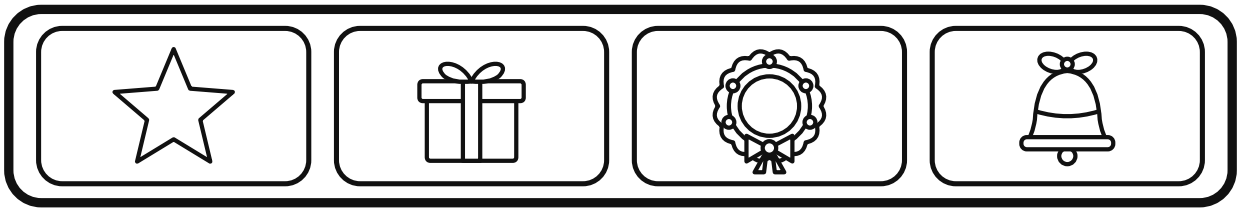
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**Read the book, then answer the questions.**



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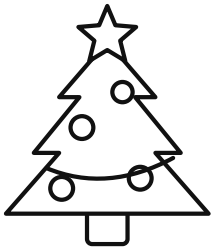
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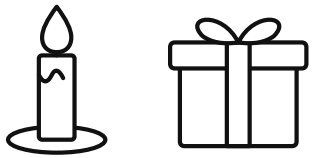
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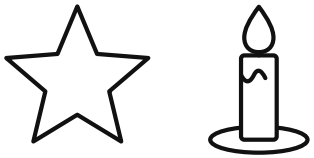
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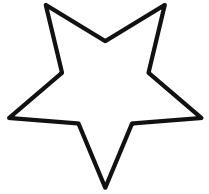


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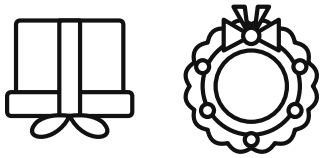
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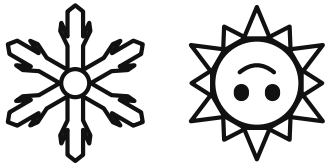
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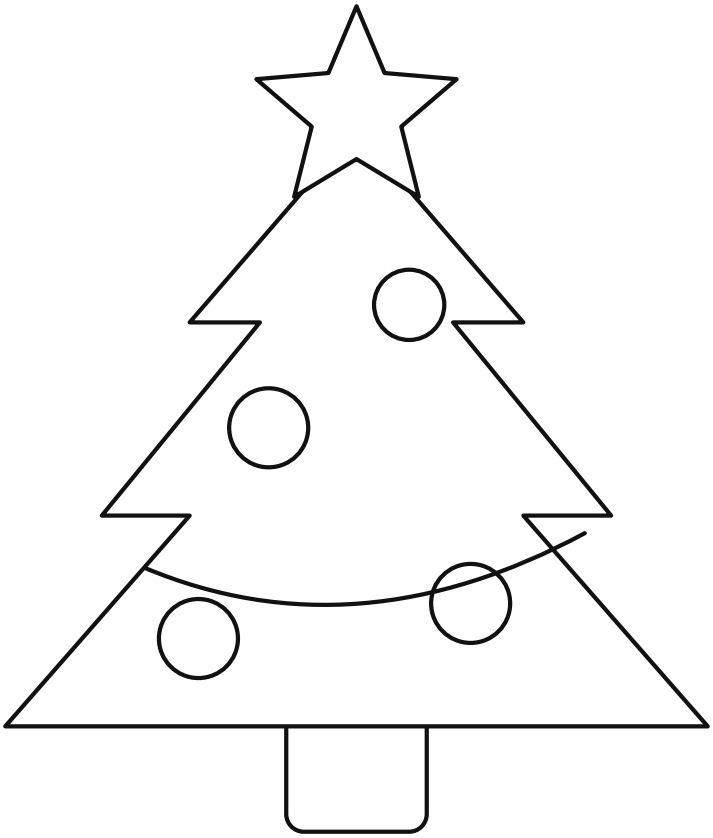


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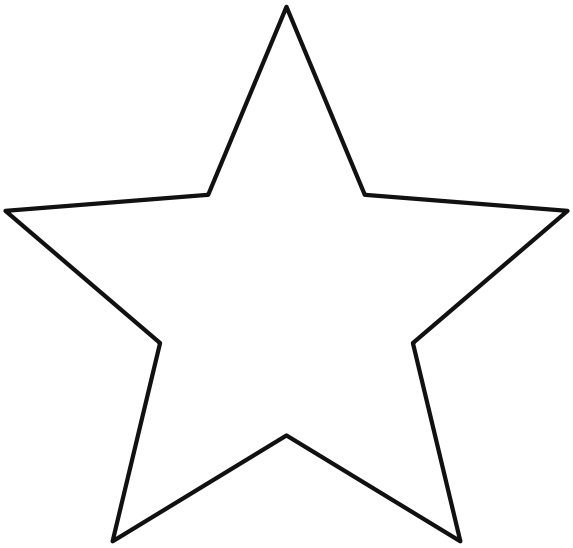
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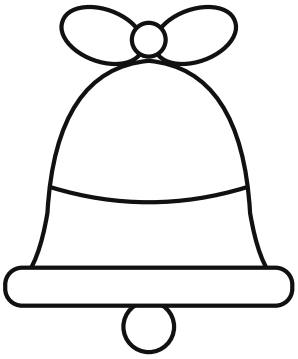
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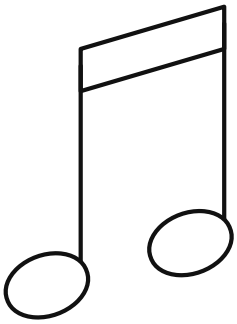


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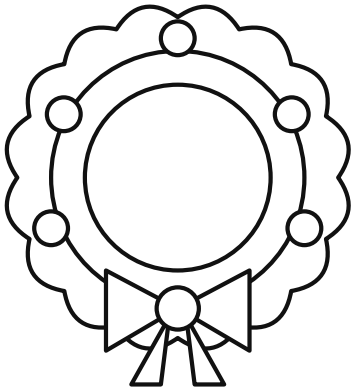


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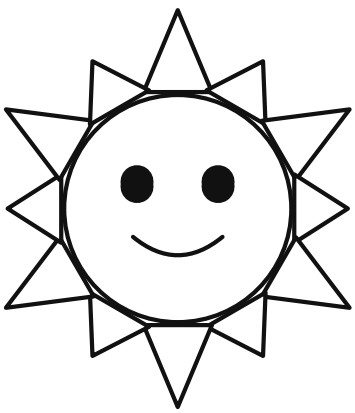


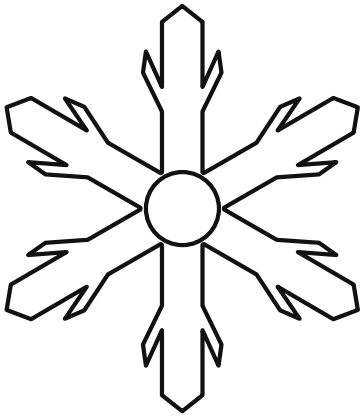
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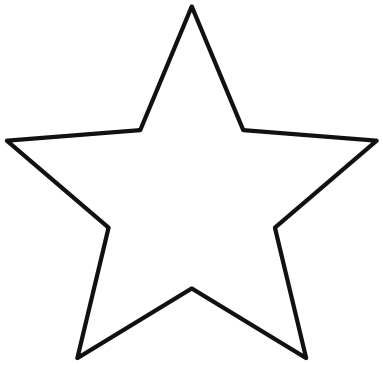
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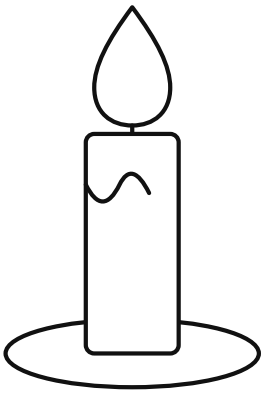


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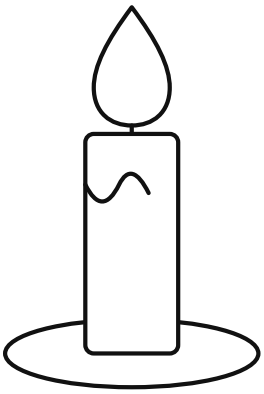


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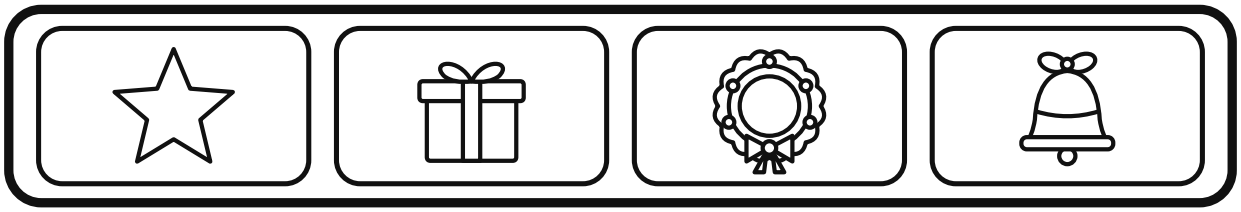


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# Answers

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   25 December

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5. Why do you think some families in Australia go to the beach at Christmas?

   Possible answer: Christmas is in summer there, so it is warm



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