

Christmas Gifts For 12 Year Olds

Christmas and holiday season The gift-giving associated with the season creates a peak season for the retail sector extending The Christmas season or the festive season, also known as the holiday season or the holidays, is an annual period generally spanning from November or December to early January incorporating Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Christmas window displays and Christmas tree lighting ceremonies are customary traditions in various locales. The gift-giving associated with the season creates a peak season for the retail sector extending to the end of the period ("January sales"). early January incorporating Christmas Day and New Year's Day

In Western Christianity, the Christmas season is traditionally synonymous with Christmastide, which runs from December 25 (Christmas Day) to January 5 (Twelfth Night or Epiphany Eve), popularly known as the 12 Days of Christmas. Christmas in Italy is one of the country's major holidays and begins on 8 December, with the Feast of the Immaculate

Conception, the day on which traditionally the Christmas tree is mounted and ends on 5 January with Twelfth Night (with the following day commencing Epiphanytide). Christmas is celebrated on December 25 Christmas Day, while the Christmas season extends beyond the holiday itself, commonly continuing through New Year's Day and concluding on January 6 with the celebration of Epiphany... 1247ded22b Christmas celebrations in the denominations of Western Christianity have long begun on Christmas Eve, due in part to the Christian liturgical day starting at sunset, a practice inherited from Jewish tradition, and based on the story of Creation in the Book of Genesis: "And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day." Many churches still ring their church bells and hold prayers in the evening; for example, the Nordic Lutheran churches. Since tradition holds that Jesus was born at night (based in Luke 2:6-8), Midnight Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve, traditionally at midnight, in commemoration of his birth. The idea of Jesus being born at night is reflected in the fact that Christmas Eve is referred to as Heilige Nacht (Holy Night) in German, Nochebuena (the Good Night) in Spanish and similarly in other... 1247ded22b The history of gift-giving is a longstanding human tradition that predates recorded history. The practice has evolved across different cultures and eras, serving various purposes ranging from expressions of love and respect to political allegiance and social obligation. Gift-giving has been documented in archaeological records, ancient literature, religious texts, and

historical accounts. Gift-giving has played a central role in social and economic systems throughout human history. Anthropologist Marcel Mauss argued in *The Gift* (1925) that gifts in archaic societies were embedded in systems of... 1247ded22b

Christmas gift The practice of giving gifts during Christmastide, according to Christian tradition, is symbolic of the presentation of the gifts by the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus. A Christmas gift or Christmas present is a gift given in celebration of Christmas. Christmas gifts are often exchanged on Christmas Eve (December 24), Christmas Day itself (December 25) or on the last day of the twelve-day Christmas season, Twelfth Night (January 5). Christmas gifts are often exchanged on Christmas Eve (December 24) A Christmas gift or Christmas present is a gift given in celebration of Christmas 1247ded22b

Twelve Days of Christmas It ends with Twelfth Night or Epiphany Eve (the evening of 5 January). For some, the Twelfth Night remains the night of the most festive parties and exchanges of gifts. twelve nights. In Western Christianity it begins with Christmas Day (25 December) and includes Saint Stephen's Day (26 December), the Feast of Saint John the Apostle (27 December), Childermas (28 December), New Year's Eve or Saint Sylvester's Day (31 December), New Year's Day or the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ (1 January), and

the Feast of the Holy Family (date varies). Some households exchange gifts on the first The Twelve Days of Christmas, or Twelve Days of Christmastide, is the festive Christian season celebrating the Nativity of Jesus 1247ded22b

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Christmas festival. In England, gifts were exchanged on New Year's Day (a custom at the royal court), and there was special Christmas ale. Christmas during the Middle Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many countries and is observed by a majority of Christians; it is also celebrated culturally by many non-Christians and forms an integral part of the annual holiday season. Advent is followed by Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night. A liturgical feast central to Christianity, Christmas preparation begins on the First Sunday of Advent 1247ded22b

For Christian denominations such as the Evangelical-Lutheran Churches and Anglican Communion, the Twelve Days are identical to Christmastide (25 December through to 5

January), and this is followed by the season of Epiphanytide, which begins on 6 January. For the Catholic Church, however, Christmastide lasts longer, until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. For some, the Twelve Days are considered 26 December to 6 January, thus including Epiphany. 1247ded22b == History == 1247ded22b From these European traditions, the North American figure of Santa Claus developed, beginning in the 1820s. The American figure in turn had considerable influence on the various European traditions during the 19th and 20th centuries. For example, Father Christmas in England and Joulupukki in Finland gradually took on the attributes of the American Santa... 1247ded22b

Gift Alms Altruism Atonement Charity (practice) Christmas gift Debt relief Diplomatic gift Gift economy Gift (law) Gift tax Gift wrapping A gift, also known as a present, is an item given to someone without the expectation of payment or anything in return. return gifts to a deity. Gifts are often presented on occasions such as birthdays and holidays. In many countries, the act of mutually exchanging money, goods, etc. Economists have elaborated the economics of gift-giving into the notion of a gift economy. , may sustain social relationships and contribute to social cohesion. By extension, the term gift can refer to any item or act of service that makes the other happier or less sad, especially as a favor, including forgiveness and kindness 1247ded22b

Owing to differences in liturgical calendars, as early as the fourth century, the churches of the eastern Roman Empire were celebrating Christmas on 6 January, while those of the western Roman Empire were celebrating it on 25 December. 1247ded22b The traditional Christmas narrative recounted in the New Testament, known as the Nativity of Jesus, says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room, and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds, who then spread the word. 1247ded22b There are different hypotheses regarding the date of the birth of Jesus. In the early fourth century, the church fixed the date as December 25, the date of the winter solstice in the Roman... 1247ded22b

Father Christmas Although now known as a Christmas gift-bringer, and typically considered to be synonymous with Santa Claus, he was originally part of a much older and unrelated English folkloric tradition. Father Christmas is the traditional English name for the personification of Christmas. Although now known as a Christmas gift-bringer, and typically considered Father Christmas is the traditional English name for the personification of Christmas. The recognisably modern figure of the English Father Christmas developed in the late Victorian period, but Christmas had been personified for centuries before then

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== History == 1247ded22b English personifications of Christmas were first recorded in the 15th century, with Father Christmas himself first appearing in the mid 17th century in the aftermath of the English Civil War. The Puritan-controlled English government had legislated to abolish Christmas, considering it popish, and had outlawed its traditional customs. Royalist political pamphleteers, linking the old traditions with their cause, adopted Old Father Christmas as the symbol of 'the good old days' of feasting and good cheer. Following the Restoration in 1660, Father Christmas's profile declined. His character was maintained during the late 18th and into the 19th century by the Christmas folk plays later known as mummers' plays. 1247ded22b In October 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar as a correction of the Julian calendar, because... 1247ded22b

Christmas gift-bringer number of Midwinter or Christmas traditions in European folklore involve gift-bringers. Mostly involving the figure of a bearded old man, the traditions A number of Midwinter or Christmas traditions in European folklore involve gift-bringers. In Scandinavia, it is an elf-like figure or tomten who comes at Yule (and who sometimes also takes the form of a goat). In German-speaking Europe and Latin Europe, it became

associated with the Christian Saint Nicholas. In some parts of Central Europe, there is a separate tradition of a young child or fairy-like being bringing presents, known as Christkind. In Eastern Slavic countries, the figure is Father Frost. Early modern England had Father Christmas, a character initially associated with feasting and good cheer, though he was not originally a gift bringer. Mostly involving the figure of a bearded old man, the traditions have mutually influenced one another, and have adopted aspects from Christian hagiography, even before the modern period 1247ded22b

Economics of Christmas , the "Christmas shopping season" starts as early as October. increase dramatically as people purchase gifts, decorations, and supplies to celebrate. Figures from the United States Census Bureau reveal that expenditure in department stores nationwide rose from \$20. In the United States, it has been calculated that about one fifth of retail sales to one quarter of all personal spending takes place during the Christmas/holiday shopping season. In the same year employment in American. In Canada, merchants begin advertising campaigns just before Halloween (31 October), and step up their marketing following Remembrance Day on 11 November. 8 billion in November 2004 to \$31. In the U. Sales increase dramatically as people purchase gifts, decorations, and supplies to celebrate. , the "Christmas shopping season" starts as early as October The economics of

Christmas are significant because Christmas is typically a high-volume selling season for goods suppliers around the world. In other sectors, the pre-Christmas increase in spending was even greater, due to a November through December buying surge of 100% in bookstores and 170% in jewelry stores. In the UK and Ireland, the Christmas shopping season starts from mid-November, around the time when high street Christmas lights are turned on. S. 9 billion in December 2004, an increase of 54 percent. S. In the U 1247ded22b

Little Christmas Epiphany, observed on 6 January, is preceded by Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve) on 5 January. prepare for Old Christmas through fasting, which is opened on Old Christmas through the consumption of Christmas dinner. The emphasis of Old Christmas celebrations Little Christmas (Irish: Nollaig na mBan, lit. Popular Little Christmas customs include burning Christmas candles, singing Christmas carols, Epiphany singing, chalking the door, and having one's house blessed. The emphasis of Old Christmas celebrations is on reflecting on the birth of Jesus through attending church services and visiting with family. 'Women's Christmas'), also known as Old Christmas, is one of the traditional names among Irish Christians and the Amish for 6 January, which is also known more widely as the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated after the conclusion of the twelve days of Christmastide. Believers prepare for Old Christmas through fasting, which is opened on Old Christmas through the

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Christmas Eve Legendary Christmas Eve is the evening or entire day before Christmas, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. enjoyment of Christmas lights, trees, and other decorations, the wrapping, exchange and opening of gifts, and general preparation for Christmas Day. Christmas Eve is widely recognized as a full or partial holiday in anticipation of Christmas Day, which is observed around the world. Together, both days are considered one of the most culturally significant celebrations in Christendom and Western society 1247ded22b

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