

CHRISTMAS AROUND the WORLD

READING COMPREHENSION!

Name: _____ Christmas Around the World L1

Australia

In Australia, Christmas comes during summer! Many people spend the day outside, going to the beach or having a barbecue. Families enjoy seafood, salads, and cold desserts instead of hot winter meals.

1) What season is it in Australia during Christmas?

☐ winter ☐ fall
☐ summer ☐ spring

2) Where do many people spend Christmas Day?

☐ at the beach ☐ in the mountains
☐ at the park ☐ at school

3) What kind of food do Australians often eat for Christmas?

☐ soup and pie ☐ seafood and salads
☐ candy and cookies ☐ pancakes and eggs



Name: _____ Christmas Around the World L2

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Canada



In Canada, Christmas is often snowy and cold. Families decorate their homes with lights and trees. People enjoy ice skating, drinking hot chocolate, and singing carols with friends and neighbors.

1) What is the weather like in Canada at Christmas?

- ☐ hot and sunny ☐ snowy and cold
☐ windy and warm ☐ rainy and cool

2) What do families decorate?

- ☐ cars and bikes ☐ homes and trees
☐ parks and beaches ☐ schools and streets

3) What is one fun Christmas activity in Canada?

- ☐ surfing ☐ ice skating
☐ fishing ☐ hiking

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France



In France, Christmas is called Noël. Families enjoy a special meal on Christmas Eve called Le Réveillon. Children leave their shoes by the fireplace for Père Noël, or Father Christmas, to fill with gifts and treats.

1) What is Christmas called in France?

- ☐ Noël ☐ Navidad
☐ Natale ☐ Jul

2) When do families eat Le Réveillon?

- ☐ Christmas Eve ☐ Christmas Day
☐ New Year's Eve ☐ The day after Christmas

3) Where do children leave their shoes?

- ☐ on their beds ☐ by the fireplace
☐ under the table ☐ on the porch

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Germany



In Germany, towns have Christmas markets filled with lights, music, and handmade crafts. Families eat sweet treats like Lebkuchen (gingerbread) and drink warm cider. Children count down to Christmas using Advent calendars with small surprises inside.

1) What do German towns have during Christmas?

- ☐ Christmas parades ☐ Christmas markets
☐ Christmas fireworks ☐ Christmas fairs

2) What is Lebkuchen?

- ☐ fruit cake ☐ gingerbread
☐ candy ☐ bread rolls

3) What is an Advent calendar used for?

- ☐ counting the days to Christmas ☐ learning new words
☐ a making crafts ☐ writing letters

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Italy



In Italy, Christmas celebrations last for several weeks. Families gather for a big meal on Christmas Eve and attend church. On January 6th, children receive gifts from La Befana, a kind woman who visits homes.

1) What happens on January 6th in Italy?

- ☐ families have a picnic ☐ children receive gifts from La Befana
☐ schools reopen ☐ people light fireworks

2) What do families often do on Christmas Eve?

- ☐ eat together and go to church ☐ go shopping at the mall
☐ visit the beach ☐ watch movies

3) Who is La Befana?

- ☐ a kind woman who brings gifts ☐ a golden reindeer
☐ a famous singer ☐ a royal queen

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Mexico



In Mexico, people celebrate Las Posadas, a festival that lasts nine nights before Christmas. Families and friends walk together, sing songs, and visit homes. Children love breaking colorful piñatas filled with candy and toys.

1) What is the name of the Christmas celebration in Mexico?

- ☐ Las Posadas ☐ La Fiesta
☐ Navidad Noche ☐ La Noche Buena

2) How long does Las Posadas last?

- ☐ one night ☐ three nights
☐ nine nights ☐ twelve nights

3) What do children enjoy breaking during Las Posadas?

- ☐ balloons ☐ piñatas
☐ boxes ☐ drums

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Christmas Around the World L2



The Philippines

The Philippines has one of the longest Christmas seasons in the world! Celebrations start in September and last until January. People decorate with star-shaped lanterns called *parols* and enjoy big meals with family and friends.

1) When do Christmas celebrations begin in the Philippines?

2) What is a *parol*?

3) Who do people celebrate with?

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Russia

In Russia, many people celebrate Christmas on January 7th. Families share special foods like sweet bread and fish. Children look forward to a visit from *Ded Moroz* (Grandfather Frost) and his helper, *Snegurochka*, who bring gifts.

1) When is Christmas celebrated in Russia?

2) Who brings gifts to children in Russia?

3) What is one food families enjoy?

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Sweden

In Sweden, the Christmas season begins with St. Lucia's Day on December 13th. Girls wear white dresses and candle crowns while singing songs. Families enjoy *lussekatter*, sweet saffron buns, and gather to share light and kindness.

1) When is St. Lucia's Day celebrated?

2) What do girls wear for St. Lucia's Day?

3) What are *lussekatter*?

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United Kingdom

In the United Kingdom, children hang stockings for Father Christmas to fill with gifts. Families eat roast dinner and Christmas pudding. The day after Christmas is called Boxing Day, a time for giving to others and spending time with loved ones.

1) Who fills children's stockings?

2) What dessert do families enjoy?

3) What is Boxing Day about?

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2) What do families decorate?

3) What is one fun Christmas activity in Canada?

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1) What do German towns have during Christmas?

2) What is Lebkuchen?

3) What is an Advent calendar used for?

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1) What happens on January 6th in Italy?

2) What do families often do on Christmas Eve?

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1) When is Christmas celebrated in Russia?

☐ December 25th

☐ January 7th

☐ January 1st

☐ December 31st

2) Who brings gifts to children in Russia?

☐ Santa Claus

☐ Ded Moroz and Snegurochka

☐ La Befana

☐ Père Noël

3) What is one food families enjoy?

☐ sweet bread

☐ ice cream

☐ hot dogs

☐ candy canes

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Students can practice critical thinking and deductive reasoning to make meaning of the text!

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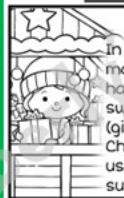
3) What kind of food do Australians often eat for Christmas?

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☐ candy and cookies ☐ pancakes and eggs

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Name: _____ Christmas Around the World L2



Germany

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1) What do German towns have during Christmas?

2) What is *Lebkuchen*?

3) What is an Advent calendar used for?

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1) What is Christmas called in France?

- ☐ Noël ☐ Navidad
☐ Natale ☐ Jul

2) When do families eat *Le Réveillon*?

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Canada

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- ☐ surfing ☒ ice skating
☐ fishing ☐ hiking

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Name: **ANSWER-KEY** Christmas Around the World L2

Russia



In Russia, many people celebrate Christmas on January 7th. Families share special foods like sweet bread and fish. Children look forward to a visit from *Ded Moroz* (Grandfather Frost) and his helper, *Snegurochka*, who bring gifts.

1) When is Christmas celebrated in Russia?

In Russia, people celebrate Christmas on January 7th.

2) Who brings gifts to children in Russia?

Grandfather frost and his helper bring presents.

3) What is one food families enjoy?

Families enjoy (sweet bread or fish) on Christmas.

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United Kingdom



In the United Kingdom, children hang stockings for Father Christmas to fill with gifts. Families eat roast dinner and Christmas pudding. The day after Christmas is called Boxing Day, a time for giving to others and spending time with loved ones.

1) Who fills children's stockings?

Father Christmas fills the children's stockings.

2) What dessert do families enjoy?

Families enjoy Christmas pudding.

3) What is Boxing Day about?

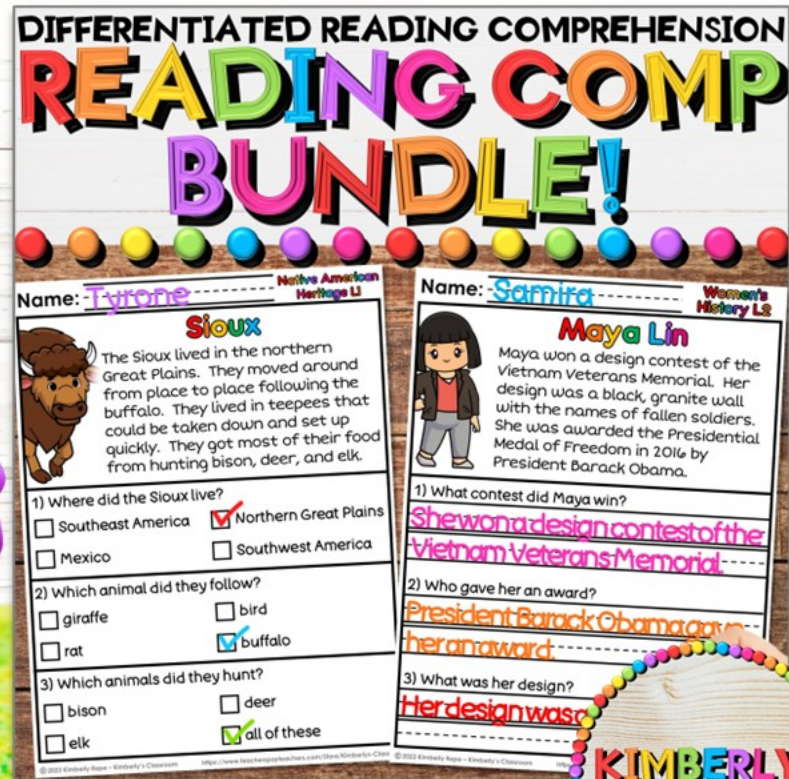
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