

Christmas Trees



You might see Christmas trees on Christmas Day.

You might see...



baubles



lights



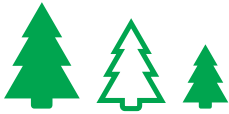
tinsel



angels



stars



Christmas gifts can be put under the tree.

Christmas trees come in different shapes and sizes. Many people choose real trees because they can have a woodland smell.

Others choose fake trees because they make less mess. Fake Christmas trees can be lots of different colours.

Many towns and cities have a big Christmas tree with lights on it for people to enjoy.



Did You Know...?

The Christmas tree in London is a gift from Norway.

The world's biggest floating Christmas tree is in Brazil.

Prince Albert had the Christmas tree in England.

Questions

1. What might you see on a Christmas tree? Tick one.

- ☐ mess
- ☐ smell
- ☐ lights

2. Which might you see in Brazil? Tick one.

- ☐ a spinning tree
- ☐ a floating tree
- ☐ a musical tree

3. Who had the first Christmas tree in England? Tick one.

- ☐ Prince Albert
- ☐ Prince William
- ☐ Prince Philip

4. Why might people choose a real tree? Tick one.

- ☐ They are different sizes.
- ☐ They are a gift from Norway.
- ☐ They can have a woodland smell.

5. What do many towns and cities have? Tick one.

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Decorating at Christmas

Christmas trees might be decorated with baubles, lights, tinsel, angels and stars. Many people choose to decorate their tree in December but some do it earlier. Some people put Christmas presents under the tree.



A long time ago, people used to decorate Christmas trees with fruit, dough decorations, paper baskets, sweets and candles. It is dangerous to put candles on a Christmas tree!

Did You Know...?

The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square, London is a gift from Norway each year.

The world's largest floating Christmas tree is in Brazil.

Prince Albert had the first Christmas tree in England in the 1800s.

Different Types of Trees

Christmas trees come in different shapes and sizes. Some people choose real, evergreen trees to decorate because they can have a woodland smell. Some people choose fake trees because they make less mess and can be used again. There are plastic, pink, black, musical and even spinning Christmas trees!



Where Else Do You Find Christmas Trees?



Some villages, towns and cities have a Christmas tree for people to enjoy outside. These trees are usually decorated with lights and are much bigger than the trees you might see in a home.



Questions

1. What did people decorate Christmas trees with a long time ago? Tick one.

- ☐ fruit
- ☐ baubles
- ☐ lights

2. Number the facts from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- ☐ Some villages, towns and cities have a Christmas tree for people to enjoy outside.
- ☐ Many people choose to decorate their tree in December.
- ☐ Christmas trees come in different shapes and sizes.

3. Where is the world's largest floating Christmas tree? Tick one.

- ☐ London
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Norway

4. Find and copy one word which means 'not real'.

5. Fill in the missing word.

Many people choose real, _____ trees to decorate.

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Decorating at Christmas



Many people feel that Christmas trees are an important part of Christmas. Christmas trees are decorated at home ready for Christmas Day. All sorts of different decorations can be used, such as baubles, lights, tinsel, ribbons, angels and stars. Most people choose to decorate their tree in December but some people do it at an earlier date. Christmas presents are often put under the tree until they are ready to be opened.

A long time ago, people used to decorate their trees with fruit, bread dough decorations, paper baskets, sweets, sewn snowflakes and candles. Decorating a Christmas tree with candles is very dangerous!

Did You Know...?

The famous Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square, London is a gift given by the people of Norway each year.

The world's largest floating Christmas tree is in Brazil.

It is thought that people began decorating trees in Germany in the 1500s.

Prince Albert started the Christmas tree tradition in England in the 1800s.



Different Types of Trees



Christmas trees come in different shapes and sizes. Many people choose real, evergreen trees such as fir trees or spruce trees. This is because they can have a woodland smell. Fake trees are called 'artificial' trees. Lots of people choose these as they can be used again and again. Artificial trees are less messy because they don't lose their needles. Most artificial trees are made from plastic. You can even get pink, black, musical and spinning Christmas trees!



Where Else Do You Find Christmas Trees?

Some villages, towns and cities have their own Christmas tree in a public space for people to enjoy. These trees are usually decorated with lights and are much bigger than the ones that you can find in homes.

Questions

1. When do most people decorate their tree? Tick one.

- ☐ November
- ☐ January
- ☐ December

2. Find and copy **two** Christmas tree decorations that you can use.

- _____
- _____

3. When do people think that decorating trees began?

4. Draw **three** lines and match each country to its Christmas tree fact.

Brazil •

Norway •

England •

• Prince Albert started the Christmas tree tradition in this country.

• This country gives a Christmas tree to England each year.

• This country has the world's largest floating Christmas tree.

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6. Why do you think that it is dangerous to put candles on a Christmas tree?

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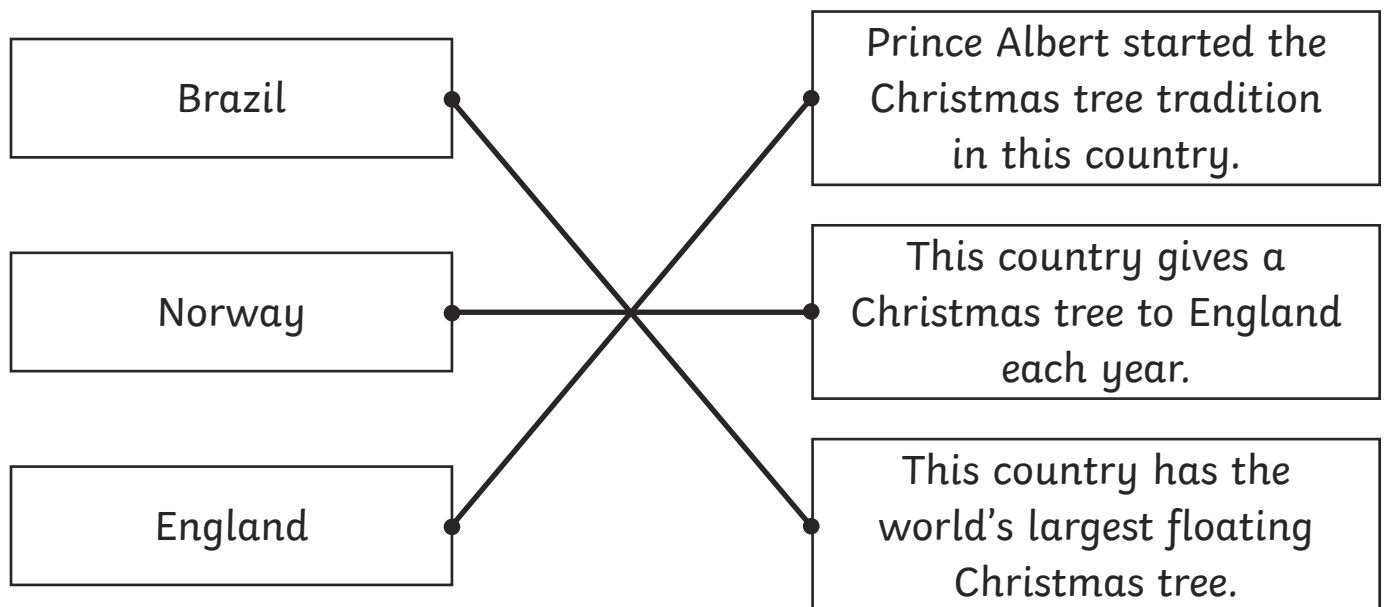
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Accept any two of the following: baubles; lights; tinsel; ribbons; angels; stars.

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5. Why do some people choose real Christmas trees to decorate?

Many people choose real, evergreen trees because they can have a woodland smell.

6. Why do you think that it is dangerous to put candles on a Christmas tree?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that it is dangerous to put candles on a Christmas tree because candles have a flame and the Christmas tree might set on fire.