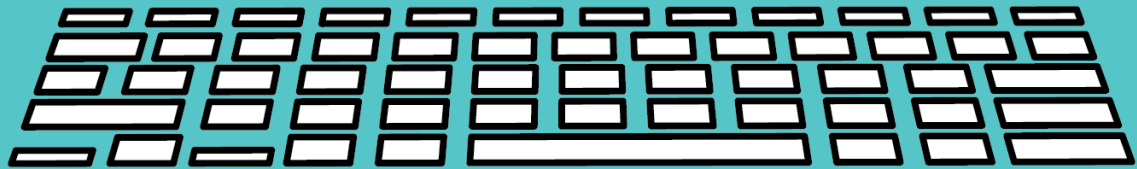
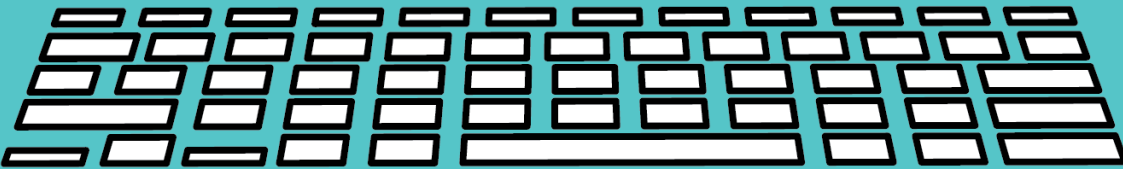


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5. What country has a tradition involving KFC?		13. In Ireland, ____ are often decorated with Christmas lights.	
6. What country has a Christmas cracker?		14. In Norway, people hide the ____.	
7. What country decorates their tree with spider webs?		15. German tradition has families hiding a ____ in the tree.	
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## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

England: Many traditions are similar to U.S. traditions. Families bake cookies, write presents and hang stockings on Christmas Eve. Children write a letter to Santa Claus asking for their Christmas wishes. They later take the letter and tuck it into the stockings hanging up the chimney. On Christmas Day, everyone finds a special Christmas cracker beside their dinner plate. A Christmas cracker has a paper-wrapped tube with end tabs which are pulled to make a popping sound and a small gift or toy out of the tube.

Norway: There is no Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. People actually hide their brooms. Legends say that on Christmas Eve, the julebois, the Norwegian name for Santa Claus, the most famous Christmas tradition in Norway is a gift of a Christmas Tree to the United Kingdom every year. The tree is given as 'thank you' for the help that the UK gave Norway during World War II.

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

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.

Germany: The Christmas tree is put up the morning of Christmas Eve. Tradition in Germany has families hiding a pickle in the Christmas tree. The first child to find the pickle gets a small gift. Children also leave a shoe outside and wake to find it filled with candy and gifts. In German, Merry Christmas is 'Fröhliche Weihnachten'. Another tradition is the Sternsinger (or star singers). The Sternsinger go from house to house, singing songs and collecting money for

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charity. The singers are usually children who dress up as the three Wise Men.

Australia: People host picnics and sing Christmas carols on the beach. Christmas is in the summer in Australia so children build snowmen out of sand. Australians decorate their houses with 'Christmas Bush', an Australian tree with small green leaves and cream colored flowers.

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.

Iceland: Families exchange books on Christmas Eve and spend the evening reading books and eating chocolate. The holiday tradition is called Jolabokaflokkur, which means "The Christmas Book Flood." It is traditional in Iceland for everybody to wear a new piece of clothing. Cemeteries are often decorated with Christmas lights.

Philippines: The most popular Christmas decoration in the Philippines is the 'parol', a bamboo pole or frame with a lighted star lantern on it. It is made from bamboo strips and colored Japanese paper which represents the star that guides the Three Kings. Men Here they hold the "Giant Lantern Festival". Eleven different villages participate in a competition to build the most elaborate and colorful lantern.

Small Islands: People in the Caribbean celebrate Christmas in April. On Christmas Day, people in the Caribbean hold singing and dancing competitions. The Jamaicans practice for months. They build piratas and hold little presents such as soap and soap.

Russia: Christmas in Russia is normally celebrated on January 7th. They know it as Christmas Grandfather Frost. He brings presents at midnight on New Year's Eve. People commonly eat 'sochivo' or 'kutia' - a porridge made from wheat semolina. Kutia is sometimes eaten from one common bowl to symbolize unity. Kutsy, Christmas cookies called 'kutya' are made in the shape of a sheep, goat, or deer.

Slovakia: In Slovakia, Santa is known as Mikuláš. A tradition is to clean the house and windows to get rid of evil spirits. Another tradition is for the oldest male of the family to take a spoon of porridge and throw it on the ceiling. The more that sticks, the better the year to come. Christmas dinner begins with 'Oplatky' - small bread wafers and a blessing.

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