



# Christmas Around the World!





- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Families decorate mango and banana trees for Christmas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Santa arrives to this place on the Christmas Tree Ship each year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Puppets act out the Christmas story in elaborate plays.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Families burn a Yule log through the twelve days of Christmas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Children write letters to Father Christmas.


Match each tradition with the correct location.





ENGLAND  
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NORWAY  
(  )




INDIA  
(  )



HAWAI'I  
(  )



POLAND (  )

ANSWER KEY: 1-India, 2-Hawaii,  
3-Poland, 4-Norway, 5-England



# Merry Christmas!



Children around the world greet each other in different languages at Christmastime. Practice saying a few of these foreign words that mean “Merry Christmas!”

Spanish	Feliz Navidad
Norwegian	God Jul
Portuguese	Boas Festas
Turkish	Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun
Vietnamese	Chung Mung Giang Sinh
French	Joyeux Noel
Hindi	Shub Naya Baras
Danish	Glaedelig Jul
Korean	Sung Tan Chuk Ha
Greek	Kala Christouyenna
Italian	Buone Feste Natalizie
Arabic	Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah
Japanese	Shinnen Omedeto
Thai	Sawadee Pee Mai
Welsh	Nadolig Llawen
Latin	Natale Hilare
Polish	Boze Narodzenie
Croatian	Sretan Bozic
Hebrew	Mo adim Lesimkha
Icelandic	Gledileg Jol
German	Froliche Weinachten





# Old St. Nick



In the year 280 AD, a special boy was born in the present-day country of Turkey, which lies in Asia. Nicholas became a priest and then a bishop. He grew very wealthy, but he gave his money and other gifts to people all around the land. Nicholas didn't want attention or to be seen, so children were told to go to sleep quickly or he might not come! Many years after Nicholas died, the Eastern Catholic Church officially named Nicholas a saint for his good deeds and holy life. Stories of St. Nicholas spread around Europe and more than 2000 chapels and monasteries were named after him. St. Nicholas is still beloved by children all around the world today!

Match each "Santa Claus" with its country!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Kris Kringle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ashenclos
- \_\_\_\_\_ La Befana
- \_\_\_\_\_ Father Christmas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Nicholas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Niklo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Julenissen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sinter Klaas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pere Noel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Julemanden
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hotoeiosho
- \_\_\_\_\_ Svaty Mikalas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dun Che Lao Ren
- \_\_\_\_\_ Papa Noel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Babouschka
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jultomten



- A. Norway
- B. Spain
- C. Denmark
- D. United States
- E. Turkey
- F. France
- G. China
- H. England
- I. Austria
- J. Germany
- K. Russia
- L. Italy
- M. Holland
- N. Czechoslovakia
- O. Sweden
- P. Japan

ANSWER KEY: D, J, L, H, E, I, A, M, F, C, P, N, G, B, K, O