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Hi, readers, welcome to FKIS English Newsletter! We hope you will find the newsletter educational and enjoyable as it is filled with language knowledge and fun elements. Happy reading! Merry Christmas!

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Christmas is coming to town



As you walk around in Hong Kong, you can see Christmas lights and trees all over the city. It tells you that it's the Christmas time. But how much do you know about Christmas?

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. The 25th day of December was chosen by Roman Catholic Church to mark the birth of Jesus Christ. In Hong Kong, 25th December and 26th December are public holiday.

Christmas Dates:

24th December is Christmas Eve – People usually go to the church at night and sing Christmas Carols. Children usually hang up their Christmas stockings near the fireplace and wait for Santa to give them a secret gift.

25th December is Christmas Day – People usually stay at home and have gatherings. People would exchange gifts during the Christmas party.

26th December is Boxing Day – People often go out for a walk after eating too much the day before.

Word Box



Santa Claus



candles



a stocking



Christmas bells



a snowman



baubles



a Christmas tree



a wreath



gifts

Fun Facts about Christmas



Q1. Who is Santa Claus?

Santa Claus is a legendary character who brings gifts on Christmas Eve to children. People believe that the modern Santa Claus is based on St. Nicholas. He was a Christian bishop who helped the poor and needy. He loved children and gave them gifts secretly. Later, he became Santa Claus. Originally, he didn't dress up in red clothes. Coca Cola company decided to dress him up in red to match their brand. That's why he is in red clothes now.

Q2. How did people decorate Christmas trees in the past?

In the old days, Christmas trees are decorated with fruit and candles. Nowadays, we decorate the Christmas tree with lights and ornaments. Besides Christmas trees, people also hang Christmas wreaths.



Q3. What?! Jingle bells is not for Christmas?

You must know the famous Christmas Song – Jingle Bells. But it was originally call 'One horse Open sleigh' and it was written for Thanksgiving not for Christmas.

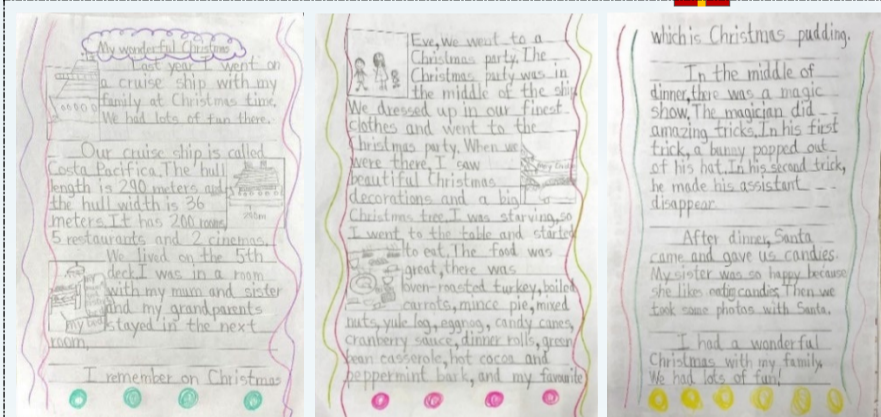


Smart Reader!



"The Gingerbread Man" is a story which is about a couple who made a gingerbread man to eat. However, when they finished baking the man, he ran away. Along his path, he met different characters, including a sneaky fox...The couple could not catch the gingerbread man. How about you? Can you catch the gingerbread man? Let's read the story together. You can find this book in eLibrary Plus from eclass!

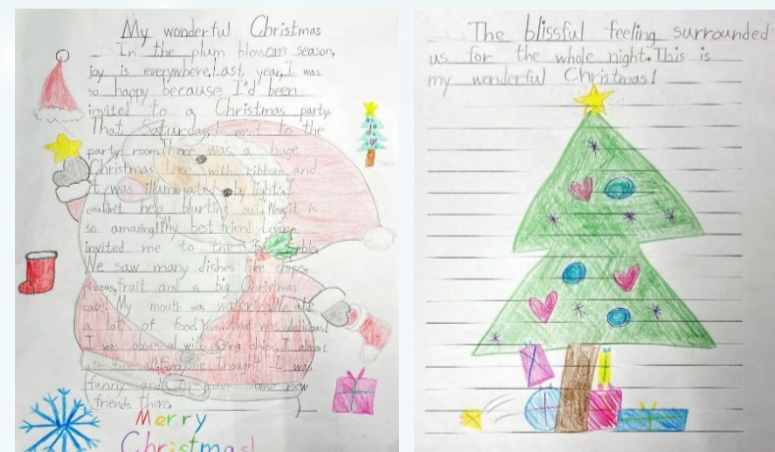
My Christmas Experience



by Sando Luke Stone (3B)



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by Liu Choi Ling, Elysia (3B)



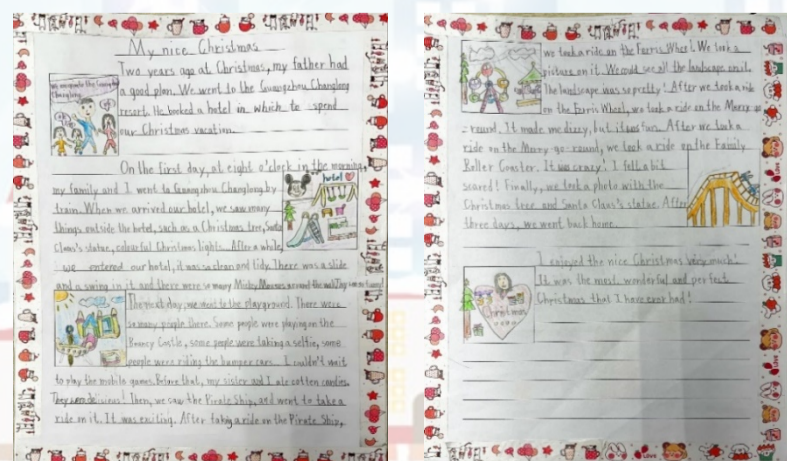
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4 Green	5 Yellow	6 Skin colour
7 Purple	8 Brown	9 Orange



by Fong Oi Ying, Emily (3A)



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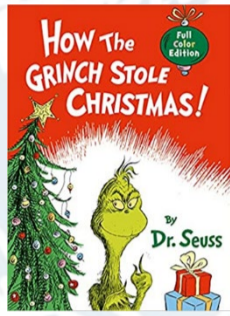
Celebrating Christmas with Dr. Seuss



"How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

Do you like Christmas? Do you buy presents for your friends and family at Christmas? Do you decorate your home before Christmas? However, there was something different in one town.

A town of merry Christmas-lovers called the Whos go about their annual holiday preparations. Up in the caves north of their town, though, lives a character named the Grinch who absolutely hates Christmas. We're not really sure why (who could hate presents and feasting?), but hey, hatred never really had a good explanation.



At any rate, the Grinch has had enough of this Christmas business and he sets about trying to ruin it for the Whos. He sneaks into all of their homes and steals their Christmas decorations, meals, and gifts.



What happened then? You may read this book or watch this movie to find the answer. Enjoy it in your Christmas holiday!

Riddles Time!



1. I come with a lot of colours, so lovely and bright. I turn so many houses into a beautiful sight. What am I?
2. I'm a cookie you might like to eat, and some might say I'm a favoured Christmas treat. I have brown arms, eyes, and don't forget my feet. What am I?
3. When going around the world, I can find the way. I go to every country while helping pull Santa's sleigh. What am I?
4. Climbing down chimneys may often seem weird, but not when it's this old man with a white beard. Who is he?
5. I'm Santa's little helper, I'm loved by both girls and boys. All throughout the year, I work hard building their toys. Who am I?

Let's Bake a Gingerbread Man



Gingerbread Fun! - Baking Game
Bluebear Technologies Ltd.

*Download this funny App!

Gingerbread Fun! - Baking Game



In this app, you can join Alfredo the Chef rolling dough and using stencils to cut gingerbread shapes before baking them in the oven.



Then you can decorate your own gingerbread cookies to bring them to life! Yum yum!



Fun Time - Let's find the following words in the puzzle.

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| CHRISTMAS | JOY |
| LIGHTS | ELF SNOW |
| COOKIES | TREES |
| FAMILY | CAROLS |
| JINGLE | PRESENTS |
| CANDY CANES | GIVING |
| GINGERBREAD | SANTA |
| REINDEER | CLAUS |
| STOCKINGS | NORTH |
| | POLE |



Please check your answers by using this QR code!

Cook with your family! Do you want to make a Gingerbread Man?



Steps

1. Place softened butter in a large mixing bowl.
2. Add brown sugar and mix it until butter and sugar are creamed together.
3. Add some honey.
4. Add one egg and flour into the mixture.
5. Add baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, clove and ginger. Mix them well.
6. Form the mixture into a ball.
7. Cover the ball with plastic wrap and chill for at least 2 hours.
8. Separate the dough into two sections.
9. Roll the sections until they're 1.4 inch thick.
10. Using a Gingerbread man shape cutter and cut the sections into shapes.
11. Bake the cookies.
12. Cool on a wire rack until they are completely cool.



Source: <https://ohsodelicioso.com/easy-gingerbread-men-recipe/>

Word Box

 Santa Claus	 a reindeer	 tinsel
 oven-roasted-turkey	 a sleigh	 ornaments
 holly	 a gingerbread house	 presents

Letters to Santa Claus!



Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I'm Sophy, a twelve-year-old girl who lives in Hong Kong. My favourite festival is Christmas. Do you know why? It's the day I can have a big Christmas dinner with my family and many friends. I also can enjoy a party with my best friends and enjoy a lot of activities such as exchanging gifts, singing Christmas carols and watching the movie about the Nutcracker. Have you watched it before? I love the film so much!

Actually, I really want to know more about you. I've just seen you in the legend which you live in a high cold mountain in Finland. I wonder why you always give Christmas presents to the obedient children at Christmas over all the world. Why do you like the children? How do you give gifts to the children who have no homes? Do you still ride on the ding dong deer sled? I hope you can tell me. At last, if I can make a little wish, I don't want any presents, but I hope the world become more peaceful forever. No hunger, no disasters, no wars, no COVID-19... All the children will always be as full as a bear and they will have a warm family. Everyone in the world is as happy as a lark.

by Tam Tin Yan, Sophy (6D)

Love,
Sophy

Dear Santa Claus,

Hello, how are you? I hope you're having a great time! I have been a nice kid this year. I have studied for my exam and I always help my family and friends too! Therefore, I have just a few requests which I hope you can help me achieve them!

First, I want a new pair of shoes. Since everyone in class got a pair of beautiful shiny shoes but mine is dirty and old. I will be thrilled if I get a new pair of shoes! Second, I want to get an adorable kitten! My family won't let me adopt or buy one! However, I really want one as kittens are fluffy and cute. It can stay with me when I am alone and 'lonely'. It will be such a good friend! Last but not the least, I'd love to have a new phone which can help me study and learn better. And also playing interesting games! What a useful learning tool!

I am a little girl who makes a list of wishes like most of the children but what I want most is the love and caring from you!

by Pang Hei Yun, Eunis (6D)

Best wishes,
Eunis

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I haven't seen you since last year. I miss you so much! Since 2019 the corona virus outbreak, I haven't heard your news. Are you worried about the virus? I think you would say yes because you are so kind.

This year, I hope that I can receive a unique gift from you. Due to the virus outbreak, I want healthiness for the whole world but not a present for myself. I also wish that you can stop the corona virus spreading everywhere because people said that you can do anything.

I have been a good kid this year (umm...just a little naughty sometimes) so I hope that my wish can come true.

Write back soon!

by Yuen Man Li, Money (6D)

Best regards,
Money

Answers for the riddles:

- Q1: Christmas lights. Q2: A gingerbread man
Q3: Reindeer Q4: Santa Claus Q5: An elf



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