

# Christmas Vocabulary

<b>angel</b>	a spiritual being acting as a messenger of God (usually shown as a human being with wings)
<b>berry</b>	a small round fruit
<b>Bethlehem</b>	the small town in the Middle East believed to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ
<b>chimney</b>	a vertical pipe in a house that allows smoke and gases to escape from a fireplace (Father Christmas traditionally enters a house through its chimney)
<b>Christmas</b>	the annual Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ (Christmas Day is on 25 December)
<b>Christmas cake</b>	a rich fruit cake covered with white icing, eaten at Christmas
<b>Christmas card</b>	a greetings card that people send to friends and family at Christmas
<b>Christmas carol</b>	a religious song or popular hymn that people sing at Christmas
<b>Christmas Day</b>	25 December, the birthday of Jesus Christ
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	the evening or day before Christmas Day (24 December)
<b>Christmas holidays</b>	the holiday period for about a week before and after Christmas Day
<b>Christmas present</b>	a gift or present given at Christmas
<b>Christmas tree</b>	an evergreen tree that people decorate with lights and ornaments at Christmas
<b>decoration</b>	something that adds beauty; ornament
<b>Father Christmas</b>	an imaginary being who brings presents for children on the night before Christmas Day traditionally an old man with a red suit and white beard
<b>fireplace</b>	a partly enclosed space in a house where people light a fire for warmth
<b>holly</b>	an evergreen plant with prickly dark green leaves and red berries
<b>magi</b>	the wise men from the East who brought gifts for the baby Jesus
<b>mistletoe</b>	a parasitic plant with white berries, traditionally used as a Christmas decoration
<b>the Nativity</b>	the birth of Jesus Christ
<b>New Year's Day</b>	1 January
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	31 December
<b>ornament</b>	an object that adds beauty to something; a decoration
<b>present</b>	a thing given to somebody as a gift.

<b>reindeer</b>	a deer with large antlers found in some cold climates (believed to pull the sleigh for Santa Claus or Father Christmas)
<b>shepherd</b>	a person who looks after sheep
<b>sleigh</b>	a sledge or light cart on runners pulled by horses or reindeer over snow and ice
<b>snow</b>	water vapour from the sky that falls as white flakes and covers the ground
<b>the star of Bethlehem</b>	the star that announced the birth of Jesus and guided the wise men to find Him
<b>turkey</b>	a bird like a large chicken, traditionally eaten at Christmas
<b>Xmas</b>	abbreviation or informal term for Christmas

## Christmas Expressions

- Merry Christmas!
- Happy Christmas
- Happy New Year!
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- Wishing you a prosperous New Year
- All the best for the coming year
- Seasons Greetings!
- Warmest wishes for the holiday season.
- Greetings of the season and best wishes for the New Year.
- Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and very happy New Year.
- Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.
- Wishing you all the Magic and joy of the Xmas season.
- Wishing you a happy holiday and a successful new year.
- A world of good wishes for happiness to all of you at Xmas and through the coming year. With love at Christmas Time.