Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Christmas letter**

Dear Jin,

Sunday I went to my grandparent’s house. It was cold but sunny.

I put on my coat, hat, boots, and mittens. I made a tiny snowball. Then, I rolled it until it was big. Then, I made a tiny snowball and put it on top of the first one. Then, I made a small size snowball and put it on top. I used sticks for arms, and stones for eyes, nose and mouth. My grandparents came to look at my snowman and smiled. Then, my grandma said, “Let’s go get the Christmas tree.”

My grandpa brought his axe and saw.

In the forest, the birds were singing. There were big trees and small trees. Then, we saw the perfect tree.

We took turns with the axe and saw. The tree fell down and we shouted, “TIMBER!” When we got back to the house, we had a hot chocolate, drank eggnogs and ate some gingerbread man cookies.

We put lights on the tree. We also hung ornaments.

Grandpa lifted me up and I put the star on top. I felt happy.

Now the tree was a Christmas tree.

How do you celebrate Christmas?

Yours truly,

Eric.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**About Christmas**

Christmas is one of Canada’s most important holidays and is celebrated on December 25. Many Christians attend church services and sing Christmas carol that retell the story of Christ’s birth. Christmas images include angels singing, shepherds in the field, the baby Jesus in the manger, his mother Mary, the three Wise Men offering gifts and a star.

Even if people are not religious, Christmas is a time to spend with family and friends. People often travel long distances to be with them.

Most of the non-religious traditions that are part of Christmas in North America started in other countries. Holly and mistletoe were symbols of luck because they stayed green even in the winter. People still hang mistletoe in doorways, kissing when they meet under it.

Many Canadian families and friends exchange Christmas cards. Children believe that Santa and his elves live at the North pole. Santa and elves spend most of the year making toys. On Christmas Eve, Santa packs up toys and rides in his sleigh that is led by reindeer. He flies and delivers the presents to children by sliding down their chimney and filling their stockings.

The tradition of Santa Claus began in Turkey. A Christian bishop names Nicholas was kind to children. He later became Saint Nicholas. After he died, people remembered him by filling children’s shoes with toys and sweets on December 6. Later, it changed to stockings instead of shoes.

On Christmas, people eat a roasted turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and turnip. It is very similar to Thanksgiving feast.