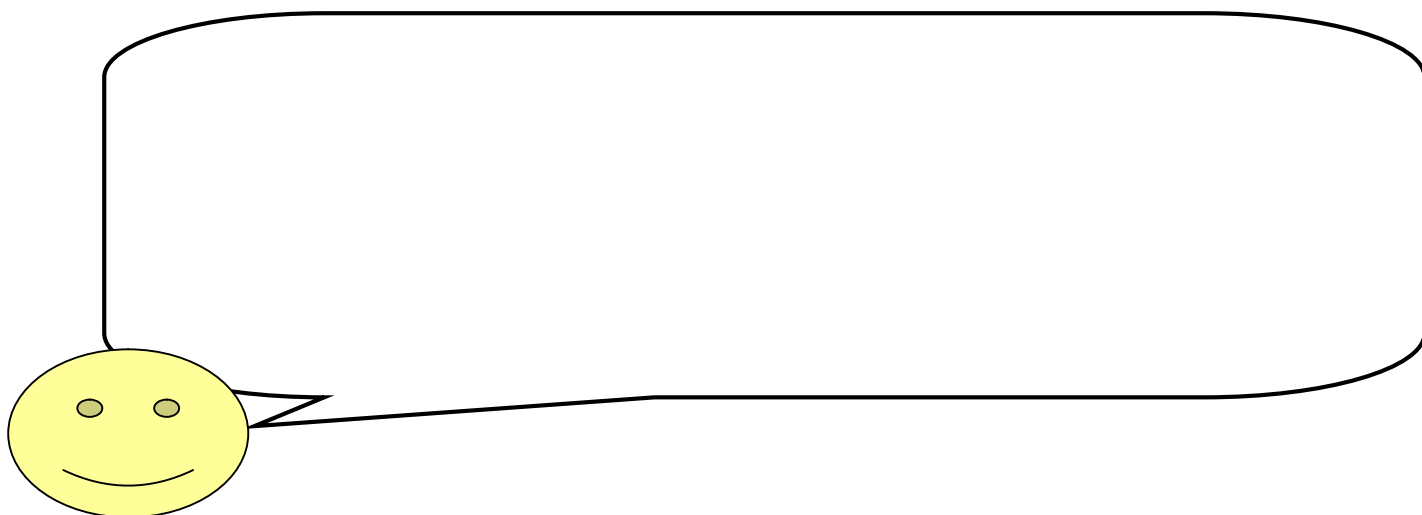


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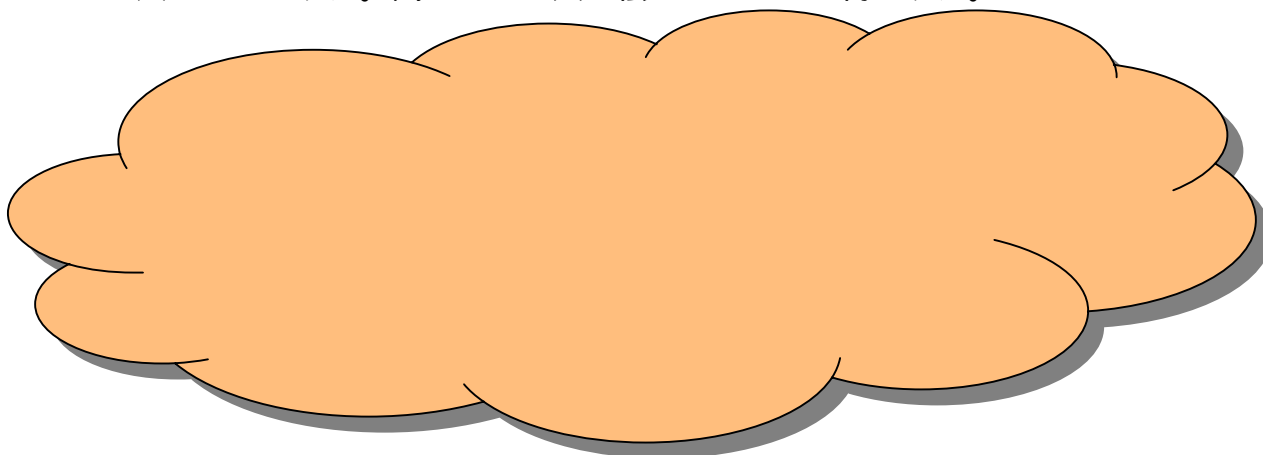
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- * 『Christmas と言えば !』の にあてはまる単語 1 語を書こう。
(単語がわからない場合はとりあえず日本語でもOK!)

- * 教科書 (Program7) や英文資料を読んでどんなことを感じましたか。
Christmas について思うこと、考えることなど自由に書いてみよう。



- * 『Christmas』という内容でスピーチをします。スピーチの中にどんなことを入れたいですか。聞いている人に伝えたいことは何ですか。



(英文資料)

Christmas Facts (No.1)

Who is Santa Clause?

Santa Clause is the Dutch way to say Santa Nicolas. Santa Nicolas was famous because he often gave presents to poor families at Christmas. Since then, we give presents to our families and friends every Christmas.

Christmas food

In America, we eat many special Christmas foods. On Christmas day, we often eat turkey and ham. We also have various kinds of Christmas desserts. We eat pumpkin pies and cakes.

There are also special Christmas candies that look like Christmas trees and reindeer. The most famous Christmas candy is the candy cane. We often use red and white candy canes to decorate our Christmas trees. They are sweet and delicious.

We also bake gingerbread men. Gingerbread men are cookies made in the shape of men. We cut them out and decorate them with icing to hang on our Christmas trees.

Christmas decorations

The most famous Christmas decoration is the Christmas tree. Some families use plastic trees, and some families cut real pine trees every year. We decorate the trees with Christmas lights and ornaments. On Christmas Eve, we put our presents under the Christmas tree.

In America, we send Christmas cards to our families. America is very big, so sometimes we cannot see our families for Christmas. We send cards to families members that live far away. We often include pictures and letters with the cards.

(英文資料)

Christmas Facts (No.2)

Why does Santa Clause wear a red cloth?

Saint Nicolas was a bishop of a church. The color of the formal cloth of bishop was red. So Saint Nicolas was wearing a red cloth when he came to give a present to children.

Why does Santa Clause ride in a reindeer sled?

In 1822, An American poet, Clement Moor wrote a poem called “ a night of Christmas eve ” on Christmas eve. In the poem, 8 reindeers were pulling the sled of Santa Clause. This poem became popular soon. Since then, it has been thought natural that a reindeer pulls the Santa Clause’s sled.

Why do we hang socks?

It comes from a legend. Long ago, there lived 3 girls with their father. They were so poor that their father was going to sell his 3 daughters. When Saint Nicolas heard that, he threw money from the chimney into their house. The money fell to their socks hanged by a fireplace. Then the 3 daughters married happily. So we hang socks for a Christmas present.

When was the first Christmas in Japan?

It is said 1875. On that time, Santa Clause was wearing a Japanese styled cloth like a hakama and a topknot hairstyle. Japan banned Christianity for a long time. Since 1873, we became to be able to celebrate Christmas.

What is “Xmas”?

It is what written as mixture of Greek and English for Christmas. “Christ” means “Jesus Christ” and “mas” means “mass” in English. In Greek, “Christ” is written “ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ”. The first letter X is used for Xmas.

Christmas carol

It is a hymn for Christmas. There are a lot of Christmas carols all over the world. In Japan, “Silent night” is famous.

(英文資料)

Christmas Facts (No.3)

Christmas plants

There are many kinds of plants for Christmas. Some are evergreen trees, some have red fruits. There are also plants blooming in winter.

A Christmas rose makes pink or white flower. Especially in England, a Christmas rose is popular because they don't have a lot of flowers in winter.

A laurel was used as a laurel wreath in the Olympics in ancient Greece. People gave the God of Sun a laurel in ancient Greece and Rome.

A holly tree is used as a picture for a Christmas card or for a wreath. The leaf means Christ's Crown of Thorns. The red fruit means Christ's blood.

An angel

Angels praise the God. They also protect people and tell people the words from the God. An angel, Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would have a boy.

A bell

In Europe, people had rung bells to exorcise since before Christianity spread. Now people decorate bells as a joy for Christ.