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VEJLEDNING

Materialet "Christmas Traditions" er målrettet de mellemste og ældste elever i folkeskolen.

Materialet består af forskellige tekster om engelske juletraditioner med tilhørende læseforståelsesspørgsmål. Teksterne er differentieret i A, B og C og med udgangspunkt i diverse teorier inden for fremmedsprogsdidaktik. Eksempel: tekst A er skrevet i et simpelt sprog, med begrænset ordforråd og mange gentagelser.

COOKIES AND MILK

On Christmas Eve, many American children leave out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk for Santa Claus.

The cookies-and-milk tradition goes back to the 1930s and the Great Depression. During the Great Depression, many Americans were unemployed and poor. For many American families money were tight. By leaving out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk American parents wanted to teach their children that it was important to give to others. The cookies-and-milk tradition was also meant to teach children that it was important to be grateful for the gift they were lucky enough to receive at Christmas.

Today, it is estimated that Santa Claus eats more than 300 million cookies and drinks 1 million glasses of milk on Christmas Eve in America.

Over the years, other countries have developed their own versions of the cookies-and-milk tradition. For example, in Great Britain, many children leave out a glass of sherry and a mince pie for Santa Claus. The sherry is meant to help Santa Claus keep warm on Christmas Eve.



COOKIES AND MILK

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

What do American children leave out for Santa Claus?

When was the Great Depression?

What were many Americans during the Great Depression?

What did parents want to teach their children?

COOKIES AND MILK

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

How many cookies does Santa Claus eat on Christmas Eve?

How many glasses of milk does Santa Claus drink?

What do British children leave out for Santa Claus?

What is meant to keep Santa Claus warm?

COOKIES AND MILK

In America, many children leave out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The cookies-and-milk tradition began in the 1930s. In the 1930s, many people did not have a job and were poor. Parents wanted their children to know that it was important to give to others.

Parents also wanted their children to know that it was important to be grateful. So, parents had their children leave out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk for Santa Claus.

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How many glasses of milk does Santa drink?

What do British give to Santa Claus?

What is meant to keep Santa warm?

COOKIES AND MILK

In America, children give cookies and milk to Santa on Christmas Eve.

The cookies-and-milk tradition started in the 1930s.

In the 1930s, many people were poor.

Many people did not have a job.

Parents wanted children to know that it was important to be grateful.

Parents wanted children to say thank you to Santa.

Children gave cookies and milk to Santa to say thank you.

Children gave cookies and milk to show that they were grateful.

Santa eats 300 million cookies on Christmas Eve.

Santa drinks 1 million glasses of milk on Christmas Eve.

In Great Britain, children give sherry and mince pie to Santa.

The sherry keeps Santa warm on Christmas Eve.



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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

At Christmas, many Americans decorate their homes with Christmas lights. They outline their homes with strings of electric lights. The lights are often warm white or cool white, however, they can also be coloured.

The tradition of decorating homes with strings of electric lights is connected to the older tradition of decorating Christmas trees with candles. In 1882, an American inventor named Edward Hibberd Johnson, a friend of light-bulb inventor Thomas Edison, decorated a Christmas tree with strings of coloured electric lights instead of candles. However, the idea to decorate Christmas trees with electric lights did not catch on right away. Many Americans did not trust electricity, and electric lights were very expensive.

In 1895, President Grover Cleveland decorated a Christmas tree in the White House with Christmas lights. Since then, Christmas lights have become more and more popular in America. Many Americans also have figures like reindeers and snowmen made of Christmas lights outside their homes.

Candles and Christmas lights symbolise that Christ is the light of the world.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

What do Americans decorate their homes with?

What are Christmas lights?

What tradition is Christmas lights connected to?

Who decorated the first Christmas tree with Christmas lights?

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Why did the idea of decorating with Christmas lights not take?

What happened in 1895?

What does many Americans have outside their homes?

What do candles and Christmas lights sybolise?

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

In America, many people decorate their homes with Christmas lights. People outline their homes with strings of electric lights. Christmas lights can be white or coloured.

The tradition of decorating homes with Christmas lights is connected to the tradition of decorating Christmas trees with candles. In 1882, an inventor named Edward Hibberd Johnson decorated a Christmas tree with coloured Christmas lights instead of candles. But many people did not trust electricity, and electric lights did cost a lot of money.

In 1895, the President of America decorated the Christmas tree in the White House with Christmas lights. Christmas lights became more popular in America, and Christmas lights were no longer expensive.

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In America, people decorate houses with Christmas lights.

Christmas lights are electric lights.

Christmas lights can be white or coloured.

People used to decorate Christmas trees with candles.

In 1882, Edward Johnson was the first person to use Christmas lights.

Edward Johnson decorated a Christmas tree with Christmas lights.

But many people did not trust electric lights.

Electric lights cost a lot of money.

In 1895, the President of America used Christmas lights.

The President decorated a Christmas tree with Christmas lights.

Christmas lights became popular in America.

Today, Christmas lights do not cost a lot of money.

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What did people decorate Christmas trees with?

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

In America and Great Britain, many people send Christmas cards to friends and family at Christmas. Christmas cards are cards with happy greetings related to Christmas.

The tradition of sending Christmas cards is very old. The first commercial Christmas card was invented by an English inventor named Sir Henry Cole and designed by an English designer named John Callcott Horsley in 1843. The Christmas card depicted a family party, and it read "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year." However, it took several years before Christmas cards became an integral part of Christmas celebrations in America and Great Britain. The modern Christmas card was designed in 1915 by an American named Joyce Hall, who owned a company named Hallmark. Joyce Hall created the "book" format Christmas card.

Today, Christmas is the largest card-sending holiday in both America and Great Britain. It is estimated that around 1 billion Christmas cards are sent annually in Great Britain, and that around 1.3 billion Christmas cards are sent annually in America.



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The tradition of sending Christmas cards began in England. The first Christmas card was invented by Sir Henry Cole and John Callcott Horsley in 1843. On the Christmas card was written "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year." But it took years before Christmas cards became popular. The modern Christmas card was designed in 1915 by Joyce Hall, who owned a company named Hallmark. Joyce Hall created the "book" format Christmas card.

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Many people in Great Britain and America send Christmas cards.

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