



New Year is a great holiday in our country.







People do not go to work on that day, and children do not go to school.





This holiday is considered to be a family holiday.







People decorate their houses and usually have a fir-tree which stands in the corner of the room.





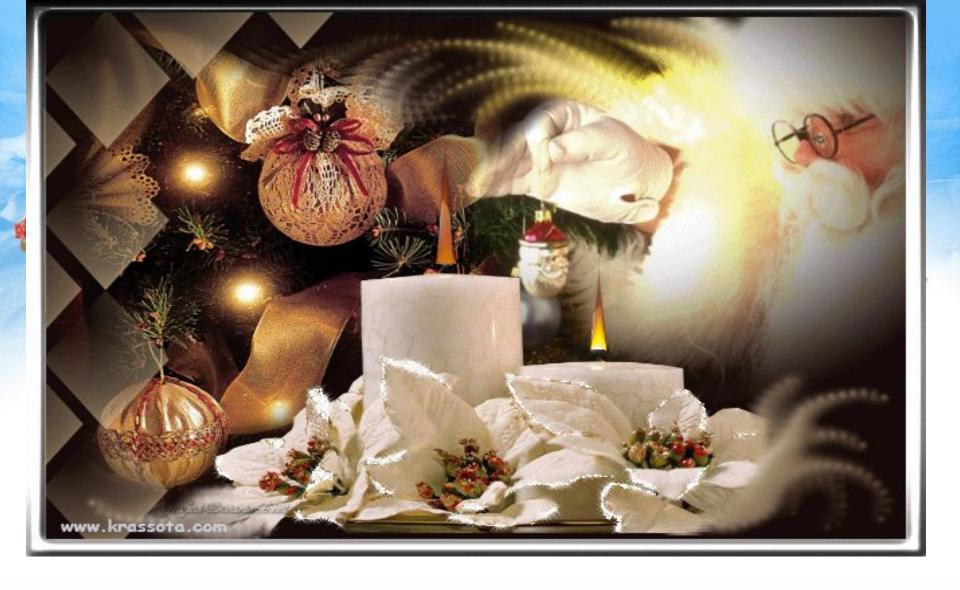
Those fir-trees are very beautiful.
The presents are usually put under these trees.





At twelve o'clock in the night people can see the president on TV which addressesthem with traditional words of congratulation.





Some of them go out into the streets and the squares.



The next day friends usually come to wish a Happy New Year to all the members of the family.





For many British families Christmas is the most important holiday of the year. It is a combination of the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ, and the traditional winter holidays. On the Sunday before Christmas many churches hold a carol service where special hymns are sung.









The most important and pleasant Tradition of Christmas is the giving of presents.

People wrap up their gifts and leave them at the bottom of Christmas tree to be found on Christmas morning.





Children leave long socks near their bed hoping that Father Christmas will come at night and bring them small presents, fruits and nuts. Children also write to Father Christmas letters and say what presents they want to get. the evening the family will sit down to a big turkey dinner followed by Christmas pudding. Then they may watch the Queen on televisionas she delivers her traditional congratulations to the United Kingdom.

