

Polish vs English





English

On December 25, Christmas Day is a day off in Great Britain from work for everyone. Christmas celebrations begin right after waking up - usually children are the first to go to the Christmas tree in search of gifts that Santa Claus left there at night. In turn, the main event of the holidays is the joint Christmas Dinner, during which traditional dishes are served, such as:

roasted turkey with vegetables (roast turkey) and potatoes,

Christmas Pudding - a Christmas dessert made of dried fruit, nuts, winter spices (cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves) and alcohol (brandy or rum),

mince pies - a traditional English Christmas cookie filled with dried fruit.

In Great Britain, unlike in Poland, Christmas Eve passes unnoticed. The British spend the evening before Christmas on their last preparations, while the children look outside the window for Santa Claus. Just before going to bed, they leave cookies (mince pies) and a warm drink by the Christmas tree, and hang stockings over the fireplace, into which Santa will put presents.



The supper begins with prayer and reading from the Gospel of Luke in the part concerning the birth of Jesus. Then the participants of the supper break with each other's wafer and wish each other Christmas wishes. The custom of breaking the wafer is unknown outside of Poland and Lithuania.

Polish



According to the Christmas tradition in Poland, the Christmas Eve supper begins with the "first star in the sky". It is a symbolic reference to the Star of Bethlehem announcing the birth of Jesus, which, according to the Bible, was seen on the eastern side of heaven by the Three Kings.

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