

Festivals: Christmas
by Katie Maunder**Make a Christmas cracker**

You need:

- Coloured paper (A4)
- Cardboard tube (10cm)
- String
- Squares, circles and stars for decoration
- Glue/sticky tape

What to do:

- ① Roll the paper round the tube and stick.
- ② Make a hat with coloured paper and decorate with Christmas words.
- ③ Fold the hat and put it in the tube.
- ④ Write a riddle on a small piece of paper (Example: It is an animal. It has big ears. It can run and jump. It likes carrots. What is it?)
- ⑤ Put the riddle in the tube.
- ⑥ Tie the ends of the cracker with string.
- ⑦ Decorate the cracker with squares, circles and stars.
- ⑧ Pull the cracker with a friend, give him the hat and ask him the riddle.

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On the first day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Is for the singular.'

On the second day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Are for the plural.'

On the third day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Don't forget the -s.'

On the fourth day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Do you...?, Does he...?'

On the fifth day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Do your homework!!'

On the sixth day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Adjectives come first.'

On the seventh day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'He is for boys.'

On the eighth day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'She is for girls.'

On the ninth day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'-ed for the past.'

On the tenth day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Did for past questions.'

On the eleventh day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Will for the future.'

On the twelfth day of Christmas my teacher said to me:
'Remember please and thank you!'

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Read the text below.

In Britain Christmas is very special. Families decorate their Christmas trees with pretty lights and sing Christmas carols. December 24th is Christmas Eve and children put stockings next to their bed. These are like big socks and in the morning they are full of presents from Father Christmas. They also put a plate of biscuits and a glass of milk under the Christmas tree for Father Christmas and an apple outside the door for his reindeer. On Christmas morning the plate is empty and there is no apple. There are also lots of presents under the Christmas tree. The children open their presents very early and play with them all day. The family eats turkey for Christmas lunch and pulls Christmas crackers, which have little presents, hats and jokes inside.

Match the underlined words above with their definitions below.

- ① Families sing these songs at Christmas.
- ② This happy old man brings everyone presents on Christmas Eve.
- ③ People eat this for Christmas lunch. It looks like a big chicken.
- ④ These are animals that take Father Christmas to children's houses.
- ⑤ Father Christmas gives these to good children.
- ⑥ Children put these big socks next to the bed.
- ⑦ They grow in forests and look pretty at Christmas.
- ⑧ People pull them and they have a hat and present inside.
- ⑨ The day before Christmas.

