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How did you celebrate Christmas? What did you eat on Christmas Day? What presents did you get for Christmas? Did you like them? Do you prefer getting or giving presents? Why? I stayed at home, I celebrated together with my family/ with my friends/ with my relatives. I didn't stay at home at Xmas, I travelled to.. / We flew to.. /I travelled to.. by train/ by coach/ I celebrated Xmas in.. In the morning we decorated Xmas tree/ we watched traditional Czech fairytales/ We watched TV/ we went for a walk/ we visited the family/ our relatives. At lunchtime/ At 1.m./ At noon we had.... for dinner/ for lunch. We didn't have carp, we had.. In the evening we had Xmas dinner. We had carp and potato salad for dinner. We traditionally have..... for dinner. In the evening/ At 6p.m. we sat by the Xmas tree and unwrapped/ opened the presents. I got..... for Xmas./ I liked .. most/ I didn't like ... because.....

What was the most beautiful present you've ever got?

Do you like any Xmas films?

Have you ever spent Xmas in another country?

What three words do you associate most with Xmas?

Would you prefer to spend Xmas in the mountains or on the beach?

Would you rather have Santa's beard or ears like elves?

What are your favourite Xmas presents to buy/ to get?



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