**The text for teachers**

***Christmas in Great Britain and America***

The most popular holiday in Great Britain and America is Christmas. They celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December.

There are a lot of traditions connected with Christmas. Every year people of Norway give the city of London a present. It's a big Christmas tree and it stands in Trafalgar Square.

Most families decorate their houses with a Christmas tree, buy gifts for the family and friends, write Christmas cards. In England almost every family receives more than 60 Christmas cards.

On Christmas Eve people put their presents under the tree. And usually they have Christmas crackers. When you pull them, they make a bang and inside there is usually a paper hat or a small toy.

People open their presents on Christmas morning and they all are happy with what they have.

For Christmas lunch people eat turkey, potatoes and green vegetables. Then they have Christmas pudding. In England they make Christmas puddings before Christmas. All the family stir the pudding and make a wish. At five o’clock it's time for tea and Christmas cake.

The day after Christmas is Boxing Day. People usually visit their relatives and friends. They don't work on that day.