1. Match them up!

Match the words with the definitions.

- **Christmas traditions**
  - a sweet
- **Mrs Claus**
  - a very old story
- **pagan**
  - things people always do at Christmas
- **to get into the Christmas spirit**
  - to change slowly
- **a legend**
  - Santa Claus's wife
- **a lolly**
  - to do with a very old type of religion
- **to evolve**
  - in Australia or New Zealand
- **a joke**
  - an animal that helps Santa by pulling his sleigh
- **a reindeer**
  - to get excited about Christmas
- **down under**
  - something funny to make people laugh

2. What's the order?

Watch the video. In what order does Mrs Claus talk about these things?

1. **The ancient pagan festival called Saturnalia**
2. **Celebrating with gifts and special meals**
3. **The Christmas tree tradition**
4. **The Christmas stocking tradition**
5. **The Christmas cracker tradition**
6. **Christmas in Australia**
3. Choose the answer!

Watch the video. Circle the correct answer.

a. Where did the idea of Christmas trees start?
   - in Australia  
   - in Germany  
   - in the UK

b. When do people traditionally put out a Christmas stocking?
   - on Christmas Eve  
   - on Christmas Day  
   - on New Year’s Eve

c. In the legend, what did Saint Nicholas put in the stockings of three poor sisters?
   - presents  
   - sweets  
   - gold coins

d. When do people usually pull Christmas crackers?
   - on Christmas Eve  
   - on Christmas Day  
   - on New Year’s Day

e. What’s usually in a Christmas cracker today?
   - money and gold  
   - chocolate and fruit  
   - a party hat and a joke

f. What’s the weather usually like in Australia at Christmas?
   - hot  
   - rainy  
   - cold

4. Write and draw!

Children write about the special traditions for a festival they celebrate and draw a picture.