

WORDS TO KNOW

CLICK TO REVEAL THE DEFINITIONS

WAFFERS

TRADITIONS

FOLK MUSIC

CHARITY

PORRIDGE

ELABORATE



Japan: In Japan, Christmas is known as a time to spread happiness rather than a religious celebration. In Japanese, Merry Christmas is 'Merry Kurisumasu'. Christmas is not a national holiday in Japan. One popular activity at Christmas in Japan is visiting Tokyo's Disneyland to see the decorations and parades. Christmas tradition means the family is going to eat their big holiday meal at KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken).

Christmas is a national holiday in Japan.

TRUE

FALSE



Venezuela: On Christmas Day, families head to church on roller skates. Roads are closed for safety. People hang strings from their windows and if they oversleep, roller skaters can pull the strings to wake them up. Traditional Venezuelan Christmas foods include 'Hallacas' - a mixture of beef, pork, chicken, capers, raisins, and olives. Traditional Christmas music is 'Gaita' music. This is a type of folk music played on the 'Cuatro' (a guitar with four strings) or the 'Tambora' drum.

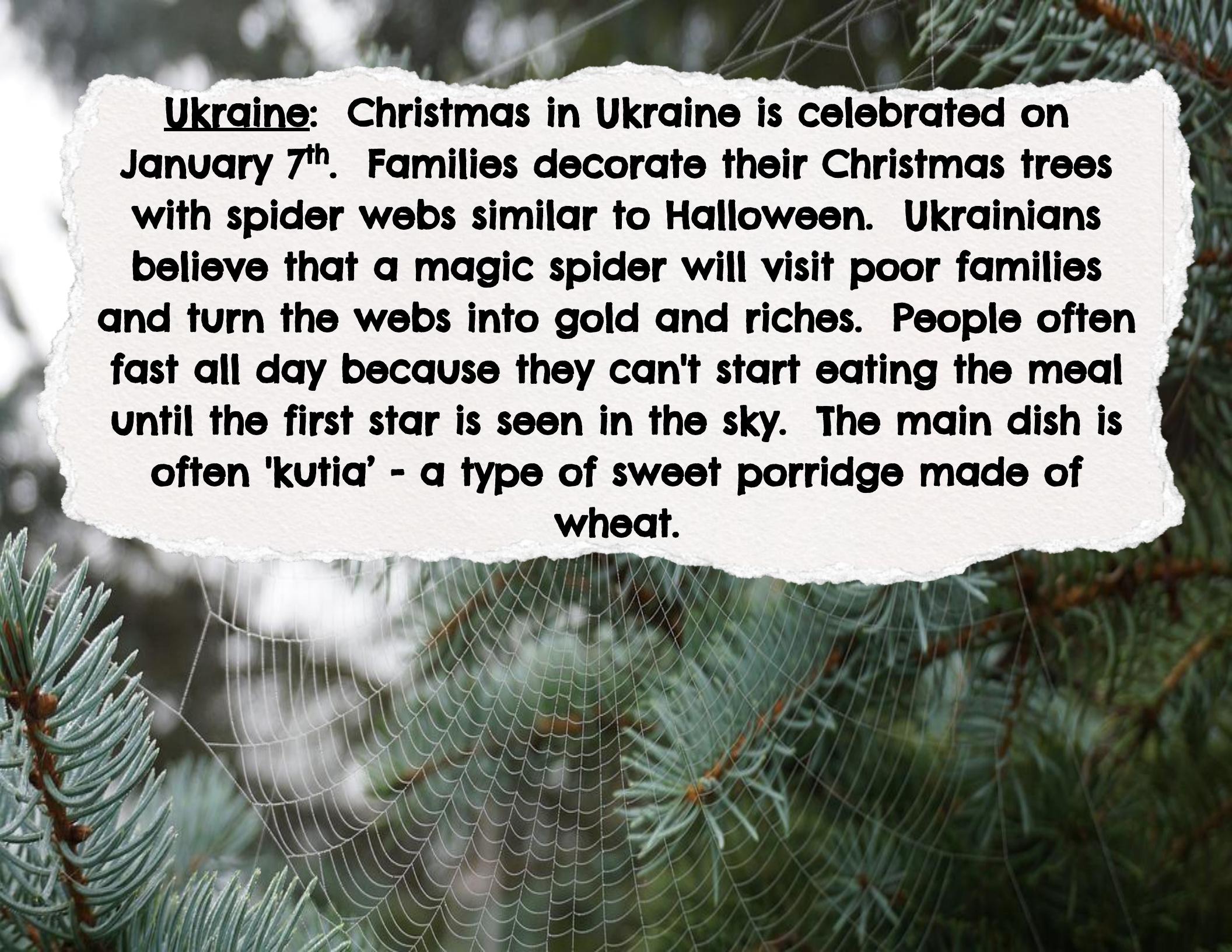
On Christmas Day, families head to church on _____.

A. Bicycles

B. Skateboards

C. Roller Skates

Ukraine: Christmas in Ukraine is celebrated on January 7th. Families decorate their Christmas trees with spider webs similar to Halloween. Ukrainians believe that a magic spider will visit poor families and turn the webs into gold and riches. People often fast all day because they can't start eating the meal until the first star is seen in the sky. The main dish is often 'kutia' - a type of sweet porridge made of wheat.



In the Ukraine, families decorate their Christmas trees with spider webs similar to Halloween.

TRUE

FALSE