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Christmas in Britain

Ellie from Manchester tells you about her Christmas



Hi, I'm Ellie. I'm eleven and I live in Manchester with my mum, my dad and my little brother Max. In December our town is full of lights. We often go to a **pantomime**. That's a funny play at the theatre for the whole family.

On Christmas Eve, Max and I hang our **stockings** by the **fireplace**. We put a **mince pie** and a carrot next to it. The mince pie is for Father Christmas and the carrot is for his reindeer.

On the morning of 25 December, we get up very early and open our stockings. Then we open the presents under the tree.

Christmas dinner is at about two o'clock. We have roast turkey, potatoes, carrots and Brussels sprouts. Max hates sprouts! Before we eat, we pull **crackers**. There's a **paper crown**, a small toy and a silly joke inside every cracker. We all wear our crowns at the table. For dessert there is **Christmas pudding**.

The day after Christmas is Boxing Day. It's a holiday too. We visit my grandma and eat the leftovers.

1 Read Ellie's text. Right or wrong? Tick. The letters make a word from the text.

Solution word: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

	right	wrong
Ellie lives in Manchester.	□ **S**	□ **P**
A pantomime is a sad film.	□ **A**	□ **T**
The children hang their stockings by the fireplace.	□ **O**	□ **E**
The carrot is for Father Christmas.	□ **R**	□ **C**
The family opens the presents on the evening of 24 December.	□ **L**	□ **K**
Max likes Brussels sprouts.	□ **U**	□ **I**
There is a paper crown inside every cracker.	□ **N**	□ **M**
Boxing Day is on 26 December.	□ **G**	□ **D**

2 What is it? Write the words under the pictures.

Christmas pudding · cracker · fireplace · mince pie · paper crown · stocking

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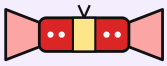
2  _____

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6  _____

3 Complete: Ellie opens her presents on the _____ of 25 December. Many German families open theirs on the evening of _____ .

4 What is your favourite festival or holiday? Write two sentences. *My favourite festival is … We …*

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Christmas in Britain – Lösung

Task 1

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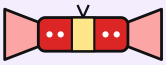
Solution word:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S	**T**	**O**	**C**	**K**	**I**	**N**	**G**

Task 2

1  **fireplace**

2  **cracker**

3  **Christmas pudding**

4  **stocking**

5  **paper crown**

6  **mince pie**

Task 3

Ellie opens her presents on the **morning** of 25 December. Many German families open theirs on the evening of **24 December** (Christmas Eve).

Task 4

Individual answers, e.g. *My favourite festival is New Year. We watch fireworks with our neighbours.*

Satz 5 (Bescherung) und Satz 8 (Boxing Day = der Tag nach dem 25. Dezember) müssen aus dem Text erschlossen werden. Aufgabe 4 bewusst offen: Schüler, die kein Weihnachten feiern, schreiben über ein anderes Fest (z. B. Eid, Diwali, Neujahr, Geburtstag). Eine Pantomime ist in Großbritannien ein lustiges Familien-Theaterstück zur Weihnachtszeit, oft nach einem Märchen.

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