

Christmas in Australia

In Australia, Christmas comes during the summer holidays. Some people hang wreaths on their front doors and go out Christmas carol singing on Christmas eve.



Australians decorate their houses with Christmas trees, Christmas lights, tinsel, snowmen and glass baubles. They also decorate their homes with bunches of Christmas bush, a native Australian tree with green leaves and cream flowers.

On Christmas Day, children receive presents in a stocking or under the Christmas tree. Children write letters to Santa Claus so that he knows what they would like for Christmas. Santa wears a thick red suit and travels in a sleigh pulled by reindeer.

Many Australians have a special meal on Christmas Day. Some people have cold meats and seafood and a Pavlova for dessert. A Pavlova is a soft meringue cake with cream and fresh fruit.

On Boxing Day most people go to the beach with their friends and have barbecues and swim in the sea.

Read the information above and answer the questions.

1. What do some Australians hang on their front doors? _____

2. Where does Santa Claus leave the presents?

3. What does Santa Claus travel in? _____

4. Where do some people go on Boxing Day? _____

5. Rearrange the letters in these words and write them correctly on the lines.

S F O O E A D _____ R O L C A _____

E I N D R E E R _____ I G N C K O S T _____