

Christmas in the USA

The United States of America has many different traditions and ways that people celebrate Christmas. Many customs are similar to the ones in the UK, France, Italy, Holland, Poland and Mexico.

The traditional meal for Western European families is turkey or ham with cranberry sauce. Families from Eastern European origins favour turkey with trimmings, keilbasi (a Polish sausage), cabbage dishes, and soups; and some Italian families prefer lasagne.

Some Americans use popcorn threaded on string to help decorate their Christmas tree!

People in America like to decorate the outsides of their houses with lights and sometimes even statues of Santa Claus, snowmen and reindeer.

Towns and cities often decorate the streets with lights to celebrate Christmas. Perhaps the most famous Christmas street lights in the USA are at the Rockefeller Center in New York. There is a huge Christmas tree with a public ice skating rink in front of it over Christmas and the New Year.



Read the information above and answer the questions.

1. Write down two other countries with similar Christmas customs as the USA.

2. What is the traditional meal for Western European families at Christmas?

3. What do some Italian families eat at Christmas? _____

4. What type of corn is sometimes used to decorate Christmas trees?

5. What statues are sometimes used to decorate the outside of houses?

6. Where is the famous Rockefeller Center? _____