

CHRISTMAS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Christmas is probably the most popular family *holiday* in Great Britain. All preparations for Christmas are usually complete by 24 December. By this time Christmas greeting cards are exchanged and a Christmas tree is decorated. On the Christmas *tree* you can find long, colourful chains and sparkling *trinkets*. On the top of a Christmas tree there is a beautiful, big, yellow *star*. Under the tree you can find a lot of fantastic presents but only if you were good during the whole year.

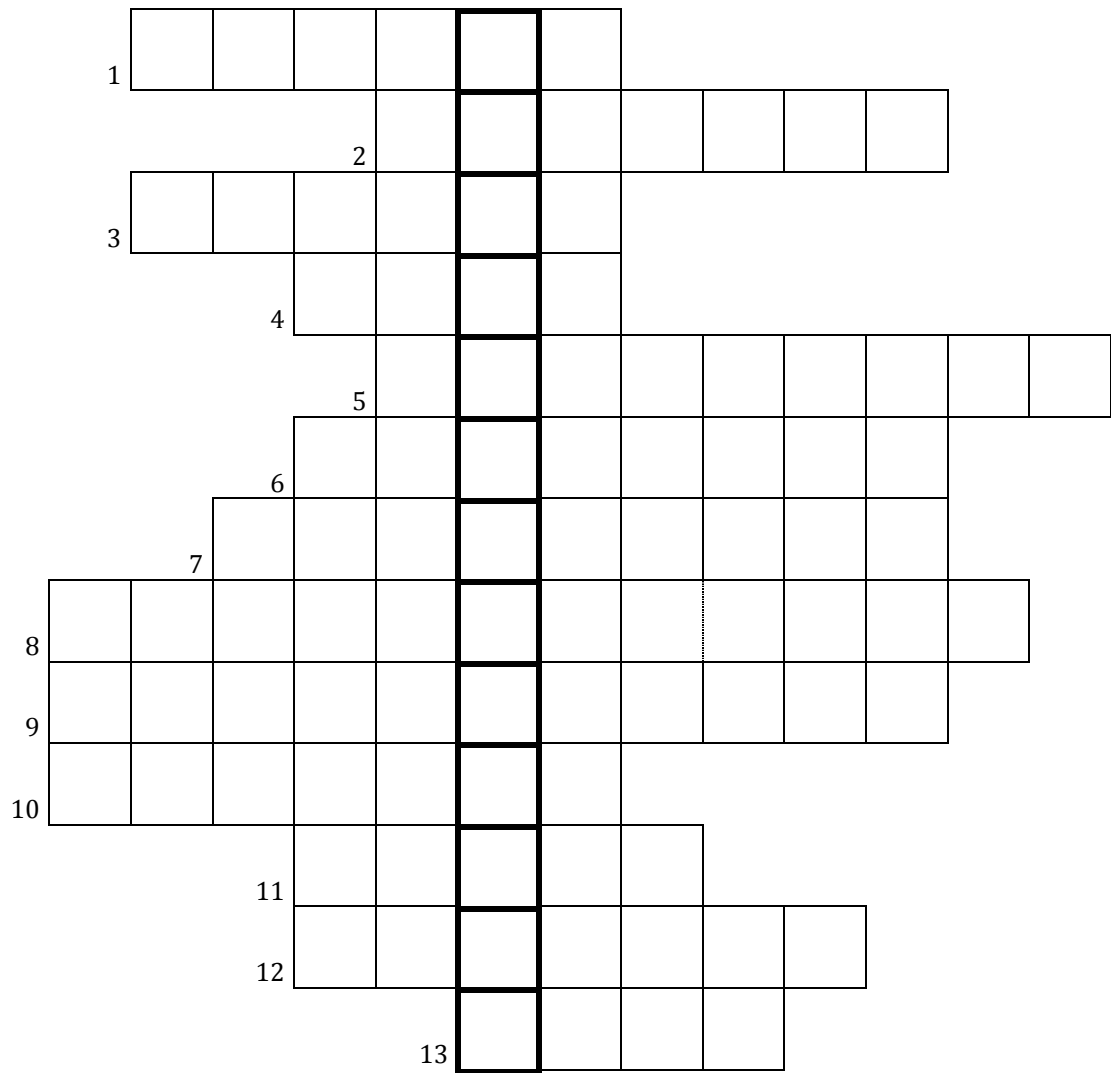
Late in the evening people go to church to attend the so-called "*midnight mass*". When they come home, children hang up Christmas *stocking* for *presents*. They believe that *Santa Clause* arrives in a *sledge* drawn by the *reindeers*, enters every house through the chimney and gives wonderful presents to children. The most popular reindeer is the red-nosed reindeer called Rudolph. All children in Great Britain love Rudolph and sing a song about him.

When the first star appears in the sky the family starts Christmas dinner. The most popular course is roast *turkey* and Christmas *pudding*. After Christmas dinner the whole family gathers together to sing Christmas *carols* and tell jokes.

1. Santa Clause arrives in **it** to children
2. You can find **it** under the Christmas tree
3. One of the most **popular course** in Great Britain is **roast** ...
4. **It** is green and you can decorate **it** with colourful things – Christmas ...
5. Children hung them up for presents
6. You put **them** on the Christmas tree and **they** are sparkling
7. **These animals** draw Santa Clause' vehicle
8. People attend **it** in church in the Christmas evening
9. **He** is a person all children love because **he** gives them presents
10. **The name of a day** when you don't go to school or work
11. People sing **it** during Christmas
12. **Another popular course** is **Christmas** ...
13. you can find **it** on the top of a Christmas tree



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Comprehension

1. What "drops" at midnight in Times Square?
- a - a ball ✓
2. Where in The USA is the biggest New Year's Eve party?
- a - New York ✓
3. Where do temple bells ring 108 times?
- a - Japan ✓
4. Countries around the world celebrate New Year's Eve
- b -in different ways ✓

