

WEIRD CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONS



- What are some of your family's Christmas traditions?

- Are there any differences between how you celebrate Christmas in your part of Poland vs other areas?



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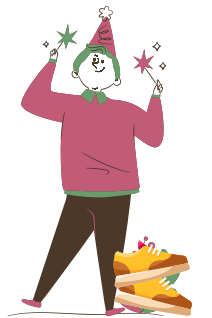
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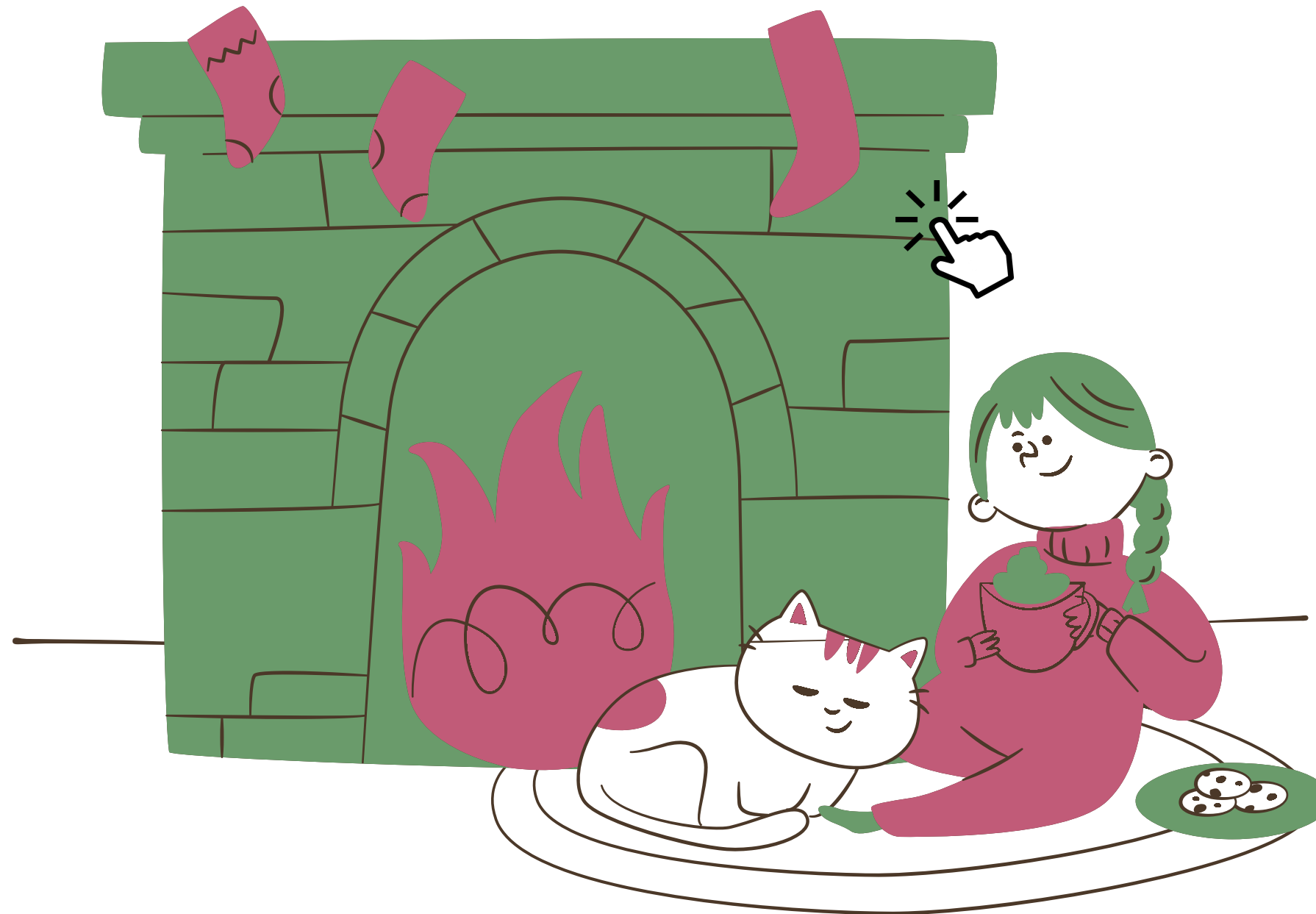


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LET'S FIND OUT, SHALL WE?



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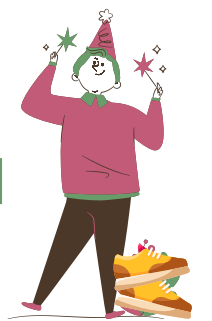
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Catalan English

Caga tió,
avellanes i torró,
no caguis arengades
que són massa salades,
caga torrons que són més bons.

Caga tió,
ametlles i torró,
i, si no vols cagar,
et donaré un cop de bastó!
Caga tió!

Shit, tió,
hazelnuts and nougats,
do not shit herrings,
for they are too salty,
shit nougats for they taste better.

Shit, tió,
almonds and nougats,
and if you don't want to shit
I will hit you with a stick!
Shit, tió!



- What is the name of the “anti-Santa” in Austria?
- Where are they not allowed to celebrate Christmas?
- What other traditions did you learn about?
- Which one do you think is the weirdest?
- Which one would you want to adopt?



- Do you know any other weird Christmas traditions from around the world?
- For example, what do you think they do in Iceland?



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- Are traditions important? Why / Why not?
 - Are there any traditions that you don't continue anymore?
 - Would you like to change any of your traditions? What would you change them to?

BONUS!

- Come up with some (funny) traditions of your own!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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