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1. What is the capital of England?

2. If you traveled from Carlisle to Bristol, which direction would you be going?

3. Which sea is east of England?

4. To travel from the English Channel to London, which direction would you be going?

5. Dover is famous for its beautiful rocky cliffs. Which part of England is Dover in?

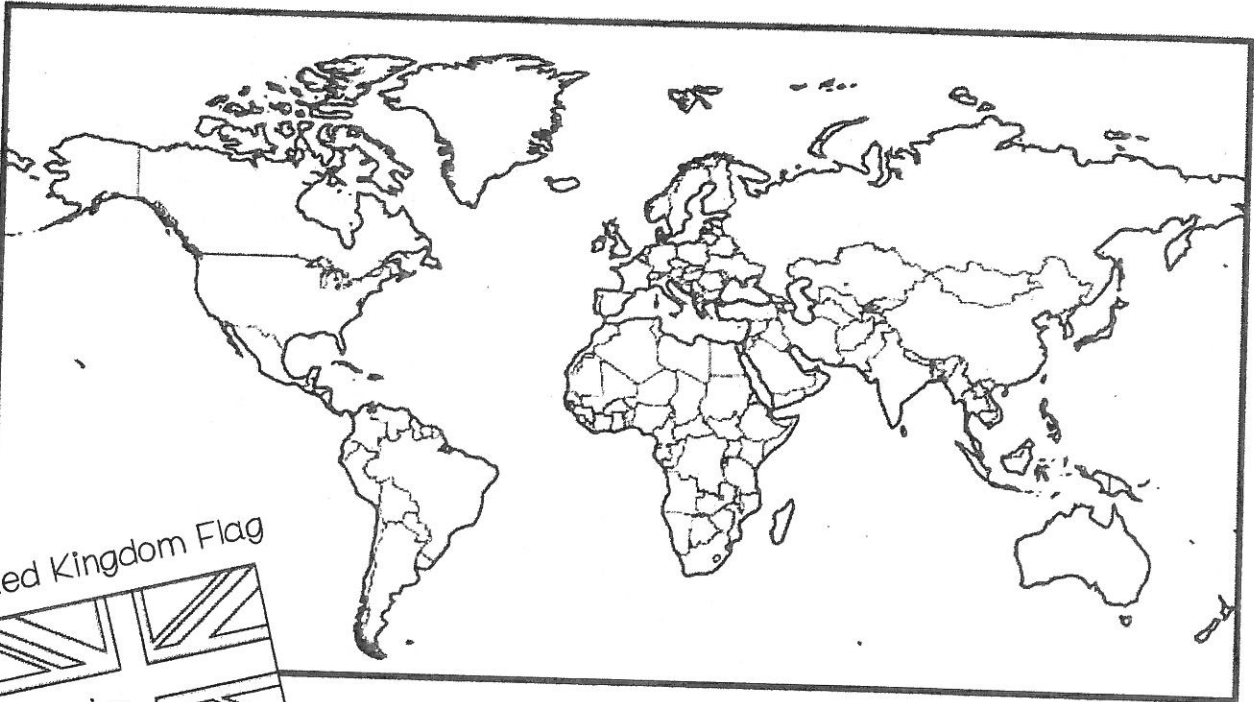
6. Manchester and Liverpool both have well known football (soccer) teams. To travel from Manchester to Liverpool, which direction would you go?

7. Which sea is located to the northwest of England?

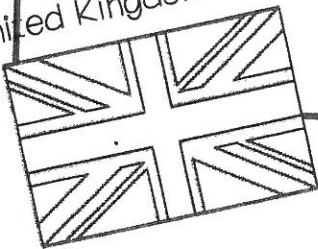
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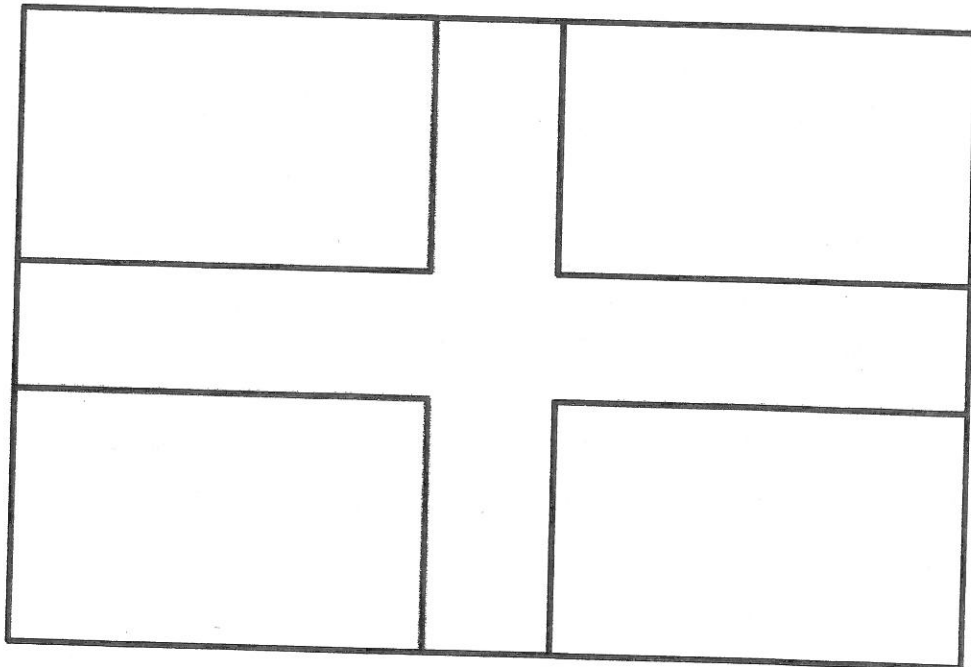
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United Kingdom Flag



Color England's Flag



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Christmas Around the World: England

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In England, Christmas celebrations begin during the advent, or four Sundays before Christmas. Many children receive an advent calendar to help them countdown the days until Christmas, as they open a small window on the calendar each day. Lots of people enjoy holiday baking, and homes are often filled with the sweet smell of Christmas bisquits (cookies) and treats. Christmas caroling is also a tradition that many enjoy. Christmas cards are popular in England and are still sent to family and friends. Christmas trees can be found in most English homes, and holly, ivy, and mistletoe are sometimes used for decorating. Homes and businesses are also beautifully decorated with lights.

On Christmas Eve, children write letters to Father Christmas, but instead of mailing them, they often burn them in the fireplace, thinking that he will read their requests in the smoke. Right before bedtime, kids hang up their stockings either on their bedpost or at their fireplace. In the morning, they hope to find oranges, apples, nuts, chocolate, and some small toys in their stockings. On Christmas Eve, children also leave a plate of cookies for Father Christmas by the chimney (or the front door if there is no fireplace) as well treats for the reindeer.

Christmas morning starts early with a cup of tea and families gather to open the stockings and then the "prezzies" one by one. Some families also attend church services on Christmas morning.

The traditional Christmas meal is usually served around lunch time. Usually there is turkey, with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sausages, green peas, carrots, parsnips, brussel sprouts, and cranberry sauce. For dessert, a Christmas pudding is served, which is a cake, with dried fruit, similar to a fruitcake. After the Christmas meal, families often listen to the Queen give her annual Christmas message.

One of the unique traditions of an English Christmas can be found at each person's place at the table. This fun tradition is called a Christmas cracker. These are not crackers to eat, but are small, wrapped tubes which "pop" when they are pulled apart to open. Inside Christmas crackers, adults and children find small (often plastic) toys, like a spinning top or a puzzle, a joke to share with everyone around the table, and a paper crown to wear, just for fun!

The day after Christmas (December 26th) is called Boxing Day. While children are still busy playing with their new toys, this is a day to relax and to spend time with family and friends. On Boxing Day, people eat leftovers, watch sporting events like football (soccer) matches or horse races on T.V. or just spend time chatting with one another. Most people do not go to work on Boxing Day as it is a national holiday, along with Christmas.

1. Besides a Christmas tree, name three types of greenery that are used in decorating homes in England. _____

2. Find at least two words which have a different meaning in England than in America. Explain each. _____

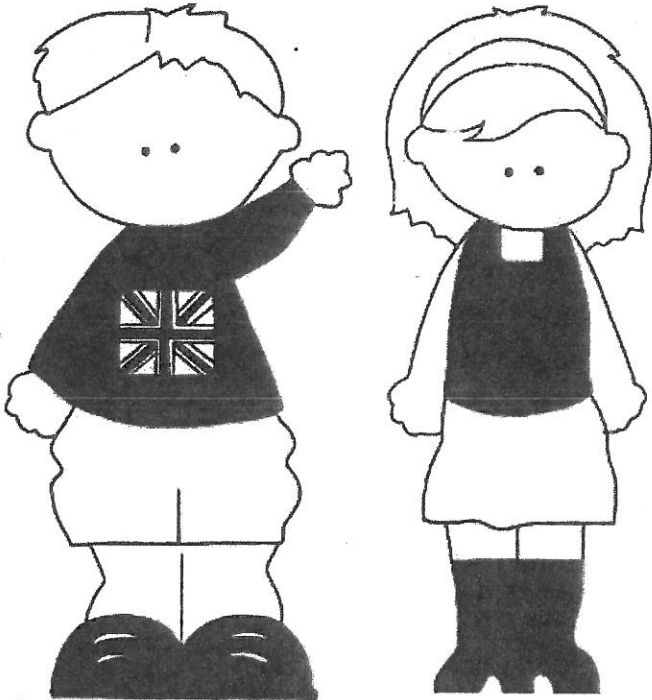
3. Compare the Christmas meal in England and in your country. How are they similar? _____

4. Contrast the Christmas meal in England with your country. What are some ways they are different? _____

5. Make an inference. The author stated that the Queen gives a Christmas message to everyone in England every Christmas. Why do you think she gives this special message each year? _____

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HOW TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS:
Happy Christmas
or
Merry Christmas

Gift Giver:

An English Tradition:

TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY FOOD:

