

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.

