

A close-up photograph of a Christmas tree branch. A large, shiny red spherical ornament hangs from a gold string. The tree is decorated with numerous small, multi-colored lights (red, green, blue, yellow) that create a bokeh effect in the background. The text "Christmas Holidays" is overlaid on the image in a bold, orange-to-red gradient font, slanted diagonally across the center.

**Christmas Holidays**

Christmas is coming



*Christmas is a religious holiday. It is the day on which Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a happy holiday.*



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***Xmas***

***This abbreviation for Christmas is  
of Greek origin. The word for Christ  
in Greek is Xristos.***







*On Christmas Day  
many people go to  
church. On returning  
from church the family  
gather round the Tree  
and open the parcels.  
Everyone gets  
something.*



# Symbols of Christmas



Christmas tree



Wreath



Stockings



Santa Claus



Candles



Gifts



Jingle bells

# Holly Wreath

*In ancient times the Druids used mistletoe to celebrate the coming of winter. They gathered this evergreen plant and used it to decorate their homes. They believed the plant had special healing powers.*





*The Bible says that Mary had trouble finding shelter on the night Jesus was born. So on Christmas Eve, some people light candles in the window. The candles symbolize a welcome to cold and tired travelers.*

# Carols

*It is a tradition to sing Christmas carols in public places during this season. Carols are Christmas songs. The word “carol”, which comes from the same Greek word as “chorus”, used to mean originally not a song but a dance.*





# Christmas Tree



On the 24th of December English people prepare for Christmas. Children and their parents begin to decorate Christmas tree.



# A Christmas tree



*A Christmas tree is one of the main symbols of Christmas in most homes. Relatives and friends may join in trimming the tree with lights, tinsel, and colourful ornaments.*



They fly through the air very fast. Santa has a big sleigh to carry all the presents



The snow is falling.  
The wind is blowing.  
The ground is white.  
All day and all night .



**I can fall  
but never hurt.**



A little old woman with twelve children: some short, some long, some hot. What is it?



**What is without hands and  
without feet, without head or  
body, but can open the door?**



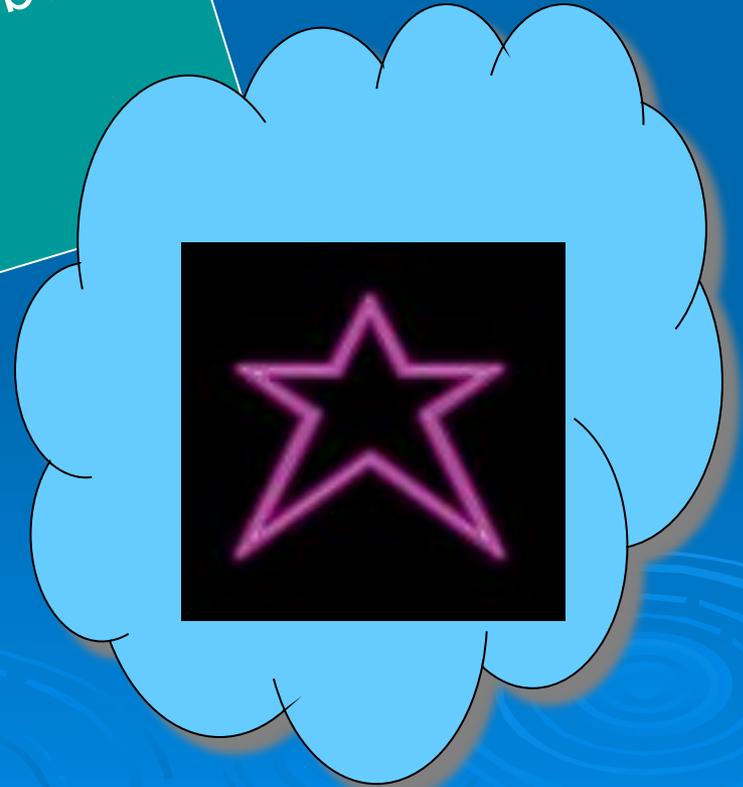
What man cannot live  
inside the house?



It's white , and cold,  
and sweet.  
All children like it.



Higher than a house,  
Higher than a tree.  
Oh, whatever can that be?







# MERRY CHRISTMAS

