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Christmas is the celebration of mankind, of brotherhood and of love for all religion. It celebrates the birth of Christ, who was believed to be the Savior of mankind

Christmas is such a festival, which is celebrated by each and every culture. The main significance of Christmas celebration is to spread the message of love. So when we are celebrating it worldwide we should also understand the symbols and the significance of those symbols associated with the festival. All the symbols have certain origins and association with the celebration so we should understand it. According to the Bible angles are regarded with the birth of Christ. They symbolize divine guidance and protection that Joseph and Mary had during the birth of Christ and to symbolize that protection in our homes they are used as a part of Christmas decoration. The star at top of the Christmas tree symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem and its significance in our life is that it acts as a guide through the season and through the year. Decorating the Christmas tree with candy canes is very

popular. It is said that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook at the nativity. According to the legends it is said that the shepherds were the first to receive the news of the birth of Jesus Christ and so the canes represented that honor also. Exchanging of gifts and greetings were the traditions carried by the Romans on the first day of January. After that also the Christians continued this traditions and did it in the style of what was called the New Year Cards. Christmas without carols cannot be thought of. For carolers Christmas Eve is the time when they go singing carols from house to house. Even in churches they are sung along with the traditional hymns. The Christmas

tree, the star, Santa Claus, Christmas greens and flowers, Christmas cards, candy cane, Father Christmas and the ginger bread man are some traditions that all combine to form the spirit of Christmas. The traditions of Christmas have been aggregated from over half a dozen cultures and accumulated over the centuries.



"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling." - Edna Ferber



"For centuries men have kept an appointment with Christmas. Christmas means fellowship, feasting, giving and receiving, a time of good cheer, home."

W. J. Tucker



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Christmas is a Holiday for Friends

My Friend

By Pamela McInall

M is for **MY** friend, a truly special person I hold so dear,
Y is for **YOU**, that person who by my side is always here,
F is for **FOREVER**, the time I know our friendship will last,
R is for **REMINICING**, of the times you've been there in the past,
I is for **INSPIRATONAL**, for the way you've dealt with troubles through the years,
E is for **EMOTIONS** we share, whether it's laughter, love or tears,
N is for **NEVER** doubting that your friendship will always be mine,
D is for **DOUBLE** the happiness, I wish on you my friend, at Christmas time!



Did you hear what snowmen eat? Snowflakes, of course. Luckily, real men have many more options to try out. Christmas is a time to feast and have fun. The thousands of choices one can include in the Christmas dinner table can be variety of cakes, cookies, desserts, candies and drinks. A traditional dinner table may have any combination of the delicacies.

The perfect gifts for your loved ones

How many times when Christmas comes along do we end up spending a large amount of money on gifts for friends, relatives and family? This is the season of loving and caring your near and dear ones. So to choose the perfect gifts for your loved ones it is important to know whom you will gift and what are his or her likes and dislikes.

Gifts can be categorized according to its nature and to whom you are gifting. Like gifts for brothers, sisters, parents, kids, friends and spouses. So accordingly you have to choose your gifts it is also advisable to give hand make gifts because it has a special emotion and feeling attached to it. So here's a selection of gifts which are easy to make and will certainly not break the bank. The recipients will love the fact that you have put your own time and effort into making the gifts and will treasure them.

- **Personalized Recipe Book**
- **Homemade Stationary**
- **Dress Up Box For Kids**
- **Decorated Coffee Jar**
- **Personalized Photo Album**
- **Hand made Flower Vas**
- **Jewellery Box**
- **Hand made Artifacts**



- **"The perfect Christmas tree? All Christmas trees are perfect!" - Charles N. Barnard**

Christmas is an amalgamation of fun and seriousness. We celebrate the festival with a lot of fun, at the same time, give utmost respect and consideration to the religious aspects of the festival. Some of the Christmas quotes written by famous authors in the world are the examples of what Christmas is all about

"Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words." - **Harlan Miller**

"At Christmas, all roads lead home." - **Marjorie Holmes**

"Christmas, my child, is love in action." - **Dale Evans**

"Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind." - **Mary Ellen Chase**

"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace." - **Agnes M. Pharo**



Fun facts about the English language

No word in the English language rhymes with *month*.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

The word "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.

"Underground" is the only word in the English language that begins and ends with the letters "und".

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched".

There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

The longest word in the English language, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilico volcanoconiosis.

The only other word with the same amount of letters is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilico volcanoconioses, its plural.

There is a seven letter word in the English language that contains ten words without rearranging any of its letters, "therein": the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, here, ere, therein, herein.

No words in the English language

rhyme with orange, silver or purple.

'Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

To "testify" was based on men in the Roman court swearing to a statement made by swearing on their testicles.

The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways.

The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."

The verb "cleave" is the only English word with two synonyms which are antonyms of each other: adhere and separate.



Who says learning the English language can't be fun? I don't! Improve your English with funny jokes!

This joke has a surprise at the end.

Walking up to a department store's fabric counter, a pretty girl asked the clerk, "I want to buy this material for a new dress. How much does this cost?" "Just one kiss per yard, " replied the

smirking male clerk. "That's fine," replied the girl. "I'll take five yards." With expectation and anticipation showing all over his face, the clerk hurriedly measured out and wrapped the cloth, then held it out teasingly. The girl took the package, smiled a big smile at the clerk, and then pointed to an old man standing next to her. "Grandpa will pay the bill! Goodbye!" she laughed and walked away.

Did you get the joke? The clerk expected to get a kiss from the girl but the girl asked her

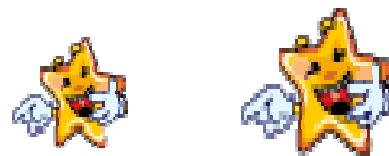


Grandfather to kiss him instead.

This joke shows how important punctuation can be. As you can see below, a comma and an exclamation mark can completely change the meaning.

An English teacher wrote these words on the whiteboard: "woman without her man is nothing". The teacher then asked the students to punctuate the words correctly.

The men wrote:



"Woman, without her man, is

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Happy New Year and Merry Christmas!



Here's a personality test. Do you like to be the centre of attention or do you prefer to be on your own? Do you like to be the leader or do you prefer to be part of a team? Are you confidential, quiet, bossy, and sensitive? Find out more about yourself from the personality test.

1. If you worked in films, which would you like to be?

a a cameraman, **b** a writer, **c** a director, **d** a star

2. If you were a member of a pop group, would you:

a play the bass guitar? **b** play the lead guitar? **c** play the drums?
d sing?

3. If you were an animal, what would you be?

a a horse, **b** a fox, **c** a shark, **d** a cat

4. If you could improve one part of yourself, what would you change?

a your body, **b** your mind, **c** your personality, **d** your face

5. If you could travel, where would you go?

a London, **b** China, **c** Russia, **d** Hollywood

6. If you went to live in another country, which would you miss most?

a your family, **b** your possessions,
c your language, **d** your friends

7. If you won some money, what would you buy?

a something useful, **b** records and books, **c** presents for other people
d clothes

8. If you were on a desert island and could only have one thing, what would you take with you?

a a knife, **b** a book, **c** a dog, **d** a mirror

9. If you were on a desert island, with one other person, who would you choose?

a a doctor, **b** a famous scientist
c a politician **d** a film star

10. Which of these would you most like to be?

a loved, **b** free, **c** rich, **d** famous

How did you score?

Did you score mostly 'a's? You are a very practical person. You don't like to work alone and you like to help people. If your dreams come true, you would be a doctor or an engineer.

Did you score mostly 'b's? You are a loner. You are interested in ideas. You like to be free and to work on your own. You don't like to be on the stage. In your dreams you would be a writer or an artist.

Did you score mostly 'c's? You are a natural manager. You like to direct other people. In your dreams you would be a politician, a football manager or a business executive.

Did you score mostly 'd's? You are an 'I' person. You think a lot about your image. You like to be the centre of attention. If your dreams come true, you would be a film star, a pop star or a model.

Was no letter dominant? You have a balanced personality.

