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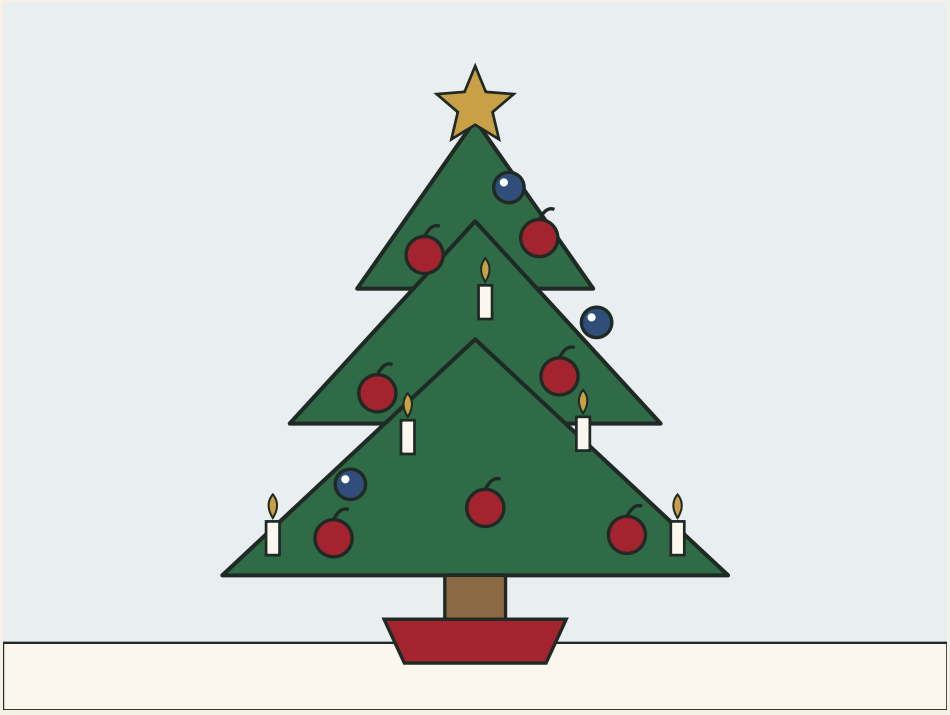

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Christmas Traditions Colouring & Activity Pack	Ages 5 to 9

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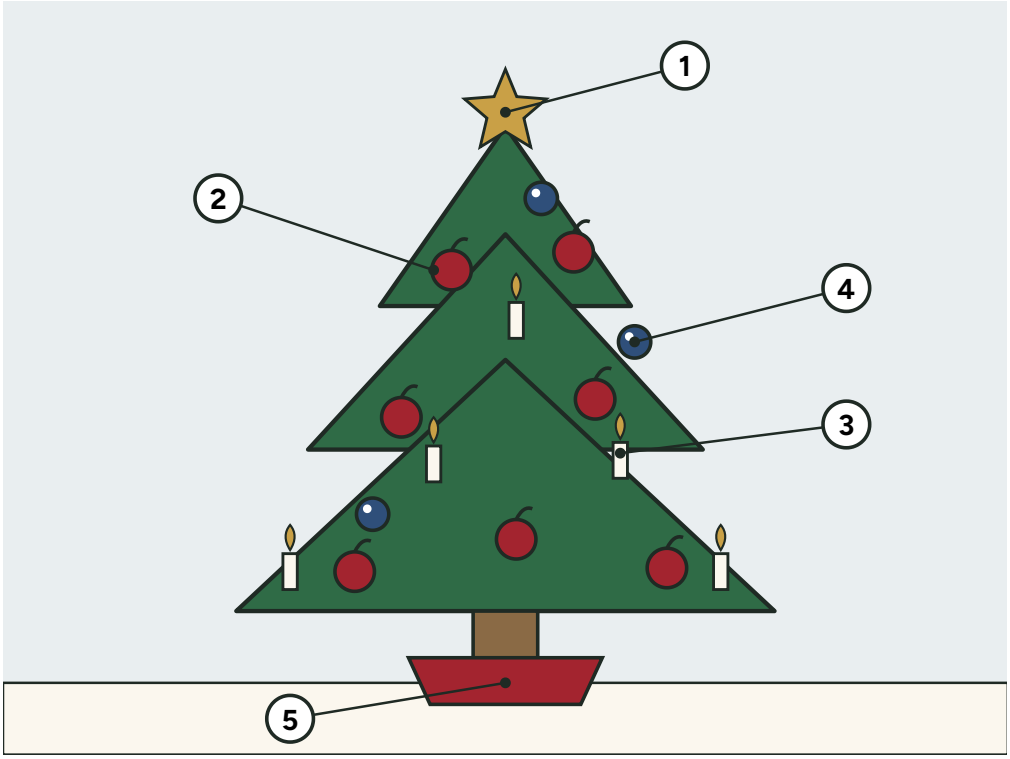
ABOUT THE FACTS

Many Christmas customs come with "the story goes" beginnings that nobody can prove, and good sources don't always agree. Where they differ, we show each one with its source.

FROM THE KS2 TOPIC PACK

The Christmas tree

Write the right word by each number



A Christmas tree. Our own simplified drawing, not a copy of a real card, object or place.

Word bank: apple · candle · glass bauble · star · tub

Answers: 1. star · 2. apple · 3. candle · 4. glass bauble · 5. tub

The first candles on such trees were recorded by a Silesian duchess in 1611. Blown-glass ornaments were on sale in Britain and the United States by the 1870s, many made in small workshops in Germany and Bohemia.

FROM THE POSTER SET

The Christmas timeline, part 1

Rome in 336 to the royal tree of 1848

336
The church in Rome begins formally celebrating Christmas on 25 December (Encyclopaedia Britannica: Christmas)

1494
Sebastian Brant mentions fir branches in houses, in The Ship of Fools (Encyclopaedia Britannica: Christmas)

1605
Fir trees hung with apples are first known in Strasbourg (Encyclopaedia Britannica: Christmas)

1611
A Silesian duchess records the first candles on such trees (Encyclopaedia Britannica: Christmas)

1644
A Parliament ordinance confirms the abolition of the feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun (Historic England: Did Oliver Cromwell really ban Christmas?)

1660
The Restoration: Christmas is no longer illegal (Historic England: Did Oliver Cromwell really ban Christmas?)

1720S
Hunt the Wren is first written about in the Isle of Man (Culture Vannin: Hunt the Wren, a short history of a Manx custom)

1820
The Hunt the Wren tune is first printed, in Mona's Melodies (Culture Vannin: Hunt the Wren, a short history of a Manx custom)

23 DECEMBER 1823
"A Visit from St. Nicholas" is printed in the Troy Sentinel (Encyclopaedia Britannica: A Visit from St. Nicholas)

1843
Henry Cole sends the first Christmas card; A Christmas Carol is published (V&A: The first Christmas card)

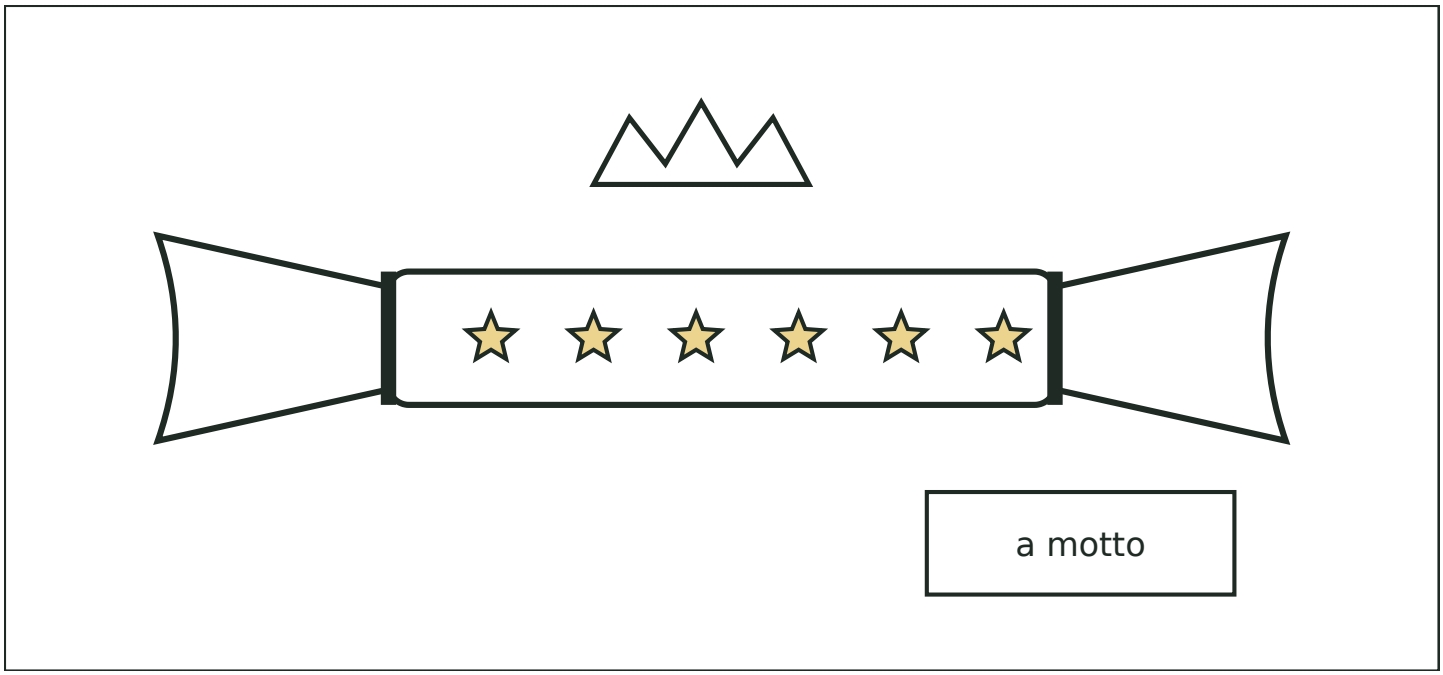
1847
Tom Smith patents his first cracker device (V&A: The Christmas cracker)

1848
The Illustrated London News prints the royal family's Christmas tree (V&A: Victorian Christmas traditions)

FROM THE COLOURING PACK

A Christmas cracker

With a paper hat



Tom's son Walter added the paper hats.

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Encyclopaedia Britannica: Christmas: www.britannica.com/topic/Christmas
Encyclopaedia Britannica: Christmas tree: www.britannica.com/plant/Christmas-tree
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V&A: The first Christmas card: www.vam.ac.uk/articles/the-first-christmas-card/
V&A: The Christmas cracker: www.vam.ac.uk/articles/the-christmas-cracker
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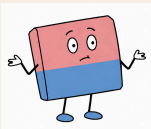

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