

## Celebrating Christmas

December is a month full of celebrations. One of the most widely celebrated holidays is Christmas, or Weihnachten in German. This is a time when family and friends get together, exchange gifts, and enjoy each other's company.

Here we'll introduce you to useful phrases that you can use when discussing this important holiday. Use them to find out what kind of traditions others have and to talk about your own. Take a look at the tables below and start getting ready for the holidays!

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## Asking About Christmas

Do you want to know more about other people's holiday traditions? Below we've collected lots of questions that you can use to find out how others celebrate Christmas. Check them out!

### German

Feierst du Weihnachten?

Wie verbringst du die Feiertage?

Stellt ihr jedes Jahr einen Baum auf?

Was für Feiertagstraditionen hat deine Familie?

Kommt deine ganze Familie zusammen?

Hast du schon alle deine Geschenke besorgt?

Was wünschst du dir zu Weihnachten?

Was gefällt dir an den Feiertagen am besten?

Was ist das beste Geschenk, das du jemals bekommen hast?

### English

Do you celebrate Christmas?

How are you spending the holidays?

Do you guys put up a tree every year?

What kind of holiday traditions does your family have?

Does your whole family get together?

Have you done all your gift shopping yet?

What would you like to get over the holidays?

What's your favorite thing about the holidays?

What's the best gift you've ever received?

 **German**

Magst du Weihnachtsmusik?

Was esst ihr normalerweise an Weihnachten?

 **English**

Do you like Christmas music?

What do you usually eat around Christmas?

## Talking About Christmas

Here you'll find phrases that you can use in order to talk about your own holiday traditions. Use them to let others know more about how you celebrate!

 **German**

Fröhliche Weihnachten!

Schöne Feiertage!

Unsere Familie feiert jedes Jahr Weihnachten.

Die ganze Familie trifft sich bei meiner Großmutter, um Geschenke auszutauschen.

Wir stellen gerne eine Woche vor Weihnachten einen echten Baum in unserem Wohnzimmer auf.

Wir backen jedes Jahr Kekse und gehen mit Freunden in der Nachbarschaft Weihnachtslieder singen.

Unsere Familie ist ziemlich groß, aber wir versuchen trotzdem, uns in den Ferien alle zu sehen.

Wir essen jedes Jahr einen Weihnachtsschinken.

Ich muss noch meine Geschenke einkaufen!

Ich würde dieses Jahr ehrlich gesagt gerne neue Socken bekommen!

Mir gefällt an den Feiertagen am besten, dass alle in guter Stimmung sind.

 **English**

Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays!

Our family celebrates Christmas every year.

The whole family is getting together at my grandmother's to exchange gifts.

We like to put up a real tree in our living room a week before Christmas.

We bake cookies each year and go caroling with friends in the neighborhood.

Our family is pretty big, but we do all try to see each other during the holidays.

We always have a Christmas ham each year.

I still need to do my gift shopping!

I'd honestly really like to get some new socks this year!

My favorite thing about the holidays is that everyone is in a good mood.

 **German**

Ich denke, das beste Geschenk, das ich je bekommen habe, war, als meine Eltern meinen Bruder und mich mit einem Hundewelpen überraschten.

Weihnachtsmusik höre ich nur im Dezember.

 **English**

I think the best gift I ever got was when my parents surprised me and my brother with a puppy.

I only listen to Christmas music in December.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the most essential German phrases for talking about Christmas?

Wie verbringst du die Feiertage?	How are you spending the holidays?
Was für Feiertagstraditionen hat deine Familie?	What kind of holiday traditions does your family have?
Hast du schon alle deine Geschenke besorgt?	Have you done all your gift shopping yet?
Was wünschst du dir zu Weihnachten?	What would you like to get over the holidays?
Magst du Weihnachtsmusik?	Do you like Christmas music?
Fröhliche Weihnachten!	Merry Christmas!
Schöne Feiertage!	Happy Holidays!
Mir gefällt an den Feiertagen am besten, dass alle in guter Stimmung sind.	My favorite thing about the holidays is that everyone is in a good mood.

### What other holidays are celebrated in December in German-speaking countries?

German-speaking countries are home to several religious minorities, and some of them also celebrate holidays in December. Two of the most widely celebrated are Hanukkah and Ezid-Fest. Hanukkah is an important Jewish holiday that is celebrated for eight nights and days. The holiday usually occurs sometime in December, but it can vary year by year. Ezid-Fest is a holiday celebrated by the Yazidis, a Kurdish-speaking minority. It is a time of fasting that ends with a big celebration.



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