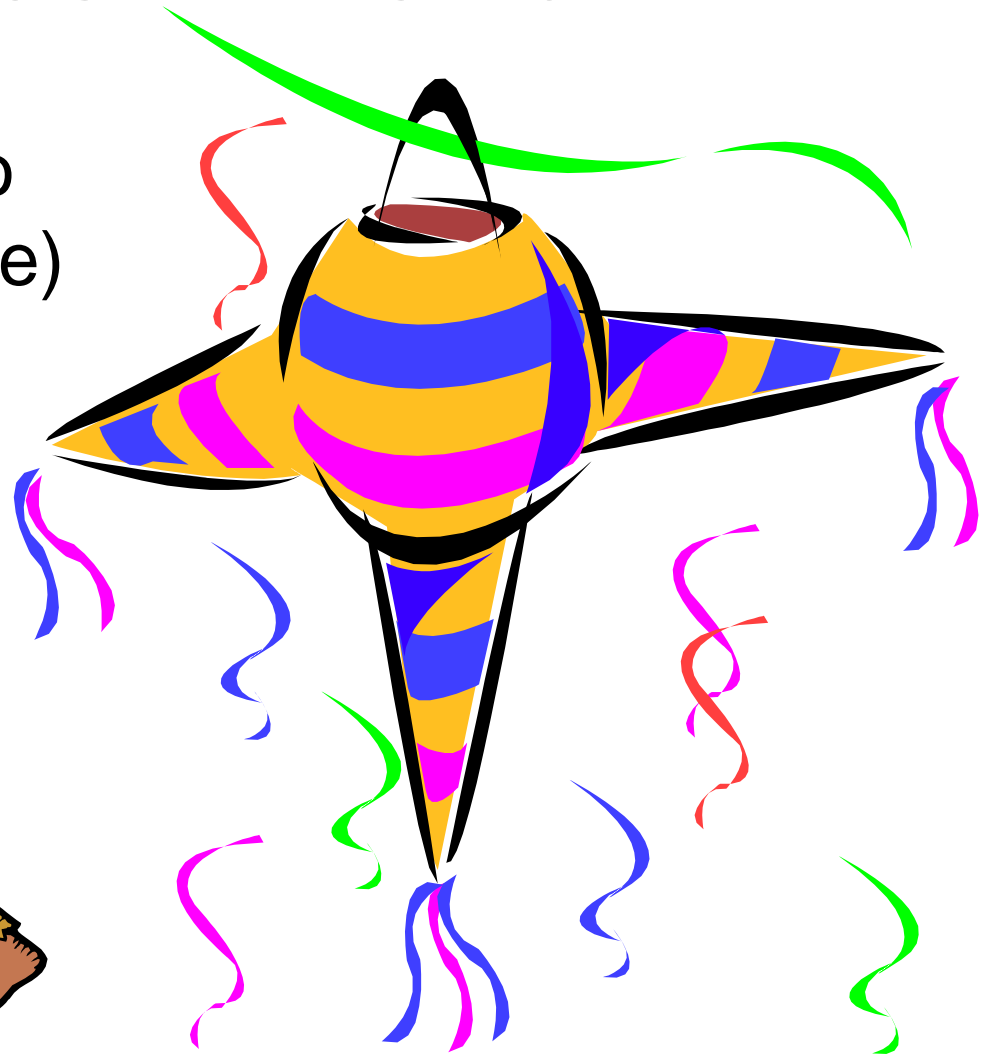


Christmas Around the World



Christmas in Mexico

- Christmas in Mexico is posadas (a parade) and pinatas (gifts).



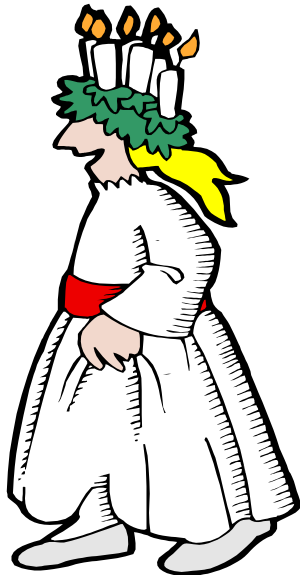
Christmas in Italy

- La Befana, a kind old witch, searches for good boys and girls to leave gifts for.



Christmas in Sweden

- Santa Lucia comes on December 13th.
- The Christmas tree is decorated with real lighted candles.



Christmas in Holland

- Sinterklaas arrives in a steamboat from Spain with a white horse and dozens of helpers.



Christmas in Japan

- A traditional Christmas present is Christmas cake made with strawberries and whipped cream



Christmas in Scotland

- It is bad luck to let the fire go out on Christmas eve in Scotland because naughty elves come down the chimney



Christmas in Ireland

- Children put lighted candles on the window sill to guide Mary and Joseph to shelter.



Christmas in Israel

- Bethlehem is in Israel. Jesus was born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.



Christmas in Catalonia

- Children hit a log and sing a song called “et tio” and sing a song.
- Then they look under the log and find presents.



Wishing You
a Very Merry Christmas

