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Advent

Worksheet

1. Warmer

Match the words in the box below to the correct Advent images.

star	spices	fir cone	pine branches	picture
icing	door	chocolate	candle	decorations

1. Advent biscuits



a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

2. Advent calendar



d. _____ e. _____ f. _____

3. Advent wreath



g. _____ h. _____ i. _____

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2. Key words

a. Match the words on the left (1-8) with their correct meanings (a-h).

1. baking	a. when something is this, a lot of people have heard about it
2. cinnamon	b. substances made from plants and added to food to give it a special taste
3. decorated	c. a word to describe a hot drink made of wine or juice mixed with sugar and spices
4. famous	d. a brown powder or small stick made from the bark of a tree and used for giving a special taste to food, especially sweet food
5. gifts	e. a circle of flowers or leaves that is used for decoration
6. mulled	f. making bread, cakes, biscuits, etc using an oven
7. spices	g. things that you give to someone as a present
8. wreath	h. made something look more attractive by putting nice things on it

b. Now use the words 1-8 above to complete the article text.

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Advent in Germany



Advent in Germany is a time of candlelight, food and drink made with sugar and _____, and spending time with friends and family. Advent makes people feel warm and happy in the cold, dark weeks before Christmas. Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. This is usually between November 27th and December 3rd.

German Christmas markets start on the first weekend of Advent. They are _____ all over the world, and many thousands of people go there to drink hot _____ wine, eat good food and buy Christmas _____. Advent markets in big towns and cities are usually open for the four weeks of Advent. Most villages and small towns have a small Christmas market on the first weekend of Advent.

At home, adults and children have fun in the kitchen, _____ special traditional Advent biscuits such as _____ stars. They eat the biscuits with their friends and family or give them as gifts.

For Advent, people make or buy an Advent _____ and put it on a table or in a window. An Advent wreath is made of real pine branches, has four candles and is _____ with dried orange, cinnamon sticks and ribbons. People light the first candle on the first Sunday of Advent. On the second Sunday, they light the second candle, and on the third Sunday they light the third candle, too. By Christmas, all four candles on the wreath burn at the same time.

Many parents and grandparents make Advent calendars with 24 doors for their children or grandchildren. Door number 1 is opened on 1st December and door number two on 2nd December, and so on. Behind each door there is a picture, a chocolate or a small gift. The last door tells excited children that Christmas Eve, the last day of Advent, has finally come.

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3. Understanding the article

Are these sentences true (T) or false (F) according to the information in the text? Correct the false sentences.

1. Advent lasts for the whole of winter.
2. Advent always begins on December 1st.
3. There are always four Sundays in Advent.
4. Advent ends on Christmas Eve.
5. Many Advent traditions give people a feeling of being warm and happy.
6. Children open the first door of their Advent calendar on 1st December.
7. Advent calendars have 31 doors, the same number as the days in December.
8. When children open the calendar doors they find a picture, a chocolate or a small toy.
9. It is a tradition to make and eat Advent biscuits on Christmas Eve.
10. Advent biscuits are usually very salty.
11. Many families bake Advent biscuits together at home.
12. Advent and Christmas markets are only on in big cities.
13. People go to the markets to drink and eat with their friends.
14. Nobody buys Christmas gifts at the markets.
15. The Advent and Christmas markets are very popular.
16. Most Advent wreaths have one big candle in the middle.
17. People light the first candle on the Advent wreath on the first Sunday of Advent.
18. Most Advent wreaths are made of green plastic.

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4. German Christmas recipe – hot mulled fruit punch



This hot Advent drink is easy to make but first the recipe needs some help.

a. Use these words to complete the list of ingredients. Look up any words you don't know.

fresh

juice

sticks

orange

whole

Ingredients:

500ml of apple _____

250ml of cranberry juice

½ large _____, sliced

3 small cinnamon _____

15g of _____ ginger, cut into pieces

10 _____ cloves

b. Now put the recipe instructions in the correct order by numbering them 1-5.

Instructions:

a. Turn the heat down and simmer slowly for ten minutes. _____

b. Heat slowly until it starts to boil. _____

c. Drink the punch while it is still hot. _____

d. Pour it out through a sieve to remove the spices. _____

e. Put all the ingredients into a large pan. _____

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5. Discussion

Talk about the recipe above and what you read about in the Advent article text using the comments below to help you.

I would/wouldn't like to try the hot mulled fruit punch because ...

I like / don't really like spicy things, so I would/wouldn't like to try the Advent biscuits.

We often/never have candles at home in the dark winter months. They make me feel ...

When I was a child, I sometimes/always/never baked biscuits and cakes with my ...

6. Web task – Christmas markets

a. Search the internet to find out more about Advent and the Christmas markets in one of these cities.

Stuttgart

Dresden

Nuremberg

Constance

Munich

Think about:

- When does it start?
- When is the last day of the market?
- What can you see, buy and do there?

Find some images of your market. Is there anything that you read about in the article that you can see in the images such as candles, people drinking mulled wine, etc?

b. Tell the other students in your group about your market.

c. Decide which market you would like to visit.