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Word

Meaning

Mirth

Fun, merriment

Particularly

Specially

Potbellied

having a big stomach that stick out

Festivities

activities arranged to celebrate a function

Entice

attract

Make both ends meet

to earn enough to provide for one's basic needs.

Disappointed

Felt sad, frustrated

Shimmered

Shone

Pew

a wooden bench inside the church

clogged

blocked



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Strange but, True

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING

Q.1- What do children like the most during the Christmas festivals?

Ans- Children used to enjoy a lot during the Christmas. They play, eat sweets, take gifts from their elders.

Q.2- How are the logs dressed up and why?

Ans- In Catalonia, Spain a log is carved hollow from inside the legs are fixed to it. It is made to wear a little red hat like a gentleman. The log is placed outside the house. Delicious food is left by its side. In case it is cold, a blanket is also spread over it.

Q.3- How did the tradition of decorating houses with radishes start?

Ans- In the Mexican state of Oaxaca, people decorate their houses with radishes. It is said that long ago, on this occasion greengrocers used to decorate their shops to entice people to buy things from them.

Q.4- What is the story behind decorating houses with materials looking like spider web?

Ans- In Ukraine, long ago there was a ~~man~~ ^{woman} who was very poor. Her children wanted



to buy a christmas tree but she can't afford it. She asked her children to imagine that the green tree outside their house was a christmas tree. But, they don't have anything to decorate it. The lady cried all night. As the spiders in her hut couldn't bear to see her cry, they worked all night weaving webs to cover the tree. When the morning sun hit the tree, the webs shimmered with silver and gold thread. This pleased the family very much.

Q.5. Why do swedish people have straw goats for christmas?

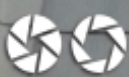
Ans- In olden days, swedish children thought that the sweets they received on christmas Day were brought to them by goats. To remember that tradition, people still display goats made of straw in their windows and also them under the christmas tree.

Q.6. Why do people in Norway hide brooms on christmas Eve?

Ans- In Norway, in ancient days people used to hide brooms on christmas Eve because as they feared that witches and evil spirits would visit their homes in search of them.

Q.7. What happens when people singing carols visit houses in wales?

Ans- In wales (UK), on any one day from christmas day to late January, a person dresses up like a ghost and even wears a horse skull.



He is accompanied by a group of people singing carol. The group goes from house to house where food and drinks are offered.

Alulu

Q.2. Why do Swedish people have straw goats for Christmas?

Ans. In older days, Swedish children believed that sweets were secured on Christmas Eve. When they were put away, the straw goats were put in their windows and also then under the Christmas tree.

Q.3. Why do people in Norway hide brooms on Christmas Eve?

Ans. In Norway, in ancient days people used to hide brooms on Christmas Eve because they were feared that witches and evil spirits would visit their homes in search of brooms.

Q.4. What happens when people enter a house on Christmas Eve?

Ans. When people enter a house on Christmas Eve, they are greeted with a glass of wine and a plate of food. This is because the house is believed to be full of good spirits who are waiting to welcome the guests.