

The Christmas tree is a German custom that became popular in England in 1848 after a London news magazine published an illustration of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria's Christmas tree. Queen Charlotte, who was Queen Victoria's grandmother and like Prince Albert, a native of Germany, was the first royal to decorate a Christmas tree at Windsor Castle.

**The Challenge:**  
 Find your way through the Christmas tree maze. Do NOT cross over any black lines. Start at the base of the tree and exit from the top of the tree. GOOD LUCK!

Unscramble the letters and discover some of the foods that you might eat for Christmas dinner if you lived in England. Some of these foods may be new to you. Pay close attention to the hints.

Y T K R U E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

F F S T U N G I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Roast T A P O T S E O \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

R R C S A O T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

S S B L S U R E P T U R S O S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 (Hint: They look like tiny cabbages.)

C E M I N E P I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (Hint: It's a dessert.)

Christmas K C E A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Either Christmas or plum G N I D D U P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 (According to tradition, a coin was hidden in this dessert. Whoever found the coin at Christmas dinner would have good luck.)

Find the following British Christmas decorations in the word search. Look up, down, across, backward, and diagonally. GOOD LUCK!

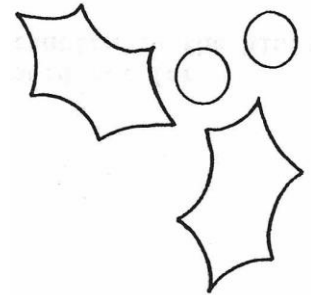
angels  
apples  
balloons  
bells

birds  
bows  
boxes  
cards

chocolates  
glass balls  
holly  
ivy

lights  
mistletoe  
Santa  
stars

E S N O O L L A B C  
O W T S L E G N A H  
T O S D R I B R O O  
E B O X E S D L W C  
L I G H T S L S B O  
T W V I V Y E A E L  
S T A R S L N N L A  
I S A P P L P T L T  
M B O P E L P A S E  
G L A S S B A L L S



Sending printed Christmas cards to family and friends is an English custom that dates to the 1840s. Many British families use their Christmas cards as decorations.

Although the residents of England speak English like we do, our words sometimes have different meanings. Match the English word in the left column to its definition in the right column.

ENGLISH WORD

biscuit  
chips  
bonnet  
boot  
torch  
lift

DEFINITION

elevator  
car trunk  
flashlight  
cookie  
car hood  
French fries

**THE CHALLENGE:** In England, people wish each other a Merry Christmas or a Happy Christmas. How many words (two letters long or longer) can you make using the letters in the words, Merry Christmas? You may use a letter twice in the same word only if the letter appears twice in the words, Merry Christmas. For example, the word cherry **would** be acceptable; the word tree would **not** be acceptable.