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Join us for a British Christmas 和我们一起度过一个英国式的圣诞节

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

There are many ways to celebrate Christmas, and some British people like to go on holiday, go out for lunch to a restaurant, or spend the day with friends. But most people's idea of a traditional Christmas involves spending a few days with their family - sometimes their extended family.

The day is the most exciting for the children. They may have spent weeks or even months dreaming of the presents they want most. Since the beginning of December, they may have opened their advent calendars, finding a new festive picture, chocolate, or small gift, to count down each day until 25th December.

On Christmas Eve, they hang up stockings, ready to be filled with presents by Santa Claus. Often a thank you gift of a mince pie and a glass of sherry will be left, as well as a carrot for those hungry reindeer.

Christmas Day itself will be spent eating lots of goodies, opening presents from loved ones, which have been waiting under the Christmas tree, and for most adults, drinking plenty of booze.

A Christmas lunch of roast turkey with all the trimmings is the main event, complete with crackers, and paper party hats. The meal will finish off with Christmas pudding, a steamed fruit pudding.

For some, a church service, or the Queen's speech on television will be part of the family custom. For most, the afternoon and evening will be spent playing board games, or perhaps watching a family film on TV.

After the excitement of the big day, most families are happy to spend Boxing Day quietly enjoying their presents, and eating the Christmas leftovers, for example a turkey curry.

Then we can all forget about Christmas until next year... well until next September.

Glossary 词汇表

extended family 亲戚	festive 节日气氛浓厚的
stockings (用来装圣诞礼物的) 长筒袜	Christmas Eve 圣诞前夜
sherry 雪利酒	a mince pie (圣诞节吃的) 百果馅饼
goodies 好吃的东西, 糖果, 点心等	reindeer 驯鹿
Boxing Day 节礼日 (圣诞节后的第一天)	loved ones 爱人 (通常指家人, 亲近的人)
the main event (圣诞节当天) 最主要的事情	all the trimmings (与火鸡一起吃的) 配菜
advent calendar 日历 (从圣诞节前24起一个倒数的日历, 每天打开上面的一个小门, 门里有时候有巧克力, 有时候只有一张图片)	crackers 彩包爆竹 (圣诞节时的娱乐用品, 是一个硬的纸筒, 内装小礼品, 纸帽等, 用纸包裹好, 两端一拉即噼里啪啦作响)
church service 教堂礼拜	the Queen's speech 女王的演讲
custom 习俗	board games 期盼游戏
booze 含酒精的饮料 (习语)	leftovers 剩饭剩菜

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. British children leave shoes out to collect presents. True / False
2. People often leave a glass of sherry as a 'thank you' to Santa. True / False
3. Traditional Christmas lunch is roast pork. True / False
4. Christmas pudding is made from chocolate. True / False
5. Boxing Day is the day after Christmas Day. True / False

2. Label the pictures

Look at the pictures below. Do you know what these Christmas items are? Match the name with each picture.

请看下列图片。你知道这些圣诞节物品是什么吗？请将物品名称写在图片下面。

Christmas pudding

turkey

cracker
tree

Santa

presents

Christmas



3. Spot the mistake

Correct these sentences – underline the mistake in each one.

下面每句话都有一个错误，看看你能不能找出来？

1. Christmas Day is on 25st December.

2. Santa Claus bring presents for the children.

3. People eat and drink a lot on Christmas.

4. On Boxing Day, people sometimes eat leftafters.

5. British people usually spend Christmas in their family.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Christmas in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与圣诞节有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

c	r	p	r	e	s	b	t	o	k	t	p
t	r	a	d	i	t	i	o	n	h	u	r
d	a	e	g	o	o	z	n	o	z	r	e
f	a	m	i	l	y	c	s	g	c	k	s
c	p	j	n	n	z	n	k	b	v	b	e
r	e	s	g	j	d	d	f	a	m	o	n
a	r	a	a	l	r	e	i	n	r	o	t
c	t	n	b	n	q	u	e	d	w	z	s
k	h	t	f	o	z	t	u	r	k	e	y
e	k	a	l	w	o	f	y	o	p	s	b
r	f	w	k	f	e	s	t	i	v	e	m
s	t	o	c	k	i	n	g	l	i	n	g

tradition	family	presents	stocking	reindeer
booze	crackers	Santa	turkey	festive

