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Task sheets

CHRISTMAS IN THE WORLD



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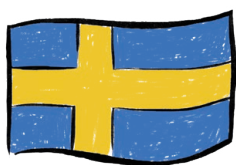
immigrants, exchange students,
language learners,
and many more

READY TO GO, EASY TO USE!

Task 1

Christmas is a time of presents, which are not brought by Santa Claus in every country. Match the country with the description of who brings presents for good children. Put the flag numbers into the grid below to get the code.

- A** Children get presents from Grandfather Frost, an old man with a long beard, accompanied by Snegoruchka (Snow Maiden).
- B** In this country, one gift-bringer is not enough for well-mannered children. They are visited by three merry figures: the Three Kings, who bring presents on their holiday on 6 January. A few days before, children write letters to their favourite king to ask for specific gifts.
- C** Presents are brought by gnomes. On Christmas day, an adult family member dresses up as Jultomten or Tomte, puts on a terrible mask and asks in a frightening voice: 'Any good children here?' before giving out presents.
- D** Children receive gifts on Epiphany Eve (the night of January 5) from an old woman, who - according to the legend - flies her broomstick around the world, looking for Baby Jesus. She finds other children instead and gives them presents if they have been good, coal if they have been naughty.



3 SWEDEN



2 ITALY



8 SPAIN



5 RUSSIA

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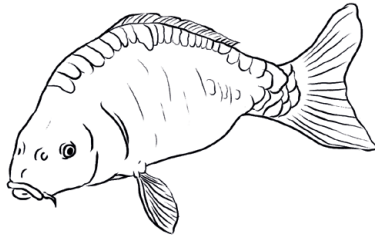
A	B	C	D

Task 1

Find the Christmas-themed words.

The remaining letters will form the name of the code digit.

S C A R P E C H R I S T M A S T R E E
V C A R O L I N G E N A T I V I T Y
S C E N E M I S T L E T O E N



CODE DIGIT: _____

Task 2

Match the words with the Christmas-themed phrases. You will find the code digit in the phrase that does not have a verb.

CHRISTMAS TREE (2)

SEND (5)

SING (1)

MULLED (4)

PRESENTS (0)

WRAP _____

DECORATE THE _____

_____ CAROLS

_____ WINE

_____ CARDS

CODE DIGIT: _____

Task 3

Different countries have their special Christmas foods. Match the dishes with the national tables. The tables with the highest (**H**) and lowest (**L**) numbers of dishes are the two next digits of the code.

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TURKEY	TORTELLINI	ICE CREAM	JELLIED CARP
MUSHROOM SOUP	MUSHROOM &	SWEDE PURÉE	PANETTONE
KFC CHICKEN	SAUERKRAUT		BORSCHT
	DUMPLINGS		

POLAND

JAPAN

NORWAY

ITALY

UNITED KINGDOM

	H	L
CODE DIGITS:		



Task 2

While Christmas may have started as a Christian holiday, and is often still celebrated as such, people from other cultures have embraced the holiday season and added their own traditions along the way. Check if you know the unusual Christmas traditions around the world.

Finish the sentence, choosing either the red (**R**) or green (**G**) arrow. The number of green arrows is one code digit, and the number of red arrows is the second digit.

- A** In Norway, they are hidden on Christmas Eve. People used to believe that witches and evil spirits would wake up and fly on them. They are _____



BROOMS



MUGS

- B** In Finland, in addition to the Christmas dinner and presents, the holiday would not be complete without a visit to the _____



CINEMA

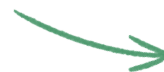


SAUNA

- C** Instead of having a Christmas dinner at home, the Japanese prefer to eat _____



SUPERMARKET CHICKEN

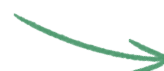


KFC CHICKEN

- D** Baubles shaped like this vegetable decorate Christmas trees in Germany. The child who finds one will get their present first. Therefore, everyone looks for a _____



TOMATO



CUCUMBER

CODE DIGITS:

G	R
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Task 3

Use the words in the box to complete the text about Mexican Christmas traditions.
The one leftover word will give you the code digit.

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STREETS (2)
PROCESSION (8)

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“Las Posadas” is a series of night gatherings, celebrated in Mexico from 16 to 24 December. Each night, a procession of people walk the _____ usually carrying candles and the statues of Jesus, Mary or _____ saints.

They sing _____, pray and invite passers-by to join the _____.

Las Posadas symbolise the Biblical journey of Joseph and Mary looking for an inn. In the evenings, at home, people break piñatas filled with _____.

CODE DIGIT: _____



Task 1

Answer the questions. The four correct answers will give you the code.

- A** In Poland, people exchange Christmas wishes while sharing wafers. In Spain, they use:
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	A	B	C	D
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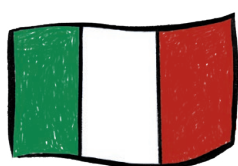
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Answer key

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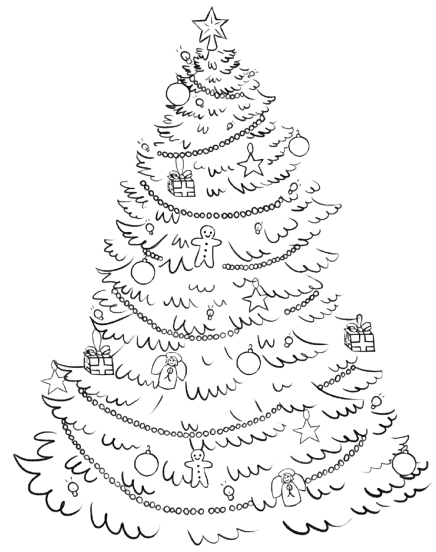
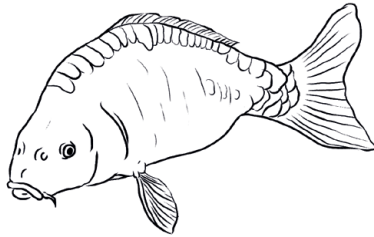


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CODE DIGIT: 7

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MULLED (4)

PRESENTS (0)

WRAP _____ PRESENTS (0)

DECORATE THE _____ CHRISTMAS TREE (2)

_____ SING (1) CAROLS

_____ MULLED (4) WINE

_____ SEND (5) CARDS

CODE DIGIT: _____ 4

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NORWAY ICE CREAM SWEDE PURÉE

ITALY SEAFOOD LAMB TORTELLINI FRIED CODFISH PANETTONE


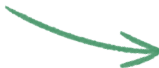



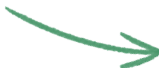

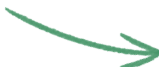
UNITED KINGDOM PUDDING TURKEY

	H	L
CODE DIGITS:	5	1

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| |  | <p>SAUNA</p> |
| <p>C Instead of having a Christmas dinner at home, the Japanese prefer to eat _____</p> |  | <p>SUPERMARKET CHICKEN</p> |
| |  | <p>KFC CHICKEN</p> |
| <p>D Baubles shaped like this vegetable decorate Christmas trees in Germany. The child who finds one will get their present first. Therefore, everyone looks for a _____</p> |  | <p>TOMATO</p> |
| |  | <p>CUCUMBER</p> |

	G	R
CODE DIGITS:	3	1

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Las Posadas symbolise the Biblical journey of Joseph and Mary looking for an inn. In the evenings, at home, people break piñatas filled with SWEETS.

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