

# Amazing Christmas Facts





**The Romans celebrated Saturnalia in honor of the god Saturn.**

**It was supposed to be the period of chaos between the old and the new year when the normal rules of society could be ignored. People drank a lot, went wild and gave presents to each other.**

**Saturnalia was adopted by the Roman Christians and became Christmas, celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December.**

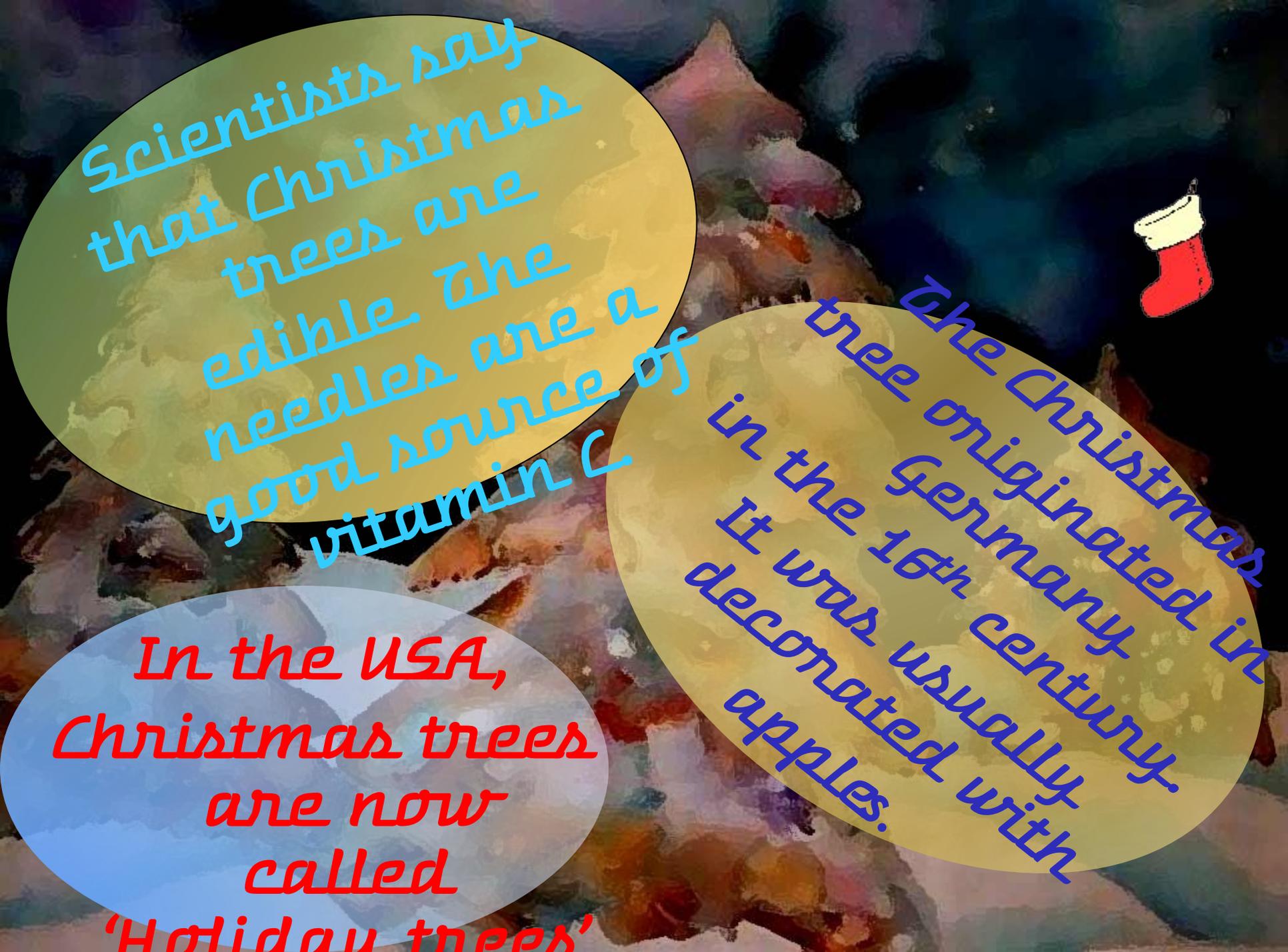


*The name  
'Santa Claus' comes  
from the Dutch Sinter Klaus,  
short for Sinter Nikolaus  
or Saint Nicolas.*



According to a survey, 7 out of 10 British dogs get Christmas gifts from their loving owners.

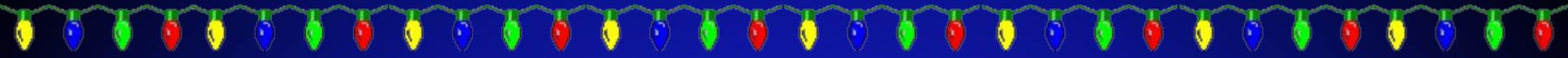




Scientists say  
that Christmas  
trees are  
edible. The  
needles are a  
good source of  
vitamin C

In the USA,  
Christmas trees  
are now  
called  
'Holiday trees'

The Christmas  
tree originated in  
Germany.  
It was usually  
decorated with  
apples.



Christmas day lasts  
172,800 seconds. Santa Claus  
would need to travel at 2,058  
kilometres per second to  
reach



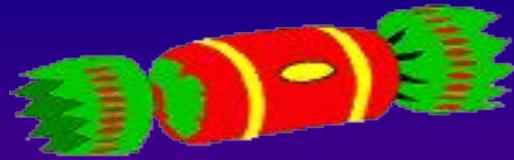
all the places in the world  
during that time.





**About 2 million  
tones of Christmas  
presents are given at  
Christmas**



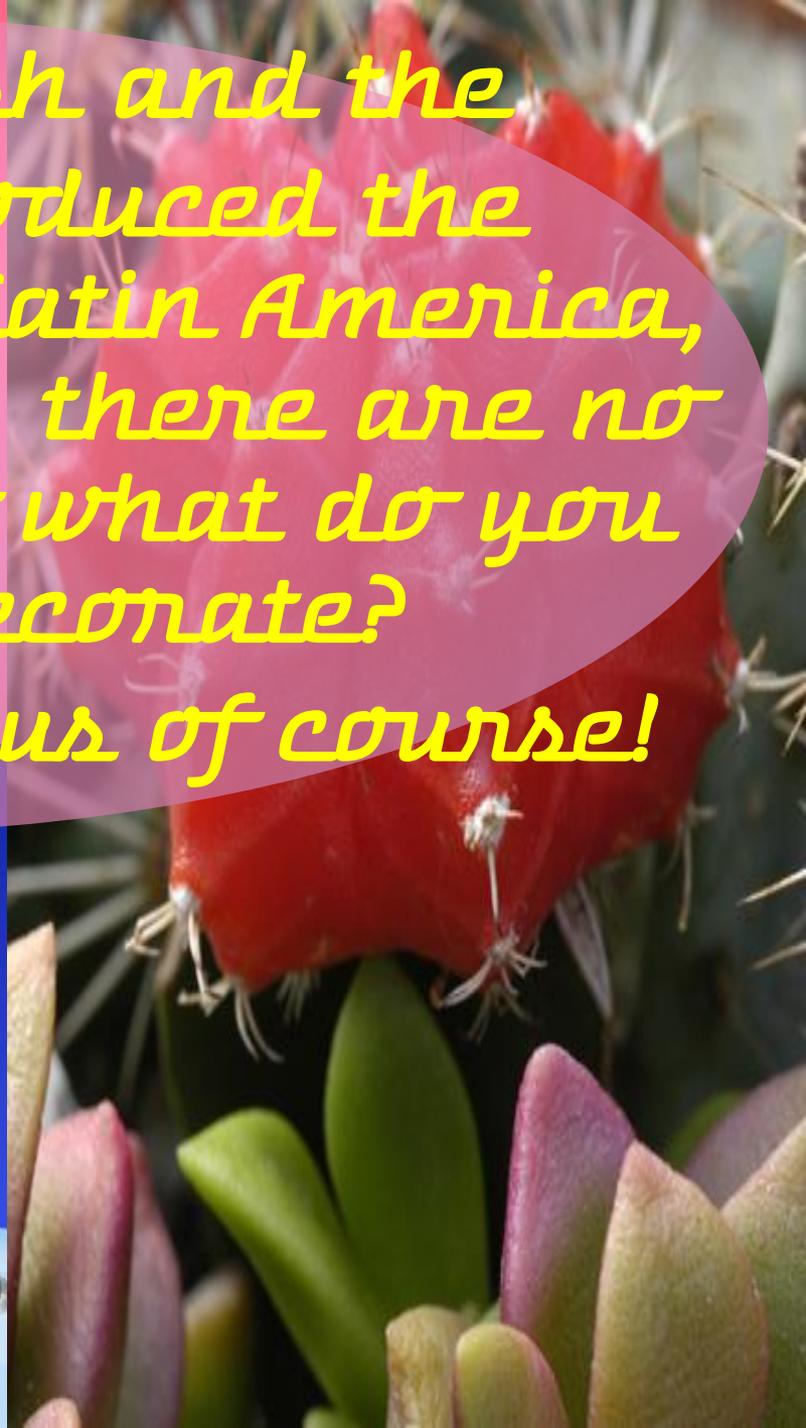


**The well known image of Santa Claus  
was invented  
by Coca-Cola.**



*The Spanish and the Portuguese introduced the Christmas tree to Latin America, but unfortunately there are no fir trees there, so what do you think they decorate?*

*The Christmas cactus of course!*





*In 1995, in  
Canada, Santa  
Claus was given  
his own  
postcode -*

*H0H0H0*



*An internet site  
for Santa  
Claus was set  
up in 1997*





**New Year Wishes...**

**I wish you Health...  
So you may enjoy each day in comfort.**

**I wish you the Love of friends and family...  
And Peace within your heart.**

**I wish you the Beauty of nature...  
That you may enjoy the work of God.**

**I wish you Wisdom to choose priorities...  
For those things that really matter in life.**

**I wish you Generosity so you may share...  
All good things that come to you.**

**I wish you Happiness and Joy...  
And Blessings for the New Year.**

**I wish you the best of everything...  
That you so well deserve.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, FRIEND!**

# *Here are my wishes for you*

***H***ours of happy times with friends and family

***A*** bundant time for relaxation

***P***rosperity

***P***lenty of love when you need it the most

***Y***outhful excitement at life's simple pleasures

***N***ights of restful slumber (you know - dont' worry be happy)

***E***verything you need

***W***ishing you love and light

***Y***ears and years of good health

***E***njoyment and mirth

***A***ngels to watch over you

***R***emembrances of a happy years!

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