

**1. Complete the gaps with the words from the box**

tree / decorations / hang up / open / Queen / turkey / presents / cards / chimney

During the weeks before Christmas, people in England send Christmas \_\_\_\_\_, buy Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ and put up Christmas \_\_\_\_\_.

December 24 is called Christmas Eve. On this day, children \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas stockings on their beds or above the fireplace. They believe that Father Christmas (Santa) comes through the \_\_\_\_\_ and fills the stockings with presents. People usually go to church for a midnight mass.

December 25 is called Christmas Day. On this day children get up very early in the morning and they \_\_\_\_\_ the small presents that they find in the stocking. Later in the morning or in the afternoon, all family gather under the Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ and they open the big presents. At midday all the family sit down for Christmas dinner. The traditional Christmas dinner includes roast \_\_\_\_\_, bacon, roast potatoes and a lot of vegetables. At three o'clock in the afternoon, the \_\_\_\_\_ talks to the nation on TV and on the radio.

December 26 is called Boxing Day or St. Steven's Day. It is called Boxing Day because in the past a box was placed in every church on Christmas Day, into which worshippers placed presents for poor people. These boxes were always opened the day after Christmas. Traditionally, Boxing Day is the day when families get together. It is a day of watching sports and playing board games with the family.

**2. Answer the questions about Christmas in England.**

Who brings Christmas presents?

When and where do children open Christmas presents?

When do people have Christmas dinner? What is a typical Christmas dinner?

Why is December 26<sup>th</sup> called Boxing Day?

**3. Write at least three differences between Czech and English Christmas.**

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