

Christmas in England with Rick Steves

Ex. 1 Watch the movie and complete the sentences with one or two words.

1. The customer was buying wine which is special warm red wine with spices.
2. Young boys were singing carols by, which is a deeply ingrained part of Christmas tradition.
3. A holly, which is an evergreen tree with red berries, grows in front of the old
4. At home, Maddy is decorating the with some evergreens.
5. We can see kids and two mums. They are busy working on Christmas goodies.
6. All the special ingredients of traditional are being mixed in a big bucket by the kids.
7. The kids are decorating the Christmas tree with some gingerbread
8. Even though there is no and it is not a white Christmas, we can still feel the magic of this special time of the year.



Ex. 2 Watch and listen for the second time. Complete the sentences with a, b or c.



1. In the heart of the old city near the magnificent medieval abbey you can visit the Christmas market.
a) busy b) annual c) old
2. Rick's friends are looking for a tree which they want to decorate and plant at home.
a) artificial b) green c) living
3. Decorating with greens goes back to the Druids. For pagans, living green represents the persistence of life. For Christians evergreens are a reminder of a gift of life.
a) wonderful b) everlasting c) long
4. Maddy's recipes for mince pies go back to the days of..... . Back then the dried fruit, spices and the mincemeat for the filling were so expensive that only the wealthy could afford to make a mince pie.
a) King Henry VIII b) Queen Victoria c) Queen Elizabeth I
5. The kids are singing "Now bring us some figgy" which is a part of We Wish You a Merry Christmas' popular song.
a) pudding b) goodies c) cookies
6. It wasn't until 19th century when the middle-class families started to indulge their and give them presents for Christmas.
a) themselves b) Santa Claus c) children
7. The lucky kids are taking a train through the to meet Santa, or as the English know him, Father Christmas.
a) forest b) woods c) snow
8. The three kids have just met Father Christmas who, as he says, is good at
a) baking b) giving presents c) surprises

Answers

Ex. 1

1. mulled 2. candlelight 3. church 4. mirror 5. three 6. Christmas pudding 7. cookies 8. snow

Ex. 2

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. a 6. c 7. b 8. c