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Map skills

Have you heard of these celebrations and festivals from around the world?

Look at each festival listed on your **world festivals and celebrations** map and decide which country they might be celebrated in. Label it on the map.

Online investigator



Login to www.oddizzi.com and click on *explore the world - global knowledge - festivals*

Look through the list of festivals. Choose one you haven't heard of before and watch the film. Write a **fact-file** all about it.

Quiz time

Login to www.oddizzi.com.

Click on **Quiz** at the top of the page. Find the **Capitals and flags** quiz. We suggest trying **Level 1**. See how many points you can score! Can you beat your score from last time?

Putting pen to paper

Login to www.oddizzi.com and click on *explore the world - global knowledge - festivals*

Have a look at the list of celebrations and festivals Oddizzi have shared. Is there a festival or celebration you celebrate each year? Write a **description** of your festival or celebration.

What if...

Discuss this made up scenario with your family over breakfast or dinner.

What if...we didn't celebrate big occasions or festivals?



Watch this

Login to www.oddizzi.com and click on *explore the world - global knowledge - festivals - Igue festival*

Watch: Igue festival

Watch the film to find out how people in Southern Nigeria celebrate the beginning of a new year. How is it similar or different to how you celebrate new year in your country?

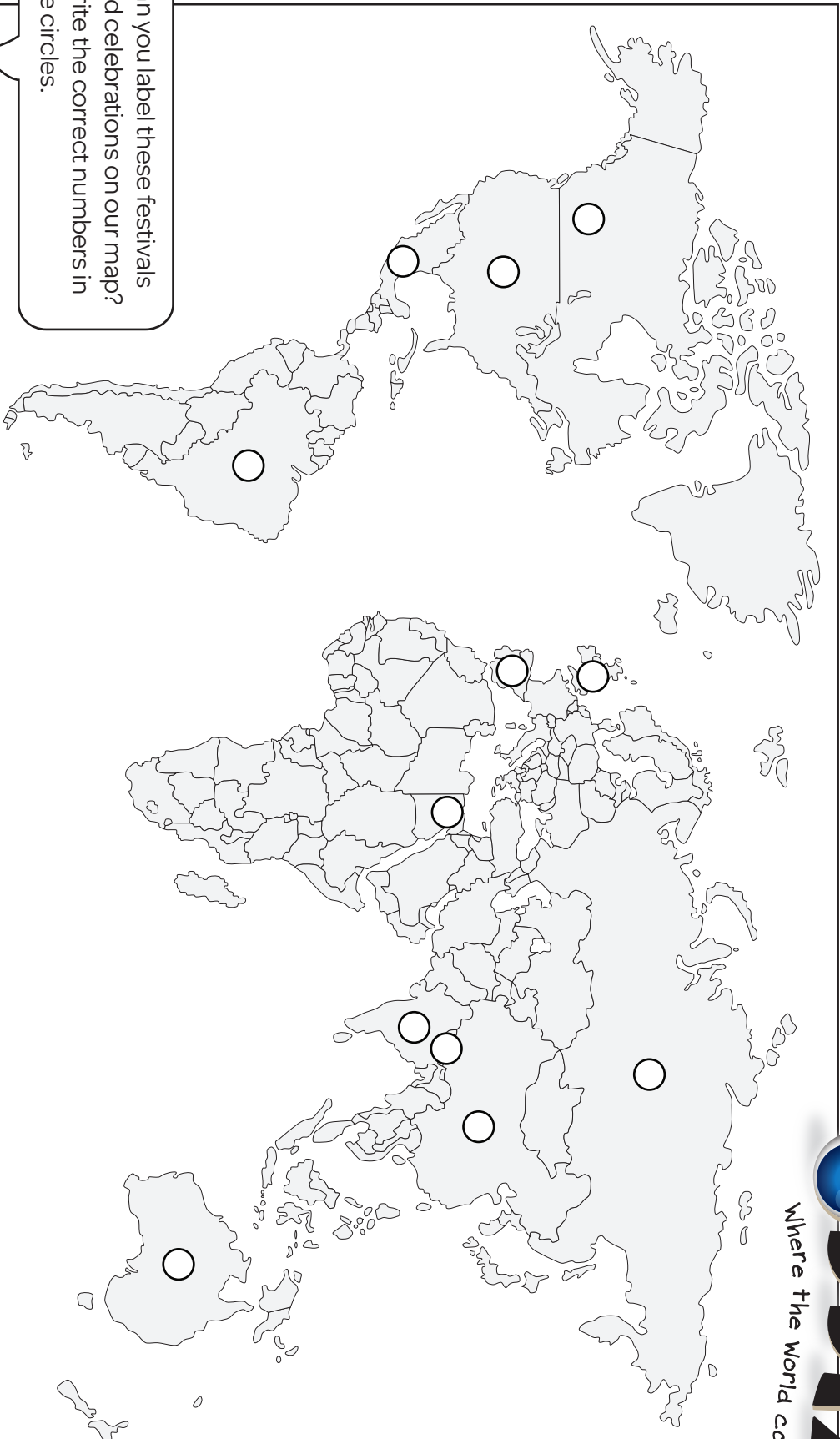
Read it

Read the guided reading text **Christmas** (Year 1 or Year 2).

You might like to read this with an adult.

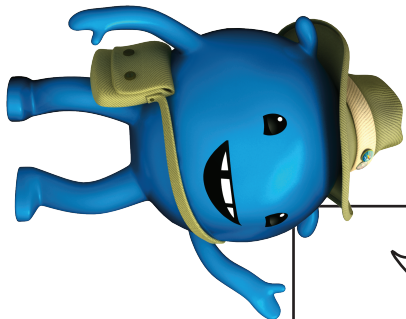
Once you have finished, answer the questions.

10. World Festivals and Celebrations



Can you label these festivals and celebrations on our map? Write the correct numbers in the circles.

You can also colour in the map!



Festivals and Celebrations

1. Thanksgiving
2. Day of the Dead
3. The Rio Carnival
4. Dragon Boat Festival
5. Tihav Festival
6. La Tomatina
7. Bonfire Night
8. Australia Day
9. Calgary Stampede
10. Diwali
11. Wafaa Al-Nil
12. White Nights Festival

Objective : To locate traditional festivals and celebrations on a map
Challenge: Find out when in the calendar year these celebrations take place

Christmas happens in December. It is a holiday for people around the world.

Christians remember the birth of Jesus. They give gifts, just as the three kings did.

In the UK, people sing carols. They send each other Christmas cards.

Presents from Father Christmas are opened on Christmas Day. Then people eat a big family meal.



The Christmas story



Shoes are left out for Papai Noel

Brazilian families have a special meal after going to church. The service is at midnight.

Children in Brazil leave their shoes out for Papai Noel. He fills them with gifts and sweets.



Santa made of sand

Christmas Day is not always cold!

If your home is in Brazil or Australia, Christmas is in summer. You don't need a Christmas jumper!



Christmas Island crab

Christmas Island is in Australia. Every year before Christmas, red crabs come out of the forest and head for the beach.

Millions of crabs on the move make driving, or even walking, anywhere very difficult.

Key words:



Christian

Christmas
island

December
midnight

gift
special

holiday

Guided Reading - Christmas Around The World Discussion Sheet

Before Reading – Prediction activity

Ask your students these questions before and after reading the text. Have students skim the text to help with prediction before reading.

1. What do you think you are going to read about?
2. Have you heard of Christmas Island?
3. Can you name or draw something you would find on Christmas Island?
4. Write a word from this text you had never read before.

During Reading – Help with pronunciation, understanding and decoding.

After Reading – Have students complete the following activities on an erasable white board or on a blank sheet of paper. Students should share responses after each question. You can document responses below.

Notes:

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Finish the sentences.

1. Christmas is a holiday in _____ .
2. Christians remember the birth of _____ .

Tick the answer.

3. In the UK, what do people give each other at Christmas?

snow logs cards kings

4. What do children in Brazil leave out for Papai Noel to fill?

socks hats jumpers shoes

Answer the question below.

5. What season is Christmas-time, in Australia?

Tell Odd one thing you've learnt about Christmas around the world.





CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

1. Draw lines to fix the broken sentences.

At Christmas, families	in Australia in December.
Millions of red crabs	have a special meal.
You can not ski	head for the beach.

2. What are Christmas songs called?

3. The capital letters and full stop are missing. Put them back in.

the church service is very late

4. Choose a word from the box to finish the sentences.

Christian gifts island December

The three Kings gave _____ to baby Jesus.

Christmas is a special time in _____ for people around the world.

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jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	shoes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Answer the question below.

5. What time of year is Christmas-time, in Australia?

summer or summertime, as per text, or December

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e.g. Christmas Day isn't always cold!





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Christian gifts island December

The three Kings gave gifts to baby Jesus.

Christmas is a special time in December for people around the world.

A celebration

Christmas is a celebration and a holiday for people around the world, on the 25th of December.

Christians remember the story of the birth of Jesus. They give gifts, just as the three kings did.



A nativity scene

British Christmas traditions

In the UK, people sing carols as Christmas approaches. They also send cards to friends and family.

Stockings are filled with goodies from Father Christmas. They're opened on Christmas Day. Then British people eat a family meal – often, roast turkey.



Stockings



A chocolate log

A French Christmas

In France, people decorate a tree – it's called 'le sapin de Noël'. Children enjoy arranging a nativity scene made of clay figures or 'little saints'. Instead of Christmas pudding, French people eat a chocolate log. They have their family meal on Christmas Eve.

Christmas in Brazil

Brazilian families eat together after going to church at midnight for the 'Mass of the Rooster'. They sing carols: 'Silent Night' is one of the most popular. They rarely get to bed before 2am!

Children in Brazil leave out their shoes so that Papai Noel can fill them with gifts and sweets.



Shoes left out for Papai Noel

Santa made of sand!

Christmas Day isn't always cold! If your home is in the Southern Hemisphere – like Rio, in Brazil, or Sydney, in Australia – then Christmas happens in the summer.

There's no snow and you don't need a Christmas jumper!

Some people spend the day at the beach. Others stay at home and have a barbecue. Australians love to eat prawns at Christmas. Their Christmas pudding might be a fresh mango.



Santa made of sand, in Rio, Brazil

Christmas Island crabs

Christmas Island is in Australia.

Every year, at this time, red crabs come out of the island's forests and head for the beach.

This movement of many, many animals makes driving, or even walking, a problem. Look out – crunch!



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Key words:



celebration carol Christian Christmas Eve December
decorate mass nativity

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Santa made of sand, in Rio, Brazil

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Did you know that there is a real place called Christmas Island? It's found in Australia.

Spare a thought for the people who live there in the weeks before Christmas. Every year, at this time, red crabs come out of the island's forests and head for the beach.

This movement of millions of animals makes driving, or even walking, a problem. Look out – crunch!



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Eve

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decorate

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hemisphere

island

mass

Check Your Understanding - Christmas around the world

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Tick the answer.

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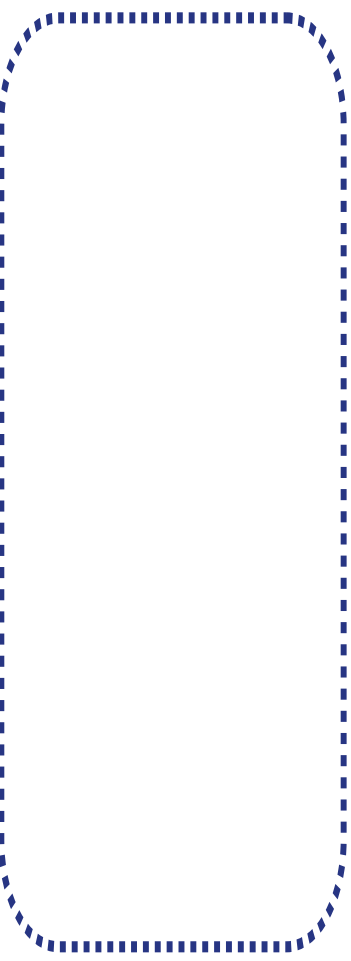
3. If you were to spend Christmas in France, what would you like to see and do?

4. Complete the sentence by ticking all the correct answers.
In Brazil, Papai Noel fills shoes with:

snow gifts

sweets sheep

5. Draw an animal you might see on Christmas Island.



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Tell me, Odd, one thing you have learned about Christmas that you didn't know before.

Extension Activity: You've just returned from a trip to Australia at Christmas. Write Odd and Izzi a postcard telling them what you saw!

Vocabulary Builder - Christmas around the world



1. What are Christmas songs called?

2. Think of a word to describe the night before Christmas.

3. Draw a line to link each key word to its definition.

Terms

Definitions

hemisphere

A long or large sock that is filled with presents

stocking

A cockerel (a male bird that crows)

rooster

Half of the Earth

4. Circle the adjectives and underline the nouns below.

a) Children enjoy arranging little clay figures.

b) Red crabs come out of the island's forests.

5. Choose two of the key words below and write a new sentence for each.

celebration decorate Christian nativity

Word	Sentence
<i>Example:</i> celebration	Christmas is a time of celebration

6. Make the sentence below more descriptive.

People eat a meal at Christmas. _____

Explore Text Features - Christmas around the world



1. What type of text is this? How do you know?

Complete the sentences.

This is a(n) _____ text. I know

this because _____

2. What is the main title of the text?



3. Find a subtitle and copy it below.

4. How do the subtitles help you understand the text?

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2. Name two British Christmas traditions.

Carols, cards, turkey, gifts, stockings

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Answers will vary, may include see/decorate a tree or nativity scene, eat a slice of chocolate log or have a special meal on Christmas Eve.

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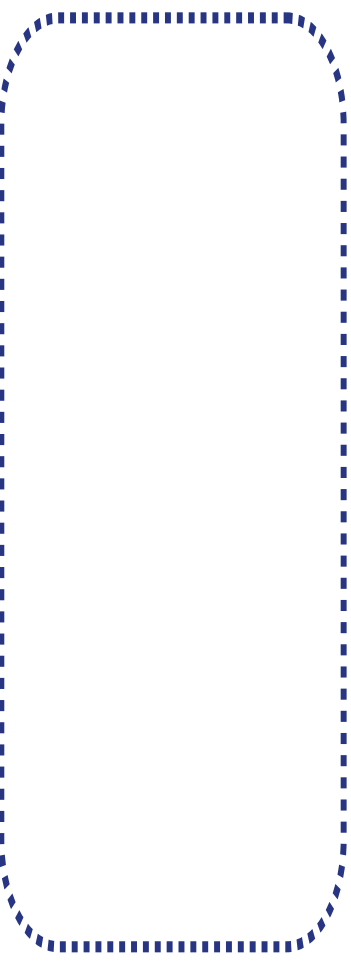
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