

Word of the Month: CAROL

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1. Which of these are the names of famous Christmas carols? Tick.

Deck the halls....

The Holly and The Ivy

The First Noel

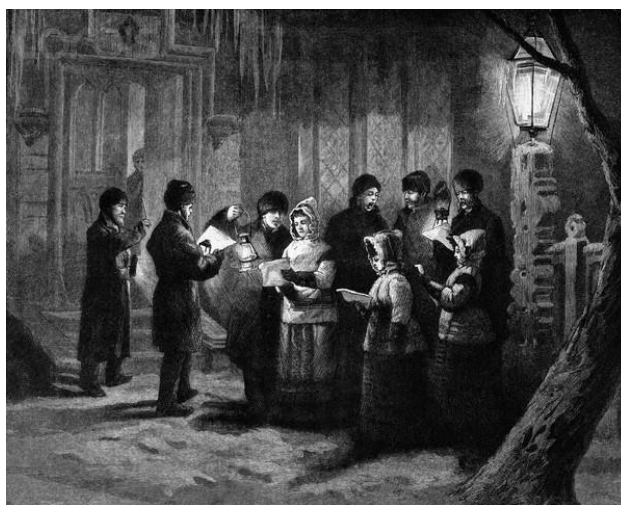
The Grand Old Duke of York

Surfin' USA

Mary's Boy Child

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Little Donkey



2. Fill in the gaps with the words below in italics.

At Christmas time people decorate their homes with holly, _____ and tinsel. They often put a big _____ in their living room, complete with _____, glass _____ and little chocolates while Christmas _____ play on the radio. 'Father Christmas' leaves the _____ under the tree on Christmas Eve, ready for all the boys and girls to open on Christmas morning. It is considered good etiquette to leave a glass of milk and a _____ for the man in the red suit and a carrot for his chief _____ puller, Rudolph. Christmas is a magical time for children, when all their dreams come true.

baubles

mistletoe

carols

Christmas tree

mince pie

sleigh

presents

fairy lights

3. Write about a magical Christmas memory from when you were a small child. Did you decorate the Christmas tree with your family? Did 'Father Christmas' leave you the present you had hoped for?

I remember a magical Christmas...

Teacher's Notes

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2. Fill in the gaps.

At Christmas time people decorate their homes with holly, **mistletoe** and tinsel. They often put a big **Christmas tree** in their living room, complete with **fairy lights**, glass **baubles** and little chocolates while Christmas **carols** play on the radio. 'Father Christmas' leaves the **presents** under the tree on Christmas Eve, ready for all the boys and girls to open on Christmas morning. It is considered good etiquette to leave a glass of milk and a **mince pie** for the man in the red suit and a carrot for his chief **sleigh** puller, Rudolph. Christmas is a magical time for children, when all their dreams come true.

3. Write about a magical Christmas memory.

Before setting the writing task, elicit Christmas memories from your students and get them to share their experiences in small groups.

Remember to get your students to focus on narrative tenses when they do the writing: past simple, past continuous, past perfect, past perfect continuous.