

LET' S HAVE A PARTY

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE
PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE/
PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE/
CONTINUOUS(Contrasted)



Pre-reading activity

1. Who brings you presents in December? Do you know all three men? When do they bring presents? What presents do they bring you?
2. Do you decorate a Christmas tree? What do you put on it? What do you put under the tree?
3. Do we eat any special food on these holidays? What do you eat?

FATHER CHRISTMAS GOES TO NEW YORK AND RETURNS TO EUROPE AS SANTA CLAUS

December is the month when we send cards, when families and friends come together, we have traditional dinners and give presents.

The man who brings presents on the 5th December has many different names all over the world. In our country he is Miklavž (from Saint Nicholas). It is the name of a bishop from the 4th century. The legend says that he was very kind and generous, especially to children.



The first Dutch settlers bring the legend of Saint Nicholas to the United States. And the first British settlers take Father Christmas with them.

In the United States Father Christmas becomes Santa Claus (from Saint Nicholas). He returns back to Europe as Santa Claus, or Santa. We get two names for one man. He brings presents on the 24th December.

Eastern and southern Slavic countries have got also dedek Mraz. His homeland is Siberia. He brings presents on the 31st December. Children in Slovenia get presents from one of them or from all of them.

1. Mika and Timi are having a New Year's Eve party. What are the children doing? Look at the picture on the page 19 and write the sentences.

dance	talk	listen to/music	sit/on the floor
eat/a sandwich		drink/coke	

1. Timi is drinking coke.
2. Nika
3. Peter
4. Barbara and Tina
5. Jan.....
6. Julija and Eva

2. Look at the picture again and ask questions.

1. What/Timi/drink? What is Timi drinking?
2. What/Peter/eat?
.....
3. What/Barbara and Tina/talk about?
.....
4. What/Jan/listen to?
.....
5. Where/Nika and Eva/sit ?
.....
6. What/Rok/do?
.....

3. Look at the picture of the party again and correct the sentences.

1. Nika is drinking coke.
No, she isn' t drinking coke. She's dancing.
2. Barbara and Tina are listening to music.
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3. Jan is eating a sandwich.
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4. Peter is dancing.
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5. Eva and Julija are standing.
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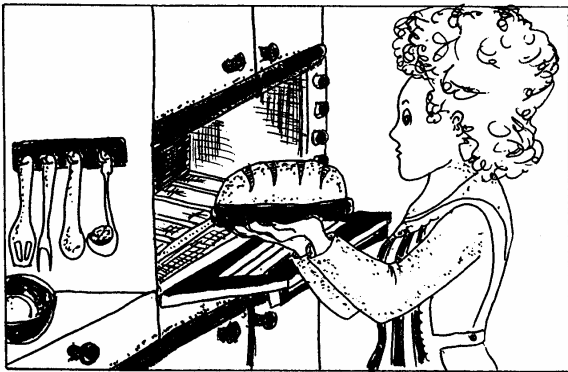
4. Read the text and complete it with the correct verbs in brackets.

It's Christmas and New Year time. Timi's family in Slovenia and Vicky's family in England (decorate/are decorating) Christmas trees at the moment.

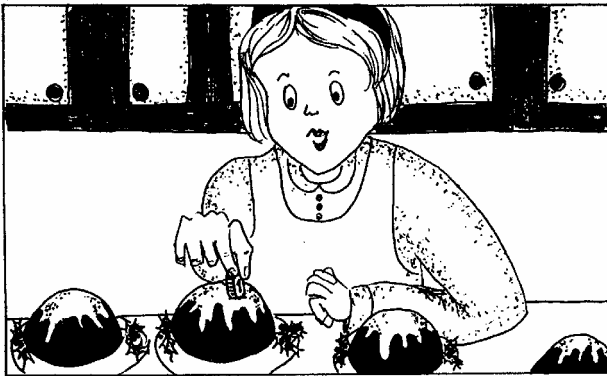
Timi's father always (buys/is buying) a big tree. They sometimes (put/are putting) it in Timi's bedroom, but Vicky's family always put it in the living room.

Vicky's father often (brings/is bringing) a small tree. At the moment Vicky (put/is putting) it in the living room.

5. Before Christmas Timi and Vicky's mothers prepare special food. What do they make every year? What are they doing in the pictures?



Timi's mother
 (make) Christmas bread every year. She always
 (bake) it in the oven. In the picture she (open) the oven. She (put) the bread into it.



Vicky's mother
 (make) Christmas pudding every year. She always
 (put) dried fruit into it. She (mix) everything together. A coin in the pudding (bring) you good luck if you find it in your piece of pudding. In the picture she (put) a coin into the pudding.

6. Look at the pictures in exercise 5 again, ask questions and answer them.

1. What / Timi's mother / make for Christmas?
What does Timi's mother make for Christmas?
She makes Christmas bread.

2. Where / she / always / bake it?

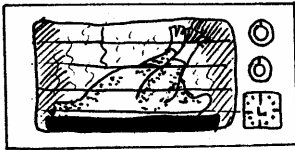
3. What / she / do in the picture?

4. What / Vicky's mother / put in Christmas pudding every year?

5. What / a coin / bring?

6. What / she / do in the picture?

7. Nika and Timi have a friend in New York. His name is Sam. They have a friend in London, too. Her name is Vicky. Write negative sentences and spot the differences.



1. Vicky's mother roasts turkey for Christmas dinner.
Timi's mother doesn't roast turkey for Christmas dinner.

2. Sam watches New Year parade on TV.
 Nika



3. American and English children pull crackers at Christmas.
 Slovene children usually



4. Vicky's mother makes Christmas pudding.
 Nika's mother



5. Slovene children sometimes put Christmas trees in their bedrooms. English children

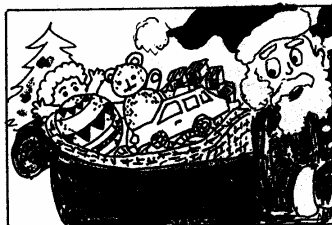
6. English and American children hang Christmas socks in their living-rooms. Slovenian children



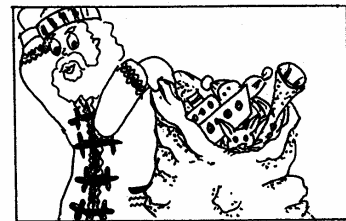
8. Look at the pictures and say what they are carrying in their sacks.



Saint Nicholas



Father Christmas



dedek Mraz

Saint Nicholas carrying

Father Christmas

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Grandfather Frost (dedek Mraz)
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What do they do every year?

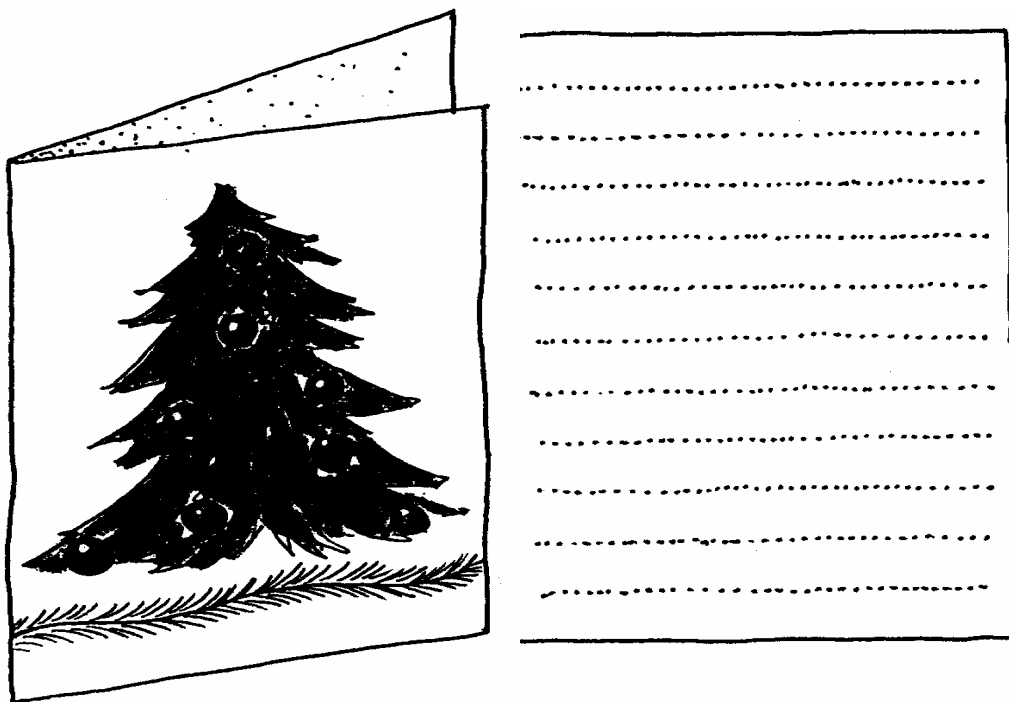
They (carry/are carrying) their sacks. They (bring/are bringing) presents to the children every year.

9. Write a letter to St. Nicholas, Father Christmas or to dedek Mraz and say what you would like him to bring you. Choose things from the box below or write your own things.

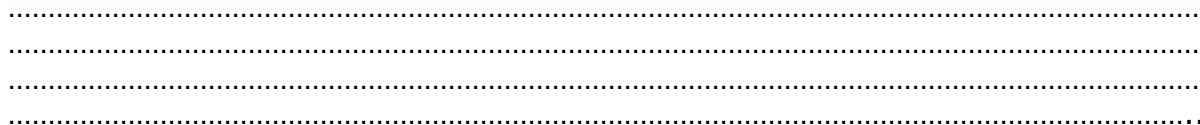
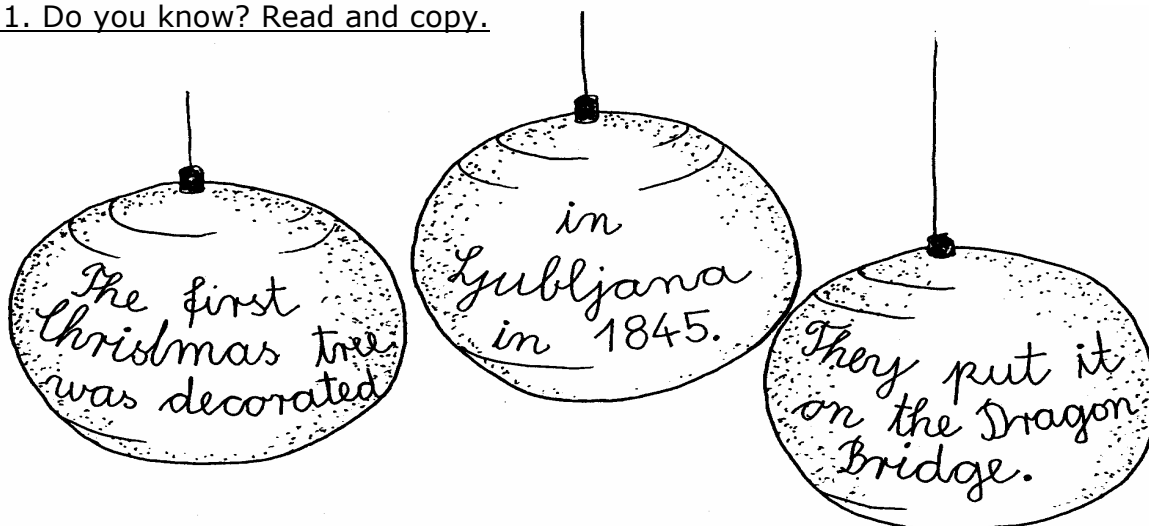
Dear _____,
Please _____
Love from _____

10. It's Christmas and New Year time. Write a card and draw something. Choose greetings from the square or write your own one.

Merry Christmas	Happy New Year	Season's Greetings
Have a Happy Christmas	Wishing you a very Merry Christmas	
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you		



11. Do you know? Read and copy.



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