



Knowledge Organiser

Prime Learning Challenge: What does Christmas look like around the world?

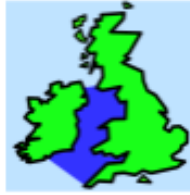
Key language



English
Channel



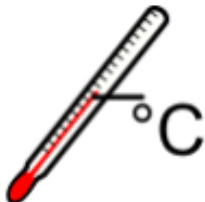
North Sea



Irish Sea



weather



temperature



seasons

A fact about _____ is...

A similarity between _____ and _____ is...

A difference between _____ and _____ is...

Did you know that...?

A tradition in _____ is...

The English Channel is between...

The North Sea is between...

The Irish Sea is between...

Key facts: Christmas in the Philippines

- People in the Philippines like to celebrate Christmas for as long as possible.
- Christmas songs begin to play in September and they formally begin celebrations on the 16th December. Christmas celebrations continue from then until the first Sunday in January.
- Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the Philippines.
- In the Philippines, they celebrate by singing Christmas carols, giving and receiving Christmas cards and by exchanging gifts.
- A unique Christmas tradition is displaying parols. Parols are decorations which have a bamboo pole or frame with a lighted star lantern on it. They are usually made from bamboo strips and coloured paper and represent the star that guided the Wise Men.

Key facts: Christmas in Norway

- In Norway, people exchange gifts on Christmas Eve
- During Advent small gifts sometimes are given on each day of December leading up to Christmas. These are known as Adventsgave or Kalendergave and are sometimes used together with a chocolate Advent calendar.
- In some parts of Norway, children like to go carol singing. They often dress up like characters from The Christmas Story, such as the Wise Men or the Shepherds.
- Norway gift the UK a Christmas tree every year. The tree stands in Trafalgar Square in the middle of London and thousands of people visit to watch the lights on the tree being switched on for the first time.

The United Kingdom

