning: A species of deer found in the northern regions, often associated with Christmas folklore and Santa Claus.

1 How do reindeer become part of Christmas folklore and stories?

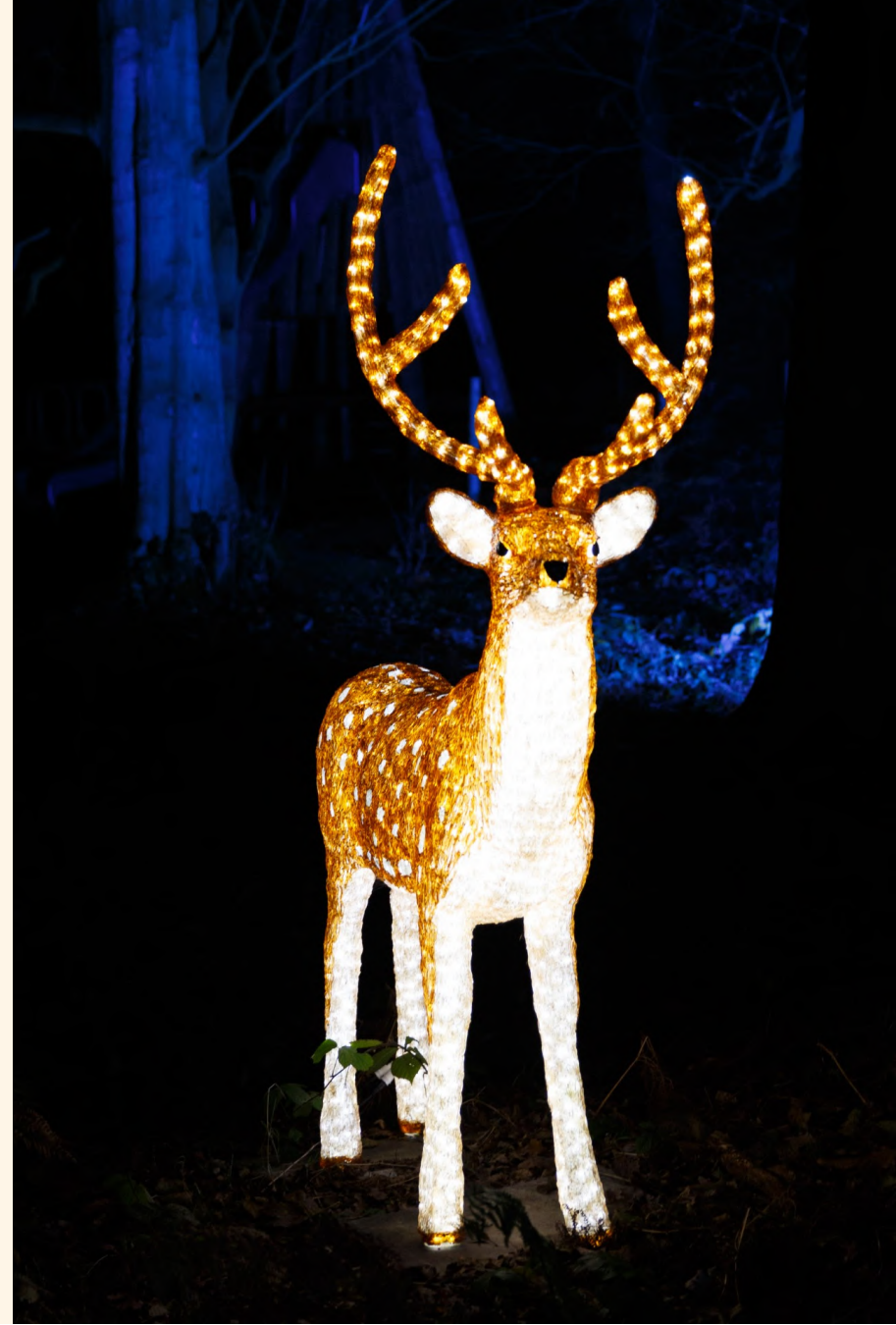
Sub Vocab: magical, mythical, legendary

2 Can you name all of Santa's reindeer?

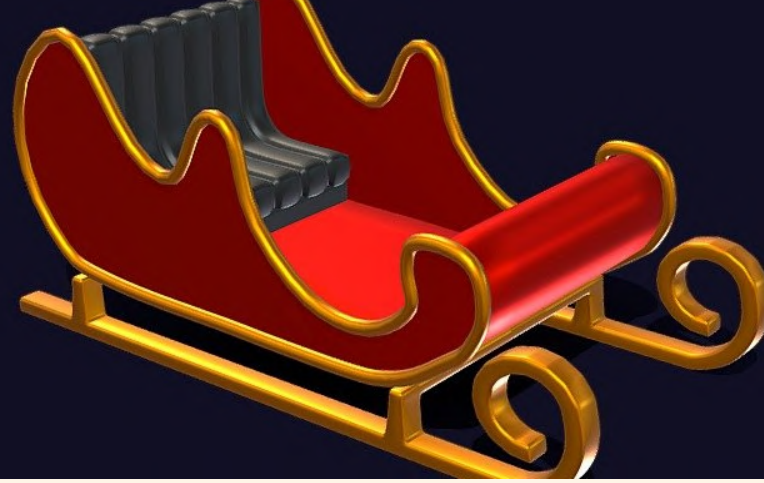
Sub Vocab: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph

3 Why are reindeer associated with Santa's sleigh?

Sub Vocab: transportation, flying, delivery







# Sleigh

Meaning: A sled or light vehicle, usually horse-drawn, used for transportation or pleasure rides, often associated with Santa Claus.

1 What is the significance of Santa's sleigh in Christmas tales?

Sub Vocab: adventure, journey, magical

2 Can you share an image or description of a typical Christmas sleigh?

Sub Vocab: wooden, ornate, reindeer

3 Why do people associate sleigh rides with the holiday season?

Sub Vocab: nostalgia, coziness, wintertime joy



# Mistletoe

Meaning: A plant with white berries, traditionally hung as a Christmas decoration, under which people are often expected to kiss.

1 What's the tradition surrounding mistletoe during Christmas?

Sub Vocab: kissing, romance, tradition

2 Can you explain the meaning of kissing under the mistletoe?

Sub Vocab: affection, love, holiday spirit

3 Why is mistletoe considered a symbol of love and friendship?

Sub Vocab: unity, connection, bonding



# Wreath

Meaning: A circular band of flowers, leaves, or other materials used as a decoration, especially on doors or walls during Christmas.

1 How do people use wreaths in Christmas decor?

Sub Vocab: door, wall, festive

2 Can you describe a wreath you've seen or used during the holidays?

Sub Vocab: Evergreen, holly, berries

3 Why are wreaths circular and adorned with evergreen plants?

Sub Vocab: eternity, nature, renewal

# Sleigh Ride

Meaning: A recreational ride or journey in a sleigh, often associated with the holiday season.

1 Have you ever been on a sleigh ride during Christmas?

Sub Vocab: enchanting, snowy, jovial

2 Share a memorable sleigh ride experience or story.

Sub Vocab: jingle bells, horse-drawn, scenic

3 Why are sleigh rides a beloved holiday activity?

Sub Vocab: nostalgia, winter wonderland, festive spirit



# Caroling

Meaning: The act of singing songs, typically religious or traditional in nature, in a group, often going door-to-door during the Christmas season.

1 Do you enjoy caroling during the Christmas season?

Sub Vocab: singing, harmonizing, joyful

2 Have you ever gone caroling with a group of people?

Sub Vocab: songs, lyrics, melody

3 How does caroling spread holiday cheer and goodwill?

Sub Vocab: community, goodwill, togetherness



# Gingerbread

Meaning: A sweet, spiced biscuit or cake shaped and decorated to resemble a gingerbread man, house, or other festive shapes, commonly associated with Christmas.

1 What is the significance of gingerbread during Christmas?

Sub Vocab: cookies, baking, aroma

2 Can you share your favorite gingerbread-related treat?

Sub Vocab: icing, cinnamon, festive designs

3 Why is gingerbread a popular holiday flavor and decoration?

Sub Vocab: festive, warm, nostalgic



# Stocking

Meaning: A large sock or fabric bag, traditionally hung by the fireplace or on a mantle, to receive small gifts on Christmas Eve.

1 How do stockings become a part of Christmas gift-giving traditions?

Sub Vocab: Santa Claus, presents, surprise

3 Why are stockings hung by the fireplace on Christmas Eve?

Sub Vocab: anticipation, surprises, magical

2 Can you describe a memorable item you've found in your Christmas stocking?

Sub Vocab: candy cane, small toys, personalized gifts





# Chestnuts

Meaning: Edible nuts produced by various species of trees, often roasted during Christmas time for their warm and cozy appeal.

1 How are chestnuts traditionally enjoyed during Christmas?

Sub Vocab: open fire, roasting, warmth

2 Have you ever roasted chestnuts over an open fire?

Sub Vocab: crackling, comforting, traditional treat

3 Why are chestnuts a symbol of warmth and coziness during the holiday season?

Sub Vocab: toasty, cozy, hearth