Christmas Around the World

Write your answer on the line under each question.

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1. **In the Netherlands, on which evening does Sinterklaas bring presents?**

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2. **In Italy, which kind old witch brings presents on the night of 5 January?**

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3. **In Mexico, what are the nine nights of processions from 16 to 24 December called?**

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4. **In Sweden, whose day is celebrated on 13 December with a crown of candles?**

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5. **In Iceland, how many Yule Lads visit children in the nights before Christmas?**

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6. **In the Philippines, what are the big star-shaped Christmas lanterns called?**

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Questions 7 to 13

7. **In Poland, what do children watch for in the sky before Christmas Eve dinner?**

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8. **What are Germany's outdoor Christmas markets called in German?**

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9. **What is Father Christmas called in Germany?**

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10. **In which language is Meri Kirihimete the way to say Merry Christmas?**

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11. **Which tree, with red flowers in December, is called New Zealand's Christmas tree?**

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12. **God Jul means Merry Christmas in which three languages?**

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13. **Joyeux Noël is Merry Christmas in which language?**

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Questions 14 to 20

14 **Orthodox churches in Russia and Serbia celebrate Christmas on which date?**

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15 **In Spain, the famous Christmas lottery draw, El Gordo, is held on which date?**

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16 **In which country is Father Christmas said to live on the fell of Korvatunturi, in Lapland?**

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17 **In Ireland, what is traditionally placed in the front window on Christmas Eve?**

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18 **Why do many Australians have a barbecue or a beach lunch on Christmas Day?**

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19 **Christmas crackers were invented in the 1840s in which city?**

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20 **Which country has sent the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree to London since 1947?**

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Christmas Around the World: Answers

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1. 5 December, the evening before Saint Nicholas Day.
2. La Befana.
3. Las Posadas.
4. Saint Lucia.
5. Thirteen.
6. Parols.
7. The first star.
8. Weihnachtsmärkte, or Christkindlmärkte in some regions.
9. Der Weihnachtsmann. In some regions the Christkind brings the presents.
10. Te reo Māori, in New Zealand.
11. The pōhutukawa.
12. Norwegian, Swedish and Danish.
13. French.
14. 7 January.
15. 22 December.
16. Finland.
17. A lit candle, to welcome travellers.
18. Christmas is in summer in the southern hemisphere.
19. London, by a sweet maker called Tom Smith.
20. Norway.

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