

Festive celebrations

Festive fun!

Using your language and research skills, have a go at some of these activities for some end of term festive fun!

Activity 1: Comparing and connecting cultures

Celebrations in December vary around the world. Pick two countries and compare their festive celebrations. You could look at food, traditions, weather or anything else you can think of. Present your findings as a colourful, festive fact poster using words of vocabulary from their languages.

Bonus challenge: present your findings in pairs as if you're a festive travel company encouraging people to visit over winter!

Activity 2: Festive quizzes

We've created a festive quiz for you in French, German and Spanish. Follow the links below to get started.

[French quiz](#)

[German quiz](#)

[Spanish quiz](#)

Activity 3 – Wordsearches

We've translated some festive words from English into French, German and Spanish. Can you find them hidden in the grids?

French

Candle / Snow / Gifts / Bell / Pantomime / Elf / Reindeer Lights / Star / Sledging

U	E	L	F	E	S	É	P	F	M	S	P	A
C	J	O	U	B	D	X	U	A	E	D	A	C
L	K	L	A	G	L	Y	G	S	X	P	A	I
O	B	U	D	Q	E	B	C	I	É	M	L	F
C	Y	M	N	N	O	G	M	D	T	Q	I	C
H	L	I	S	E	W	B	I	N	O	U	P	E
E	K	É	Y	I	F	U	B	S	I	M	É	D
É	C	R	L	G	Y	N	O	H	L	I	Z	J
X	H	E	R	E	R	B	U	I	E	D	Y	V
U	S	S	T	J	V	É	G	A	O	H	T	A
K	P	A	N	T	O	M	I	M	E	S	M	N
E	N	N	E	R	L	B	E	K	Y	B	W	É

Bonus challenge: write a simple sentence in French using at least two of the words.

German

Candle / Snow / Gingerbread / Bell / Pantomime / Reindeer / Lights / Ice skating / Sledging / Elf

L	E	B	K	U	C	H	E	N	C	P	Z
H	A	R	K	S	M	E	P	K	E	A	N
Z	I	G	L	G	R	O	D	E	L	N	J
H	E	D	L	U	X	K	E	R	R	T	B
P	I	F	E	O	M	V	J	Z	A	O	U
K	S	C	L	S	C	M	W	E	B	M	E
S	L	J	F	D	E	K	S	Q	M	I	X
Z	A	H	U	N	W	Y	E	P	T	M	O
E	U	H	E	E	N	H	C	S	V	E	T
H	F	L	B	D	I	S	V	H	P	L	S
B	E	L	E	U	C	H	T	U	N	G	J
K	N	F	M	D	Q	U	R	E	N	B	L

Bonus challenge: write a simple sentence in German using at least two of the words.

Spanish

Candle / Snow / Gifts / Bell / Pantomime / Reindeer / Lights / Star / Sledging / Elf

T	K	D	W	S	E	V	E	I	N	L	G
A	C	O	V	N	P	R	D	J	L	E	E
M	A	E	K	E	I	F	E	T	X	N	S
J	M	U	F	J	L	P	D	R	I	A	T
G	P	F	L	O	S	A	V	I	O	Y	R
K	A	U	U	H	R	M	C	N	T	D	E
L	N	E	C	X	E	F	S	R	V	T	L
P	A	S	E	A	G	I	T	O	D	U	L
P	N	E	S	M	A	J	V	E	S	T	A
N	T	F	P	A	L	X	P	N	T	W	Z
V	P	A	N	T	O	M	I	M	A	G	T
R	K	B	E	I	S	D	U	E	N	D	E

Bonus challenge: write a simple sentence in Spanish using at least two of the words.

Activity 4 – Match the greeting to the flag

Here’s a list of 10 festive greetings from around the world — all mean ‘celebration’. Draw the country’s flag next to the correct greeting and write the country name in the final column.

Greeting	Flag	Country
Célébration		

Celebración		
Celebrazione		
Feier		
慶典 (Qìngdiǎn)		
Feiring		
Uroczystość		
Viering		
Firande		
お祝い (Oiwai)		

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Festive quizzes

- [Click here for French quiz answers](#)
- [Click here for German quiz answers](#)
- [Click here for Spanish quiz answers](#)

Wordsearches

French

Candle (*Bougie*) / Snow (*Neige*) / Gifts (*Cadeaux*) / Bell (*Cloche*) / Pantomime (*Pantomime*) / Elf (*Elfe*) / Reindeer (*Renne*) / Lights (*Lumières*) / Star (*Étoile*) / Sledging (*Luge*)

U	E	L	F	E	S	É	P	F	M	S	P	A
C	J	O	U	B	D	X	U	A	E	D	A	C
L	K	L	A	G	L	Y	G	S	X	P	A	I
O	B	U	D	Q	E	B	C	I	É	M	L	F
C	Y	M	N	N	O	G	M	D	T	Q	I	C
H	L	I	S	E	W	B	I	N	O	U	P	E
E	K	É	Y	I	F	U	B	S	I	M	É	D
É	C	R	L	G	Y	N	O	H	L	I	Z	J
X	H	E	R	E	R	B	U	I	E	D	Y	V
U	S	S	T	J	V	É	G	A	O	H	T	A
K	P	A	N	T	O	M	I	M	E	S	M	N
E	N	N	E	R	L	B	E	K	Y	B	W	É

German

Candle (Kerze) / Snow (Schnee) / Gingerbread (Lebkuchen) / Bell (Glocke) / Pantomime (Pantomime) / Reindeer (Ren) / Lights (Beleuchtung) / Ice skating (Eislaufen) / Sledging (Rodeln) / Elf (Elf)

L	E	B	K	U	C	H	E	N	C	P	Z
H	A	R	K	S	M	E	P	K	E	A	N
Z	I	G	L	G	R	O	D	E	L	N	J
H	E	D	L	U	X	K	E	R	R	T	B
P	I	F	E	O	M	V	J	Z	A	O	U
K	S	C	L	S	C	M	W	E	B	M	E
S	L	J	F	D	E	K	S	Q	M	I	X
Z	A	H	U	N	W	Y	E	P	T	M	O
E	U	H	E	E	N	H	C	S	V	E	T
H	F	L	B	D	I	S	V	H	P	L	S
B	E	L	E	U	C	H	T	U	N	G	J
K	N	F	M	D	Q	U	R	E	N	B	L

Spanish

Candle (Vela) / Snow (Nieve) / Gifts (Regalos) / Bell (Campana) / Pantomime (Pantomima) /
Reindeer (Reno) / Lights (Luces) / Star (Estrella) / Sledging (Trineo) / Elf (Duende)

T	K	D	W	S	E	V	E	I	N	L	G
A	C	O	V	N	P	R	D	J	L	E	E
M	A	E	K	E	I	F	E	T	X	N	S
J	M	U	F	J	L	P	D	R	I	A	T
G	P	F	L	O	S	A	V	I	O	Y	R
K	A	U	U	H	R	M	C	N	T	D	E
L	N	E	C	X	E	F	S	E	V	T	L
P	A	S	E	A	G	I	T	O	D	U	L
P	N	E	S	M	A	J	V	E	S	T	A
N	T	F	P	A	L	X	P	N	T	W	Z
V	P	A	N	T	O	M	I	M	A	G	T
R	K	B	E	I	S	D	U	E	N	D	E

Match the greeting to the flag

Greeting	Flag	Country
Célébration		France
Celebración		Spain

Celebrazione		Italy
Feier		Germany
慶典 (Qìngdiǎn)		China
Feiring		Norway
Uroczystość		Poland
Viering		Netherlands
Firande		Sweden
お祝い (Oiwai)		Japan

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