

Christmas Around The World

Skill level: Difficult

Find the solution for each statement and circle it in the grid.

L P J S U P W H X A U S T R A L I A G
I I A Z C H I N A A E P R O M C G X K
X N Z A I O E M B A O G D I Z U L Y P
S T E A E C T D T L Q L A E P A Y D W
V C Z R R X U L A A V I C R G W S P Q
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E U I A Z E N A F P Y N I Y L D A A F
M G E I W B V A I K T H S R W N L U I
R A E C N A R F V N S L A J B A U Q K
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T N K T M B L G X I A I L T A T E S Z
K R A M N E D Y H S I P B L X E V Y H
I G N O R G R E E C E I T K T N O I D

1. The feast of St. Lucia held from December 13 to January 13 is part of the Christmas celebration in this country.

2. Caroling is particularly popular in _____ where it is called eisteddfodde and is often accompanied by a harp.

3. Many of the American and Canadian ideals are derived from here.

4. Christians in _____ celebrate by lighting their houses with beautiful paper lanterns and decorating their Christmas trees, which they call "Trees of Light," with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns.

5. The Christmas feast in _____, is celebrated at midnight Christmas Eve. Everyone looks forward to dessert when a special rice pudding is served in which a single almond is hidden.

6. On Christmas Eve in _____, village children travel from house to house offering good wishes and singing kalanda, the equivalent of carols. Often the songs are accompanied by small metal triangles and

little clay drums.

7. In the _____ St. Nicholas is known as Sinterklaas. Children fill their shoes with hay and sugar for his horse and awake to find them filled with gifts such as nuts and candy.

8. Christmas is celebrated in much the same way in _____ as it is in Spain. They enjoy an additional feast, called consoada, in the early morning hours of Christmas Day.

9. In _____ people attend a daily early morning church service between December 16th and 24th called Misa de Aguinaldo ("Early Morning Mass.") In Caracas, the capital city, it is customary to roller-skate to this service and many neighborhoods close the streets to cars until 8 a.m.

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11. In _____, Christmas Downunder is often comparable to that of London, New York and Paris but is much warmer.

12. The people of Northern _____, as in Mexico, enjoy

a version of the folk play Los Pastores ("The Shepherds.")

13. In _____, people will cut a branch from a cherry tree putting it in water indoors to bloom. If the bloom opens in time for Christmas it is considered good luck.

14. Nearly every home in this country displays a Nativity scene or creche.

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