

Christmas['krɪsməs] *n*1. *цѣрк* рождество (Христово)

Merry Christmas! - счастливого рождества!, поздравляю с праздником рождества!

Christmas card - рождественская поздравительная карточка /открытка/

Christmas gifts - рождественские подарки

Christmas stocking - чулок (*часто из марли*) для рождественских подарков детям

Christmas pudding - рождественский пудинг

Christmas carol *см.* carol | 2

2. = Christmastide

Christmas

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Christ·mas [**Christmas** **Christmases**] *BrE* ['krɪsməs] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['krɪsməs] [ⓘ]**noun** **uncountable, countable**1. (*also* **Christmas Day**) 25 December, the day when Christians celebrate the birth of Christ

- **Christmas dinner/presents**

see also ↑**Boxing Day**2. (*also* **Christ-mas-time**) the period that includes Christmas Day and the days close to it

- the **Christmas holidays/vacation**
- Are you spending Christmas with your family?
- Happy Christmas!
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

see also ↑**white Christmas****See also:** ↑**Christmastime**Word Origin:Old English Crīstes mæsse (see ↑**Christ**, ↑**Mass**).Culture:

Before Christmas, in the UK and US, people send **Christmas cards** to their friends and family showing traditional Christmas symbols such as ↑**Santa Claus**, **angels**, **holly** and **snowmen**. Shops are decorated for Christmas from September and in the weeks before Christmas people do their **Christmas shopping**, buying **Christmas presents** for friends and family. In schools in Britain at the end of the Christmas term children often sing carols, decorate **Christingle oranges** and perform a **nativity play** representing the birth of Christ, which parents are invited to watch. A few days before Christmas, families decorate a **Christmas tree**, a **fir** tree covered in lights and colourful decorations, in their home. Many people go to **midnight mass** in church on **Christmas Eve**. Young children believe that Santa Claus will bring them presents during the night and they usually wake up to find a **stocking**, a long sock filled with small presents, by their bed. Presents wrapped in coloured paper are put under the Christmas tree and on **Christmas morning** many families open their presents together. Families try to get together at Christmas and celebrate with special food. In Britain people eat **mince pies** and **Christmas cake**, and in the US they make **Christmas cookies**. They share a special meal, **Christmas dinner**, which in Britain usually consists of roast turkey or goose and vegetables, followed by **Christmas pudding**, a rich pudding made with dried fruit that is served with brandy burning on it and eaten with **brandy butter**. People pull paper **crackers** which make a loud bang and contain paper hats, jokes and small toys. On the day after Christmas, called **Boxing Day** in Britain, many sporting events take place, and large shops begin their sales.

Example Bank:

- Did you have a good Christmas?
- For Christmas he gave her a silk blouse.
- The children are hoping for a white Christmas= with snow on the ground.
- The library is closed over Christmas.
- There are lots of parties at Christmas.
- We're going to spend Christmas at home this year.
- We're going up to town to see the Christmas lights.
- What did you get for Christmas?
- to celebrate Christmas in the traditional way

Christmas

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Christ·mas /'krɪsməs/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **noun** [uncountable and countable][**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** Crīstes mæsse 'Christ's ⇒ ↑**mass**¹⁽⁵⁾]

the period of time around December 25th, the day when Christians celebrate the birth of Christ

at Christmas

- We'll see you at Christmas.

over Christmas

- I'll be in Scotland over Christmas.
- Are you going home for Christmas?
- a Christmas present
- the Christmas holidays
- Merry Christmas and a happy New Year everyone!
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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **Happy/Merry Christmas!** (=something you say to people at Christmas) I just called in to say 'Happy Christmas'.
- **a good/nice Christmas** Did you have a good Christmas?
- **a family Christmas** We always have a family Christmas at home.
- **a traditional Christmas** Mum likes to have a traditional Christmas for all the family.
- **a white Christmas** (=with snow on the ground) We haven't had a white Christmas in England for years.

■ verbs

- **have/spend Christmas** No one wants to spend Christmas alone.
- **celebrate Christmas** How does your family usually celebrate Christmas?
- **give somebody something for Christmas** What can I give Dad for Christmas?
- **get something for Christmas** I got a new watch for Christmas.
- **wish somebody a happy Christmas** (=say that you hope someone enjoys Christmas) They wished us a happy Christmas and left.

■ Christmas + NOUN

- **Christmas dinner/lunch** (=a special meal on Christmas Day) All the family come to our house for Christmas dinner.
 - **a Christmas card** She sends me a Christmas card every year.
 - **a Christmas present** The children couldn't wait to open their Christmas presents.
 - **a Christmas tree** (=a decorated tree that people have in their homes at Christmas) Put the gifts under the Christmas tree.
 - **a Christmas party** (=a party held around Christmas) What are you wearing for the Christmas party?
 - **a Christmas carol** (=a Christian song sung at Christmas) Children go from door to door singing Christmas carols.
 - **Christmas decorations** (=things to decorate a house, shop, or town at Christmas) When do you put your Christmas decorations up?
 - **Christmas lights** (=lights in the streets at Christmas, or on the Christmas tree) We went to see the Christmas lights in New York.
 - **Christmas shopping** (=for presents for people) Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?
 - **the Christmas season/period** (=the days around and including Christmas Day) Most stores need extra staff during the Christmas season.
 - **the Christmas holiday** (=the time that people are not working during the Christmas period) We weren't at school because it was the Christmas holiday.
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