



PREPOSITIONS AT x ON x IN

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Don't say: "Christmas Eve is **in** Friday. "

Say: "Christmas Eve is **on** Friday. "

We use **on** for days (Christmas Day) and dates (1st April).

We use **at** for times (7 o'clock) and festival periods (Easter), at night.

We use **in** for months (July), seasons (winter), years (2014) and times of day (the morning).



CHRISTMAS DAY IN UNITED KINGDOM



Christmas Day is celebrated in the United Kingdom on December 25th. It traditionally celebrates Jesus Christ's birth but many aspects of this holiday have **pagan** origins. There are many Christmas symbols. These include leaves and berries from the **holly tree** and **mistletoe** bush, **pine** trees, candles and small lights. Presents and Christmas food, such as turkey, Christmas pudding and **mince pies** also symbolize Christmas.

At Christmas, churches also hold special **services**.

Many people spend Christmas Day with family members, with whom they exchange gifts and cards. Many children wake up in the morning to find a sock or **stocking** filled with small gifts on their bed or somewhere else in the house. These have been brought by a mythical figure called 'Father Christmas' or 'Santa Claus', who lives for most of the year at the North Pole. He travels in a **sleigh** pulled by **reindeer** and enters houses by climbing down the **chimney**.

VOCABULARY

pagan – pohanský

holly – cesmína

mistletoe – jmelí

pine – borovice

mince pie – koláč s kandovaným ovocem

service - bohoslužba

stocking - punčocha

sleigh - sáně

reindeer - sob

chimney – komín

QUIZ:

Complete the following sentences with **on**, **in** or **at**.

1. I celebrated Christmas with my big family ____ the 24th of December last year.
2. Do you get presents ____ the evening or ____ the morning?
3. We usually start eating Christmas dinner ____ 7 o'clock.
4. Which activities will you do ____ Christmas?
5. ____ night she went for mass at the church.



Key: 1. on 2. in, in 3. at 4. at 5. At