

# Christmas 2022 Labor Gakuen Newsletter

Dear Students,

As always, thank you for studying English at Labor Gakuen.



It's coming up to Christmas and the New Year again! Time flies!

In this issue of the newsletter we thought we would give you a Christmas quiz and tell you about some strange Christmas traditions.

And we have some information about the Book Giveaway and Labor's Line.

## Christmas Quiz

1. Which of these is a Christmas pudding?

a.



b.



c.



d.



2. When is Boxing Day in England?

a. December 24<sup>th</sup>

b. Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

c. Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

d. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

3. How many families in America have a real Christmas tree in their house?

a. 5%

b. 17%

c. 36%

d. 79%



4. Which tree is a symbol of Christmas in New Zealand?

a. Pohutukawa



b. Pine



c. Jacaranda

d. Magnolia



5. How much did American parents spend on Christmas gifts per child in 2015, on average?

a. \$65

b. \$180



c. \$300

d. \$425



6. What is the name of the round thing you hang on Christmas trees?

a. a ball

b. a bubble

c. a bauble

d. a trinket



7. Who sang 'Last Christmas'?

- a. Mariah Carey      b. Wham      c. Dean Martin      d. Bing Crosby

## Strange Christmas Traditions around the world

*Austria: Krampus*

Here you can find "Krampus", the evil creature who searches the streets for badly behaved children during December.



*Germany: The pickle*



German families often hide a pickle in the Christmas tree. The first child to find the hidden pickle gets a bonus gift.



*The Netherlands: Shoes by the fire*

Dutch children put shoes by the fire and hope that 'Sinterklaas' will fill them with small gifts. The children leave carrots in the shoes for Sinterklaas' horse, 'Amerigo'.

*Iceland: The Yule Cat*

In Iceland it is believed that a giant cat walks around Iceland. Farmers used to tell their workers they would get new clothes if they worked hard, but they would be eaten by the Yule Cat if they didn't work hard. Nowadays many people buy new clothes at Christmas to keep the Yule Cat away!

*Sweden: Donald Duck*

Every Christmas over 40% of Swedes watch a Donald Duck Special TV show on Christmas Day. It started in the 1960s when one TV channel showed Disney cartoons at Christmas. (England has the Queen's (now King's) Speech every Christmas Day)



**LINE**



We have Line. We often post useful information about Labor or helpful things for studying English, like common mistakes, confusing grammar, 'Did you know?' and so on. Scan the QRcode on the posters in the classrooms to join.



## Book Giveaway



We will be having a 'Book Giveaway' from Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a mix of old, used books, and some new ones too.

There will be some textbooks, some children's books, and some novels. They are free to take and will be in the waiting area. So, come and see what you like!

Christmas Quiz answers: 1.b, 2.c, 3.b, 4.a, 5.d, 6.c, 7.b