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FIND THE MEANING OF WORDS YOU DON'T KNOW

1. Read the explanation.

EXPLANATION

When you read a text and you see a word that you don't know or understand, you can take the following steps:

- **Read** part of the text **again**. Maybe there the word is explained.
- Look at the **picture**. Maybe it shows you something about the word.
- Look at the **word itself**. Maybe you already know part(s) of the word.
- Look it up in a dictionary.



2. Now read the text, together with a classmate. Do you see a difficult word? Underline these words in the text. Try to find out what they mean. Use the steps from the explanation.

3. What do the following words from the text mean? Write them down in Dutch.

wonderful (line 2) =

important (line 3) =

religious (line 5) =

the birth (line 7) =

the stocking (line 10) =

the Christmas carol (line 10) =

to decorate (line 12) =

Germany (line 13) =

to celebrate (line 17) =

the eve (line 20) =

the church (line 21) =

2. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

What is the text about? Work with a classmate and answer the questions. Write some key words down, to remember your answers.

Why is Christmas a wonderful time of year?

What is religious about Christmas?

What is non-religious about Christmas?

When did the tradition of decorating a Christmas tree move to America and England?

Where can you find the world's tallest Christmas tree?

Which country has a holiday called Boxing Day?



3. ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS (EXTRA)

When you think of Christmas, you think of Christmas songs. A very popular Christmas song is called *All I Want for Christmas Is You*, by the singer Mariah Carey. You can find the lyrics (= songtekst) on the next page.

Listen to the song. What words do you hear? Circle (= omcirkel) the right words. You can sing along, if you like 😊

The Newswise team wishes you a merry Christmas!



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU – MARIAH CAREY

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I
see/need/feel
I don't care about the
dinner/presents/snow
Underneath the Christmas tree
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my **dream/life/wish** come
true oh
All I want for Christmas is you

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I
see/need/feel, and I
Don't care about the
dinner/presents/snow
Underneath the Christmas tree
I don't need to hang my
stocking/slipper/shoe
There upon the fireplace
Mummy/Santa Claus/Daddy
won't make me happy
With a **joy/boy/toy** on Christmas
day

I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my **dream/life/wish** come
true
All I want for Christmas is you

I won't ask for much this Christmas
I won't even wish for
dinner/presents/snow, and I
I just wanna keep on
waiting/sleeping/wishing
Underneath the mistletoe

I won't make a list and send it
To the North Pole for Saint Nick
I won't even stay awake
To hear those **stupid/lovely/magic**
reindeer click

'Cause I just want you here tonight
Holding on to me so tight
What more can I do
Oh, Baby all I want for Christmas is
you

All the lights are
driving/shining/reading
So brightly everywhere
And the sound of children's
Laughter fills the **air/sky/room**

And everyone is singing
I hear those sleigh bells ringing
Santa won't you bring me
The one I really need
Won't you please bring my baby to
me quickly

I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for
I just wanna see my baby
Standing right outside my door
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my **dream/life/wish** come
true
Baby all I want for Christmas is you
All I want for Christmas is you,
honey/darling/baby