

### 1 Read. Then answer the questions.

**Did you know** ... that the Three Wise Men take gifts to children in Spain? The tradition in Spain is that on the night of January 5, children have to clean their shoes and put them by the door in their houses. The Three Wise Men leave the gifts next to the shoes if the children have been good. The children also leave water for the camels because they are thirsty from traveling across the desert, and some children leave cookies for the Three Wise Men.

On the morning of January 6, when the children get up, they open their gifts, and the whole family celebrates together. Many Spanish families celebrate this day by eating a round cake with dried fruit called "Roscón de Reyes".

1 Who takes gifts to the children in Spain?

the Three Wise Men

2 What night do they come?



3 What do the children do to prepare for the Three Wise Men?

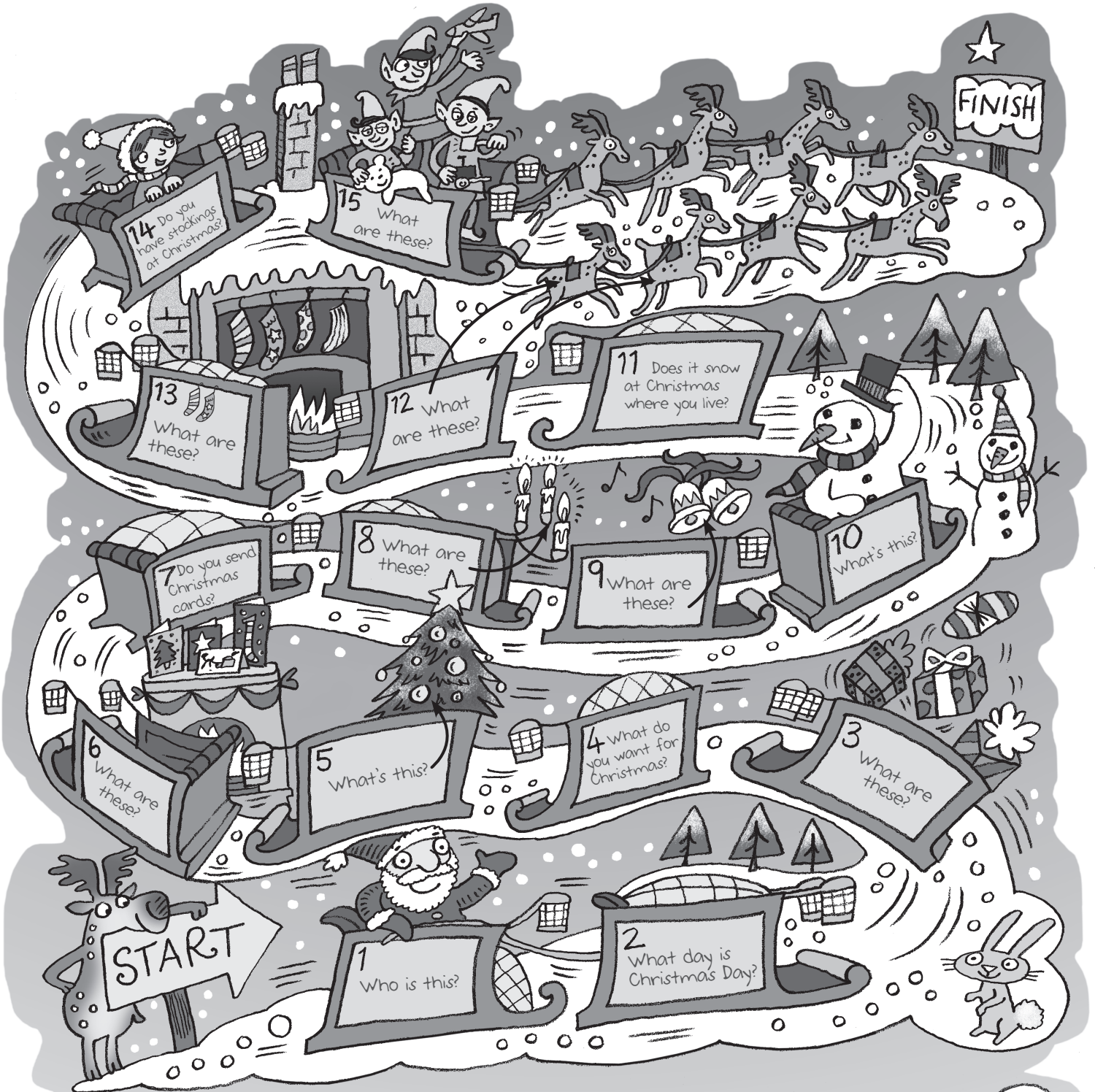
4 Where do the Three Wise Men leave the gifts?

5 Who is the water for?

6 Who eats the cookies?



2 Play the game.



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# Teaching Notes

## Christmas

**Language:** *Three Wise Men, camels, shoes, desert, snowman, stocking, elves, decorations, reindeer, Christmas tree, candle, bell, Christmas card, Santa, gifts, hanging, decorating, present simple, have to/don't have to, present progressive*

**Materials:** 1 worksheet per child, dice, counters, 1 template per child, colored pens/pencils

### Warmer

- Write *Christmas* on the board and elicit the words they know, e.g. *Santa, gifts, tree, Christmas cards, candle, bell, snowman, reindeer, stockings, and elves.*

### Cooler

- Sing a Christmas song. You could sing a traditional song such as "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" or "Jingle Bells."
- Play a clip of different Christmas songs and ask the children to vote on which song they would like to sing.

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- Focus the children on the pictures and elicit or explain who the Three Wise Men are.
- Read the text aloud while the children follow on the worksheet.
- Then the children answer the questions. Check as a class.

#### Answers

1 the Three Wise Men 2 January 5 3 clean their shoes 4 next to the children's shoes 5 the camels 6 the Three Wise Men

### 2 Play the game.

- Have the children look at Activity 2. Divide the class into pairs and distribute the dice and the counters.
- Explain that they play the game on one shared worksheet, but they color the numbers at the bottom of the game on their own worksheet when they get a question right.
- They get a point for each correct answer. The children take turns throwing the die and moving their counters. The winner is the one who gets to the end and has the most points.

#### Answers

1 Santa 2 December 25 3 gifts 4 Children's own answers  
5 a Christmas tree 6 Christmas cards 7 Children's own answers  
8 candles 9 bells 10 a snowman 11 Children's own answers  
12 reindeer 13 stockings 14 Children's own answers  
15 elves