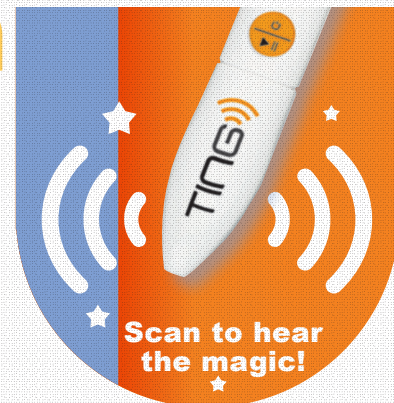


Goodies

Merry Christmas



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Merry Christmas!



It is almost Christmas again, and you will have about two about weeks off. But this holiday is more than just getting away from school, and getting presents.

Christmas is an important celebration for Christians as it is a time to spread goodwill.



We have a 15-foot Christmas tree with hundreds of lights. Ours is the best!

Christmas is a time not to boast, Stevie!





Alex



The jolliest time of the year



CHRISTMAS is just **around the corner**, and many of us are preparing for that big day. Some families **decorate** a Christmas tree in their homes, but just going out to see Christmas lights is fun too!



Arrival of the holidays

CHRISTMAS comes on the 25 of December every year. It is an important time for Christians, but non-Christians love to celebrate it too! While the holiday is meant to celebrate the birth of Jesus, another popular figure non-Christians use to symbolise the holiday is Santa Claus, who supposedly delivers gifts to children the night before the 25th. But Christmas should also be a time for family reunions and spreading joy to everyone.

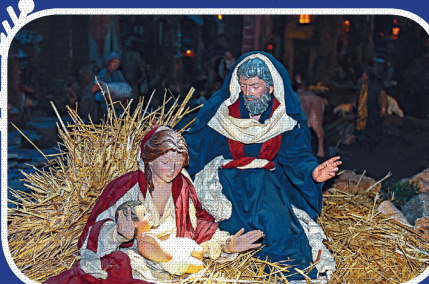


Have a very merry Christmas and see you in the new year.



A humble place of birth

JESUS is the son of God according to Christians. In the Bible, Mary, Jesus's human mother, was about to give birth, as she and her husband Joseph were arriving in the town of Bethlehem (伯利恆). They could not find an inn to stay in. Finally, they found one that would let them stay in a **humble manger** and Jesus was born that night.



Here comes Santa Claus

CHRISTMAS is a holiday in Hong Kong because of the region's past as a British **colony**. It is celebrated across Asia today, but it is less of a religious festival for local Chinese people and more of a commercial one.



A popular Christmas custom is to write a letter to Santa Claus, and expect presents from the kind old man. But our image of what Santa looks like today is actually thanks to American advertising. In the past, Santa was not always plump and **jolly**. That version of him became popular because of Coca Cola ads back in the 1930s!

G FUN

Which is not a Christmas tradition?



A Trimming the Christmas tree



B Visiting Santa



C Eating fish

Answers on P12

around the corner (phr)
即將來臨

decorate (v)
裝飾

humble (adj)
簡陋的

Vocabulary
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manger (n)
馬槽

colony (n)
殖民地

jolly (adj)
令人愉快的