

## 1. Fill in the texts using the words from the word banks.

when: 24th December

### Christmas Eve

holiday - busy - traffic jams - states - not - US - relatives - home

Christmas Eve is \_\_\_\_\_ a public holiday in English speaking countries, unlike in some European countries. People go to work, and shops are very \_\_\_\_\_ as it is the last day for people to buy presents. In the \_\_\_\_\_, however, there are some \_\_\_\_\_ where Christmas Eve is a state \_\_\_\_\_, e.g. Texas or South Carolina. A lot of people travel to their \_\_\_\_\_ towns to spend the holidays with their \_\_\_\_\_ and friends, so there might be \_\_\_\_\_ on the roads.



when: 25th December

### Christmas Day

leave - afternoon - run - ritual - brandy - morning - treats - milk

In English-speaking countries there is a \_\_\_\_\_ in which children \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_ for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. In the US and Canada, it is a glass of \_\_\_\_\_ and cookies, in Australia or Britain it is \_\_\_\_\_ and mince pies. The following \_\_\_\_\_, on Christmas Day, all children \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christmas tree to see what Santa left for them. The traditional Christmas dinner is served in the \_\_\_\_\_ (at about 3 PM), and consists of turkey, potatoes and pudding.



when: 26th December

### Boxing Day

day off - servants - sales - illegal - Commonwealth - hunts - United Kingdom

The holiday originated in the \_\_\_\_\_. The name probably comes from the days when \_\_\_\_\_ were given presents and a \_\_\_\_\_. It is a national holiday in the UK, Ireland, Australia, Canada and some other \_\_\_\_\_ countries. People go shopping (Boxing Day is like Black Friday in the US) as shops offer big Boxing Day \_\_\_\_\_. In the UK, there are football and rugby matches. In villages or small towns, there are traditional \_\_\_\_\_, although killing animals is \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays.



when: 31st December

### New Year's Eve

anthem - gather - firework - parties - music - midnight

The last day of the year is usually celebrated at \_\_\_\_\_ or family gatherings with lots of food and drinks. In big cities people \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy live \_\_\_\_\_, they dance and watch \_\_\_\_\_ displays. When the clock strikes \_\_\_\_\_, people kiss and sing Auld Lang Syne, an old song which has become the New Year's Eve \_\_\_\_\_. The following day, New Year's Day, is a bank holiday.

