

ENGLISH IN 7.BB

Christmas



When we finish the topic, you'll be able to:

- Talk about Danish Christmas traditions in English
- Write an article about Christmas in Denmark
- Use a wider vocabulary when talking about Christmas traditions in English speaking countries
- Solve a Christmas crossword
- Look words that you don't understand up in a dictionary
- Find thirteen hidden Christmas words
- Answer questions in a Christmas quiz
- Tell each other Christmas-stories in groups
- Listen for missing words in (three) Christmas songs

Enjoy ☺

Christmas in Denmark

Christmas in Denmark is supposed to be when a mischievous¹ elf called Nisse can have his fun. He is said to live in the lofts of old farmhouses and enjoys playing jokes. He wears gray woollen clothes, a red bonnet², red stockings and white clogs³. Families leave him a bowl of rice pudding or porridge⁴ on Christmas Eve to keep his jokes within limits. Usually though he is kind and helpful helping out on the farms and being especially good to the children.

The first of December is the first day of the Christmas month, and it is therefore the day to start opening your *Christmas calendar*. Every kid has one and there is a wide variety of them. Some are made of paper and filled with chocolate hidden behind 24 small windows allowing one piece each day until December 24. Others have small pictures behind the windows.

One of the great Danish traditions is the *Children's Christmas Calendar* which is a television show made by Danish television. Most years a new one is made. Every day from the first of December to the 24th of December, a new episode is shown on television. Usually it is a Christmas story or fairytale either with real people performing or with puppets. In the later years, there has been a tradition for an adult Christmas calendar on television as well – usually a humorous one.

The first of December is also the day to light your calendar candle, a candle marked off in 24 divisions, one for each day until Christmas.

Christmas Eve dinner begins with rice pudding that holds a magic almond⁵ inside. Whoever finds the almond receives a prize. They then have goose, red cabbage⁶ and browned potatoes. After that lots of pastries⁷ and cakes.

¹ drilagtig

² hue

³ træsko

⁴ grød

⁵ mandel

⁶ kål

⁷ wienerbrød

The Danish tradition is the *Christmas plate*⁸. This was a tradition in the early days where rich Danes gave plates, biscuits and fruit as presents to their servants⁹. These plates were the nicest and best kind and were not used for everyday use – this is the reason why they became so collectable.

They take much pride¹⁰ making their own decorations with bright paper, bits of wood and straw. The parents secretly decorate the tree, and children are not permitted¹¹ to see the tree until dinner on Christmas Eve. The tree is then lit up and families gather around to sing carols¹² and hymns.

Each Sunday in Advent, guests are invited to join in the lighting of the candles on the *Advent wreath*. Adults drink a warming mixture of red wine, spices and raisins, and children drink a sweet fruit juice, like strawberry. Everybody eats small cakes of batter¹³ which have been cooked over the fire in a special pan and dusted with icing sugar¹⁴.

In Denmark Christmas Eve is called *Juleaften* and is the biggest occasion¹⁵ of the year. Parties go on all night, with traditional prune-stuffed¹⁶ roast goose, red cabbage, fried pastries, and cinnamon-laced¹⁷ rice pudding called *grød*.

The Christmas elves called *Julenisse* are appeased¹⁸ with rice pudding, and dishes of seeds¹⁹ are placed outdoors for wild birds.



⁸ juleplatte

⁹ tjenere

¹⁰ sætter en ære i at

¹¹ har ikke lov til at

¹² julesange

¹³ dej

¹⁴ flormelis

¹⁵ begivenhed

¹⁶ sveskefyldt

¹⁷ kanelpyntet

¹⁸ fredeliggjort

¹⁹ frø

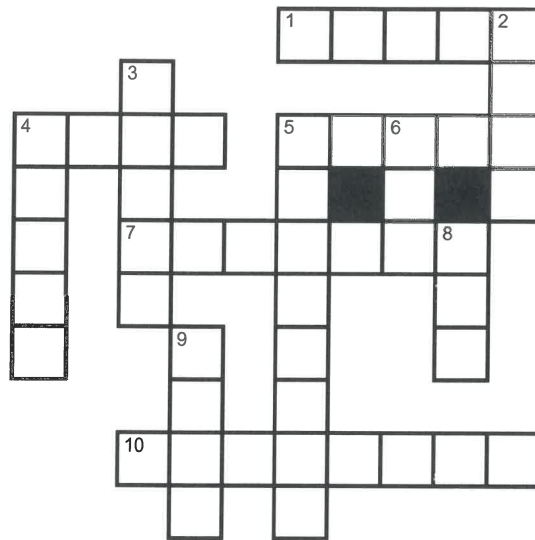
Questions and tasks

1. Which of the facts above are true – and which are not?
2. What do we call the *warming mixture of red wine, spices and raisins*?
3. What do we call the *small cakes of batter which have been cooked over the fire in a special pan, and dusted with icing sugar*?
4. Write your own article about Christmas in Denmark. Include as many facts as possible and remember to explain everything very well – the readers of your article don't know anything about Denmark and Christmas.

350-450 words



Christmas Crossword



Across

1. Jingle _____.
4. Send a Christmas _____.
5. Mr. Claus.
7. Stingy old man.
10. Animals that pull the sleigh.



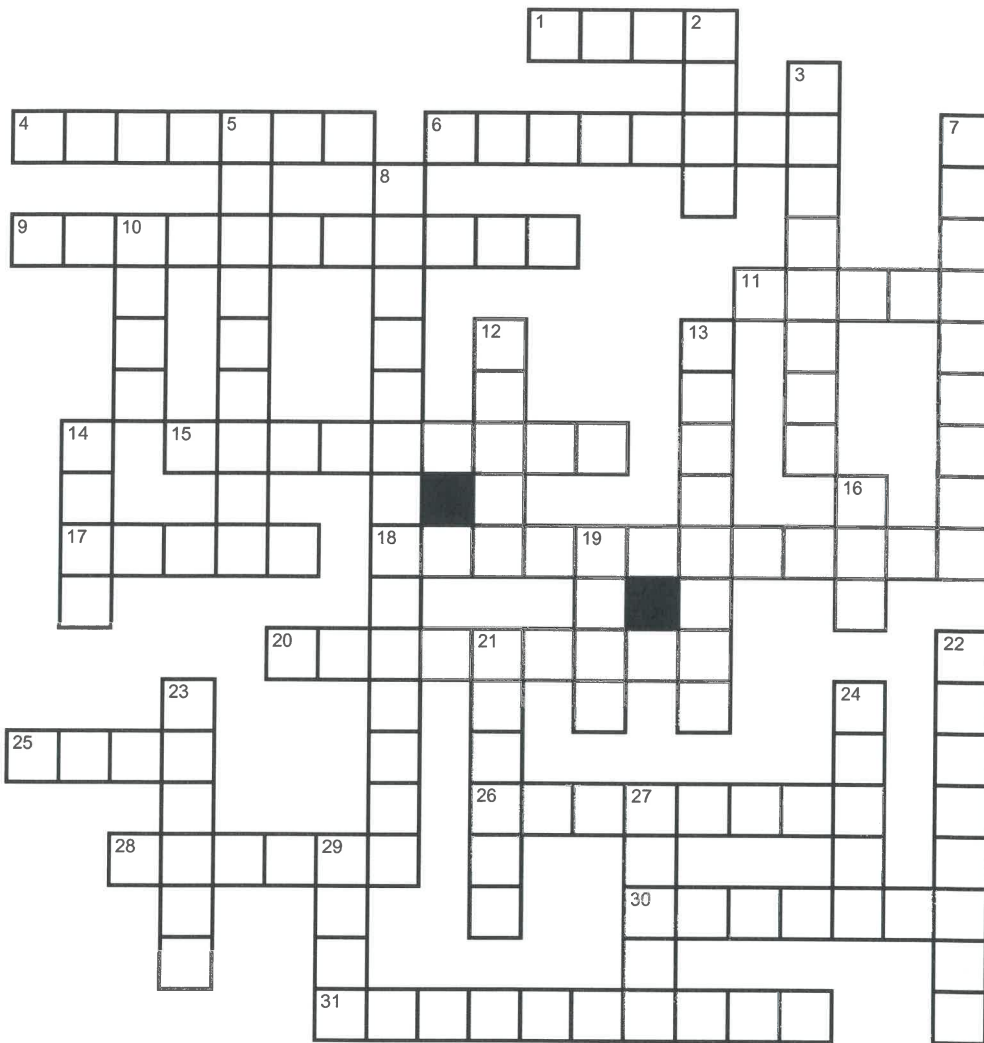
Down

2. Something to put at the top of the tree.
3. It covers your window.
4. _____ cane.
5. It hangs above the fireplace.
6. Egg _____. A Christmas drink.
8. Santa's helper.
9. The presents are under the _____.





Christmas Crossword



Merry Christmas!

Across

1. Another word for present.
4. Santa's door?
6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
11. Something on Santa's face.
15. The day after Christmas.
17. Santa's helpers.
18. The day before Christmas.
20. A piece of snow.
25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
28. People put these bright things on their house.
30. A reindeer with a red nose.
31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

Down

2. Something people decorate.
3. What people give each other.
5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
7. A striped Christmas treat.
8. Drink and food left for Santa.
10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
12. The presents are usually _____ the tree.
13. The month of Christmas.
14. Look at a present before you should.
16. The color of Santa's suit.
19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
21. A famous snowman.
22. The place where Santa makes toys.
23. Santa's car?
24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
27. A Christmas song.
29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.



Christmas Tree

How many words can you make out of
Christmas tree?



C H R I S T M A S T R E E

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Did you find?

Something you wear.
Something you drink.
Something you drive.
Something you breathe.
Something to put on the tree.
A number.
A planet.
A subject in school.
A month of the year.
What a teacher does.
Someone who paints.

A place where you sit.
A place where you drive.
A place where you go up.
Another word for clever.
The opposite of stand.
Mix milk in your coffee.
Three of your senses.
A small river.

A group of athletes.
Bonus: Can you find four verbs with
both past and present tenses?

Christmas Definitions

Complete each sentence with the correct ending on the right.

1. An imaginary creature that looks like a small person and has magical powers is _____.
2. A fat man with a white beard and a red suit who gives toys to children at Christmas is _____.
3. Animals that are in front of Santa's sleigh are _____.
4. A shiny ball hung on a Christmas tree is _____.
5. Wax formed into a stick with a string in the _____.
6. The green "thing" you decorate is a _____.
7. Tinsel is shiny _____.
8. The red-nosed reindeer is called _____.
9. Something you give to someone special is _____.
10. A building that is used for Christian religious services is called a _____.
11. The birth of Jesus is celebrated on _____.
12. A turkey is a large American bird _____.
13. A greeting is often written on a _____.
14. A barn is a building on a farm used for _____.
15. An open box used for food for farm animals is called a _____.
16. An object in space that looks like points of light in the night sky is called _____.
17. An ornament is a small, fancy thing that is put on something else to make it more _____.
18. Any one of the first four books of the Christian Bible that tell the life of Jesus Christ is called the _____.

Rudolph
reindeer
a pixie
church
attractive
a bauble
middle is called a candle
Santa Claus
a present
manger
storing grain
Christmas tree
a star
December 25th
metal strips
Gospel
eaten at Christmas
Christmas card



Christmas Words



Dette er en gloseøvelse. Slå de ord op, som du ikke forstår!
Du kan eventuelt bruge Googles billedopslag i stedet for en ordbog.
Du skal krydse ét ord af i hver gruppe.

1. What kind of tree is a Christmas tree?

- ☐ A. beech
- ☐ B. oak
- ☐ C. fir
- ☐ D. birch

2. What is this called in English?

- ☐ A. Advent ring
- ☐ B. Advent recipe
- ☐ C. Advent wreath
- ☐ D. Advent prayer



3. Which flower is for Christmas?

- ☐ A. carnation
- ☐ B. poinsettia
- ☐ C. daffodil
- ☐ D. violet

4. What gifts did the three wise men bring?

- ☐ A. milk and honey
- ☐ B. silver, gold and rubies
- ☐ C. nappies and teddy bears
- ☐ D. myrrh, gold and frankincense

5. Which kind of bread is for Christmas?

- ☐ A. flat bread
- ☐ B. gingerbread
- ☐ C. banana bread
- ☐ D. scones

6. What kind of bed did Jesus lie in?

- ☐ A. cradle
- ☐ B. hammock
- ☐ C. manger
- ☐ D. pram

7. Which is a Christmas decoration?

- ☐ A. cauliflower
- ☐ B. cornucopia
- ☐ C. pumpkin
- ☐ D. garland

8. Which part of the house is essential for Santa Claus?

- ☐ A. chimney
- ☐ B. cellar
- ☐ C. kitchen
- ☐ D. front porch

9. At Christmas children go from door to door singing...

- ☐ A. hymns
- ☐ B. carols
- ☐ C. chanties
- ☐ D. serenades



What is Santa's favorite place to deliver presents?

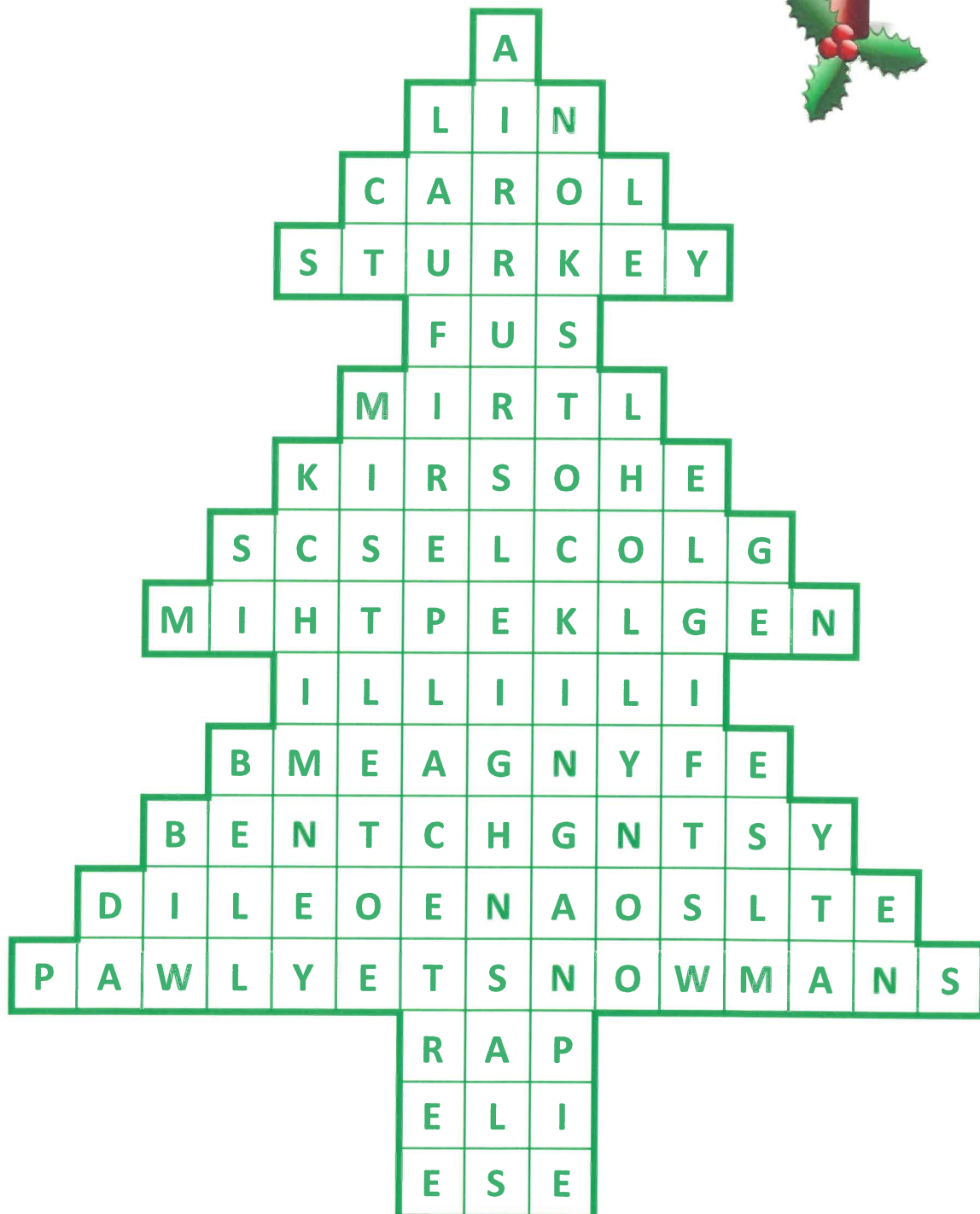
Idaho-ho-ho!

What song do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!

CHRISTMAS

Can you find the 13 hidden words?



Try to make as many English words as you can from the letters in



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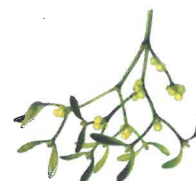
It's possible to make more than a hundred new words



CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. Every December a big Christmas tree is placed on a famous square in London.
What's the name of the square? _____
2. What country donates the Christmas tree to London? _____
3. What is the time before Christmas called? _____
4. "The ...?... Days of Christmas"
How many days in Christmas are there according to this famous song? _____
5. Which of these is the most common dish for Christmas Day in Britain?
 - ☐ Pork with roast potatoes
 - ☐ Roast turkey or goose with cranberry sauce
 - ☐ Fish and chips with mushy peas
 - ☐ Yorkshire pudding
6. What is lucky to find in your Christmas pudding? _____
7. What is Dec 26 called in Great Britain? _____
8. Three plants are especially popular at Christmas time. Do you know the names of them?



Santa Claus	mistletoe	reindeer
sleigh	snow	cardamom
Christmas tree	candle	star
Jesus	holidays	Advent wreath
crib	decorations	Christmas carol
candy cane	Bethlehem	shepherds
angels	pleated Christmas heart	jingle bells
church	Virgin Mary	clove
cinnamon	rice porridge	almonds

Do They Know It's Christmas

It's Christmastime

There's no _____ to be afraid

At Christmastime, we let in _____ and we _____ shade

And in our world of _____ we can spread a smile of joy

Throw your arms around the world at Christmastime

But say a _____

Pray for the other ones

At Christmastime it's hard, but when you're having fun

There's a world outside your window

And it's a world of _____ and _____

Where the only water _____ is the bitter sting of tears

And the Christmas _____ that ring there are the clanging
chimes¹ of _____

Well tonight thank God it's them _____ of you

And there won't be _____ in Africa this Christmastime

The greatest _____ they'll get this year is life

(Oooh) Where nothing ever grows

No rain nor rivers _____

Do they know it's Christmastime at all?

(Here's to you) _____ a glass for everyone

(Here's to them) underneath that _____ sun

Do they know it's Christmastime at all?

Feed the world

Feed the world

Let them know it's Christmastime again

¹ klokkespil

All I Want For Christmas Is You

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There's just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is...
You

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There's just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
I don't need to hang my
_____ there
There _____ the fireplace
Santa Claus _____ make me
happy
With a _____ on Christmas
day
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you
You baby

I won't ask for much this Christmas
I don't even wish for _____
I'm just gonna keep on waiting
Underneath the _____
I won't make a _____ and send
it

To the _____ for Saint Nick
I won't even stay awake to
Hear those magic _____
click
'Cause I just want you here tonight
Holding on to me so _____
What more can I do
Baby all I want for Christmas is you
Ooh baby
All the lights are shining
So _____ everywhere
And the sound of children's
_____ fills the air
And everyone is singing
I hear those _____ bells
ringing
Santa won't you bring me the one I really
need
Won't you please bring my baby to me...
Oh I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm _____ for
I just want to see my baby
Standing right outside my

Oh I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
Baby all I want for Christmas is...
You

All I want for Christmas is you... baby

Merry Christmas Everyone

Snow is falling

All around me

Children playing

Having fun

It's the season

Love and understanding

Merry Christmas everyone

Time for parties and _____

People _____ all night
long

Time for presents

And _____ kisses

Time for singing Christmas songs

We're gonna have a party tonight

I'm gonna find that girl underneath the
mistletoe,

We'll kissed by candlelight

_____ is swaying,

_____ playing

All the old _____, we love to
hear

All I _____ that everyday
was Christmas

What a nice way to spend the year

We're gonna have a party tonight

I'm gonna find that girl

Underneath the mistletoe, we'll kiss by
candle light

Snow is falling, all around me

Children playing, having fun

It's the season, love and understanding

Merry Christmas everyone

Merry Christmas everyone

Oh merry Christmas everyone

Snow is falling, all around me

Children playing, having fun

It's the season, love and understanding

Merry Christmas everyone

Snow is falling, all around me

Children playing, having fun

It's the season, love and understanding

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