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

**About Christmas (A)**

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mistletoe in doorways, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they meet under it.

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with stuffing, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ potatoes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sauce and turnip. It is very similar to Thanksgiving feast.

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

**About Christmas (B)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one of Canada’s most important holidays and is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on December 25. Many Christians attend church services and sing **Christmas carols** 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Christmas is a time to \_\_\_\_\_\_ 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. \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 **chimneys** and filling their **stockings**.

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

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

**Christmas letter (A)**

Dear Jin,

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

I put on my **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ snowball. Then, I rolled it **until** it was big. Then, I made a **medium** snowball and put it on top of the first one. Then, I made a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and smiled. Then, my grandma said, “Let’s go get the **Christmas tree**.”

My grandpa brought his **axe** and **saw**.

In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the birds were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 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, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!” When we got back to the house, we had a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, drank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ate some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 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:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Christmas letter (B)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ it was big. Then, I made a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ snowball and put it on top of the first one. Then, I made a **small** size snowball and put it on top. I used \_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_\_\_\_ . 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the tree. We also hung \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** lifted me up and I put the star on top. I felt happy.

Now the tree was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

How do you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas?

Yours truly,

Eric.