

CHRISTMAS IS COMING !:)

VOCABULARY :Match the word to the picture

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Match the verbs on the left to the words on the right.

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| 1. decorate | a. a candle |
| 2. fill | b. a Christmas card |
| 3. write | c. a Christmas tree |
| 4. ride | d. a sleigh |
| 5. light | e. a stocking |
| 6. kiss under | f. bells |
| 7. pull | g. Christmas crackers |
| 8. ring | h. Christmas pudding |
| 9. eat | i. presents |
| 10. wrap | j. the mistletoe |

- Santa Claus is also sometimes called Kris Kringle or Father Christmas.
- Santa's sleigh flies by itself.
- Santa has a pet reindeer called Rudolph.
- Santa enters people's homes through the door or windows.
- People leave a plate of sandwiches for Santa to enjoy when he visits.

Christmas traditions

Work in pairs. Which countries do you think the following traditions belong to? Your teacher will provide the correct answers. Total your score and compare with other pairs.

Argentina	Brazil	Egypt	Iceland
Ireland	Pakistan	Poland	Spain

- The main Christmas meal is eaten during the evening of Christmas Eve. It is often a barbecue served in the garden. _____
- Sometimes children leave a sock near a window. If Papai Noel (Santa Claus) finds the sock, he'll exchange it for a present! _____
- Christmas Day is celebrated on January 7th. _____
- On January 6th, women traditionally have a free day and men do the housework and cooking. _____
- December 25th is a public holiday, but it is only in memory of the founder of the country. _____
- The main Christmas meal consists of 12 dishes. Carp (a river fish) is the main dish. _____
- Sometimes a sea bird is eaten on Christmas Day. _____
- On December 28th, people play tricks on each other (like on April 1st in the UK and USA). _____

True or false ?

Match these words and phrases from the video with their meanings.

Group 1

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| 1. <u>accelerate</u> | a. accept that something is true without checking |
| 2. <u>assume</u> | b. include or consider a piece of information |
| 3. <u>deafen</u> | c. increase speed, start to go faster |
| 4. <u>factor in</u> | d. make someone lose their hearing |
| 5. <u>survive</u> | e. manage to stay alive in a dangerous situation |

Group 2

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| 1. a rough <u>estimate</u> | a. a difficult or dangerous experience |
| 2. <u>bystander</u> | b. a guess which is more or less correct, but not exact |
| 3. <u>load</u> | c. a person who is close to an event but is not actively taking part in it |
| 4. <u>massive</u> | d. the amount of something which an animal is carrying or pulling |
| 5. <u>ordeal</u> | e. very large |

- How are the words in Group 1 the same?
- Which word in Group 2 is different to the others?
- Which of these words would a space scientist use frequently?

Watch again

Complete these sentences from the video with a word or phrase from the vocabulary exercise. Change the word endings if you need to so that the word fits the grammar of the sentence. Then watch the video again and check.

- But if we consider certain religious and cultural traditions, we get _____¹ of about 600 million people.
- So _____² the different Christmas Eve start times across the planet, and Kringle's got a luxurious 31 hours to make his deliveries.
- Since we don't know exactly how fast a reindeer can fly, let's _____³ they can manage those incredible speeds.
- Even then, the _____⁴ they have to lug is much too heavy for them.
- For starters, the team would create a _____⁵ sonic boom as they hurtle through the air at 3,000 times faster than the speed of sound, _____⁶ any _____⁷ on the ground below.
- When a typical coaster _____⁸, you get pushed back against your seat.
- Let's assume Santa and friends miraculously _____⁹ this _____¹⁰.

Before you watch

You are going to watch a video called, "What If Santa Really Delivered Presents in One Night?" This video considers how the story of Santa Claus would be scientifically possible.

Read these facts from the video and choose the best answers. Use the glossary to help. Then watch to check your ideas.

- Around **600 thousand / 600 million / 6 billion** people in the world expect a visit from Santa every year.
- There are several children in every home, so Santa would only need to visit **24 million / 200 million / 240 million** homes.
- He would have **31 / 24 / 13** hours to deliver all the presents.
- Santa would have to fly **twice as fast as / 100 times as fast as / 1,200 times as fast as** the fastest plane in the world.
- Reindeer can run **18 / 80 / 118** kilometres per hour.
- Santa's bag of presents would weigh around **6,000 / 60,000 / 600,000** tons.
- The reindeer would fly at **3 / 300 / 3,000** times the speed of sound.
- When Santa sat in the sleigh, he would experience a force that is **tens of thousands / hundreds of thousands / millions** of times stronger than gravity.
- Santa would receive a total of **72 million / 720 million / 7 billion** cookies from all the houses that he visited.
- Santa would consume **39 million / 396 million / 396 billion** calories if he ate all the cookies and drank all the milk that people left for him.