

# Christmas Trees

## AROUND THE WORLD

### READING COMPREHENSION



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**AUSTRALIA: SUMMER CELEBRATIONS**  
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**GERMANY: THE ORIGIN**  
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**UNITED STATES: FESTIVE DECORATIONS**  
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**MEXICO: NATIVITY SCENES**  
In Mexico, Christmas trees are often decorated with traditional nativity scenes called "nacimientos." These scenes depict the birth of Jesus and are surrounded by colorful decorations and lights.

**INDIA: FESTIVE SPIRIT**  
In India, where Christians are a minority, Christmas trees are still a part of the holiday celebration. Families decorate trees with ornaments and lights. Mango or banana trees are used as evergreens.

**DECORATIONS**  
Trees are decorated with colorful lights and ornaments. In some cultures, trees are decorated with paper or origami. It's also common to use natural materials like pinecones and dried flowers.



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### INDIA: FESTIVE SPIRIT

In India, where Christians are a minority, Christmas trees are still a part of the holiday celebrations. Families decorate trees with ornaments and lights, and sometimes mango or banana trees are used instead of traditional evergreens.

### JAPAN: UNIQUE DECORATIONS

In Japan, Christmas trees are decorated with colorful ornaments, lights, and paper decorations called "origami." It's also common to see small artificial trees in homes and public spaces.

### AUSTRALIA: SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

In Australia, where Christmas falls during the summer, families often decorate Christmas trees with beach-themed ornaments like seashells and starfish. Many also decorate outdoor trees with lights for festive displays.



### CONCLUSION

From Germany to Australia, Christmas trees are a beloved tradition celebrated in various ways around the world. Whether adorned with traditional decorations or unique cultural elements, the Christmas tree brings joy and festive spirit to people of all backgrounds.

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DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where is the tradition of decorating Christmas trees believed to have originated?

- a) United States
- b) Mexico
- c) Germany
- d) India

2. What did German families use to decorate their Christmas trees in the 16th century?

- a) Colorful lights
- b) Ornaments and garlands
- c) Candles, fruits, and nuts
- d) Nativity scenes

3. What is a popular symbol of the holiday season in the United States?

- a) Easter eggs
- b) Pumpkins
- c) Christmas trees
- d) Lanterns

4. How are Christmas trees typically decorated in Mexico?

- a) With beach-themed ornaments
- b) With colorful lights
- c) With traditional nativity scenes
- d) With paper decorations

5. In which country are mango or banana trees sometimes used as Christmas trees?

- a) Japan
- b) Australia
- c) India
- d) Mexico

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Where is the tradition of decorating Christmas trees believed to have originated?
2. How did German families decorate their Christmas trees in the 16th century?
3. What is a popular symbol of the holiday season in the United States?
4. What unique decorations are used to decorate Christmas trees in Japan?
5. How do families in Australia typically decorate their Christmas trees due to the climate?

6. What unique decorations are used to decorate Christmas trees in Japan?

- a) Seashells and starfish
- b) Candles and nuts
- c) Origami and lights
- d) Fruits and nuts

7. What is common in Australia due to the climate during the summer?

- a) Decorating with beach-themed ornaments
- b) Decorating with snowflakes and snow globes
- c) Displaying large Christmas trees in public spaces
- d) Decorating with traditional nativity scenes

8. Which country has small artificial trees seen in homes and public spaces?

- a) India
- b) Mexico
- c) Japan
- d) Australia

9. What do families in India sometimes use as traditional evergreen trees?

- a) Palm trees
- b) Pine trees
- c) Mango or banana trees
- d) Oak trees

10. What is the main idea of the passage?

- a) Christmas trees are only popular in a few countries.
- b) Different countries have unique ways of celebrating Christmas.

## ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. c) Germany
2. c) Candles, fruits, and nuts
3. c) Christmas trees
4. c) With traditional nativity scenes
5. c) India
6. c) Origami and lights
7. a) Decorating with beach-themed ornaments
8. c) Japan
9. c) Mango or banana trees
10. b) Different countries have unique ways of celebrating Christmas trees.

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Germany
2. With candles, fruits, and nuts
3. Christmas trees
4. Origami and lights
5. With beach-themed ornaments

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