1 Match a definition to a Christmas word.

a a traditional Christmas song     i sherry
b a kind of sock which gifts are put in     ii presents
c an object used for travel over snow, pulled by animals     iii candle
d metal objects which make a noise when hit     iv carol
e traditional Christmas day royal broadcast     v star
f objects which make a Christmas tree look pretty     vi snowman
g made of wax and string, it burns slowly     vii sleigh
h a strong wine drunk before a meal     viii stocking
i a model of a person, made outside in winter     ix bells
j gifts     x Christmas Eve
k a bright light seen in the sky at night     xi The Queen’s Speech
l the day before Christmas     xii decorations
2. Place some of the words from exercise 1 into this short description of John’s Christmas in England.

John’s Christmas

Preparations for Christmas start early. We buy the Christmas tree a week or two before and then put the (1) ______________ on it one evening after school. Near to Christmas, we like to light (2) ______________ in the evenings too, because it looks more festive.

The children hang up their (3) ______________ at the end of their beds, on (4) ______________, and we put some small toys or food into them. On Christmas Day, we usually get woken up quite early by the kids, who are always keen to open their (5) _______________. We sit around the Christmas tree and open them in the morning.

We like to go to church too. We can hear the (6) ______________ from our house and it’s only a short walk. The children like singing (7) ______________.

Then, it’s back home for a glass of (8) ______________ before Christmas dinner. We eat that and then watch (9) ______________ on TV, like most people in the UK.

If it has snowed, we’ll be outside later playing snowballs or making a (10) ______________, and then it’s just a relaxing family day watching TV and perhaps playing a few games. We usually eat too much and have to go to bed quite early!