



Rhine Valley Institute

NEWSLETTER

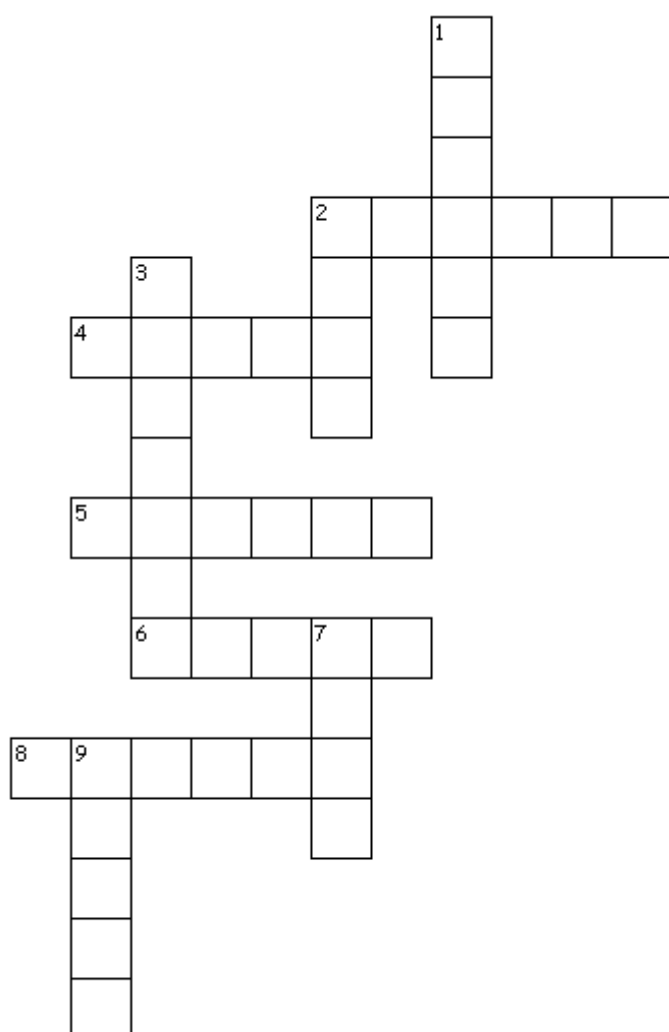
Christmas 2011

Dear readers

I remember my one Christmas spent in the United States of America, with my pen pal's family: 40 people gathered from all over the country at granny's house, and there was a gift for everyone underneath the Christmas tree, even for me. The Christmas cookies were incredibly colorful: pink, blue, mint...

Enjoy this newsletter!

A Christmas crossword puzzle



Across

- 2. Lametta
- 4. Stechpalme
- 5. Lichter
- 6. Weihnachtsmann

8. Kerze

Down

- 1. Eierpunsch
- 2. Spielzeug
- 3. Kekse
- 7. Baum
- 9. Engel

Kwanzaa – an African kind of Christmas

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday which started as late as 1966. It makes people stop and think about their African ancestors* and about the original harvest festivals in Africa. The name Kwanzaa means 'first fruits' in Swahili, an African language.

Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1. Each day one candle is lit; the candles are black, red and green. There is a lot of singing, talking and dancing, too. People give each other handmade presents. However, Kwanzaa is not about gift giving or religion. This festival wants to bring people together to show each other how important they are to each other.

Kwanzaa can be compared to our German Thanksgiving, with the additional aspects of African heritage* and presents.

* *ancestors* = *Vorfahren*

heritage = *Erbe*

Christmas Down Under

I once spent three months in Australia and came back home on Dec 24. This meant missing Australian Christmas, a decision I somehow regret to this day. Just imagine celebrating Christmas at 30°C, on a beach, doing a barbecue, eating tropical fruit, celebrating with friends and family and hundreds or even thousands of total strangers. This is reality on Sydney's beaches every year.

Christmas cards down under also look different: they show koalas and kangaroos!

The new year in Scotland

On December 31, people in Scotland visit their friends and try to be the first to greet them in the New Year, which means right after midnight. You bring food and drinks, for example shortbread. This tradition is called Hogmanay.

What are these?

Thin, glittering strips

You hang this for a kiss

Where Santa lives

What children write to Santa

A drink made from eggs, sometimes with alcohol

Fluffy white stuff

Santa keeps the presents in this

You sing these for Christmas

Red nose to the rescue

If you are interested in English lessons in-house or privately, let me know. My team of teachers works in the Mainz, Wiesbaden and Frankfurt area.

Englischseminare – Termine

Neustadt: Englischseminar "Mit Volldampf in die internationalen Märkte", am 23.03. und 24.03.2012. Anmeldungen an das DLR Neustadt, Telefon 06321-671310.

Englischseminar für Winzer und Gästeführer, Sommeliers und Restaurantfachleute: Englisch für die Weinprobe, am 2. und 3. März 2012. Anmeldungen an das DLR **Oppenheim**, Telefon 06133 - 930 320.

Neustadt: Englischseminar für Winzer und Gästeführer, Sommeliers und Restaurantfachleute: Englisch für die Weinprobe, am 09.03. und 10.03.2012. Anmeldungen an das DLR Neustadt, Telefon 06321-671310.

Englisch-Workshop "Mit Volldampf in die internationalen Märkte" in **Bad Kreuznach** 10. und 11. Februar 2012. Anmeldungen über das DLR Oppenheim, Telefon 06133 - 930 320.

Englischkurs **Oberwesel** 12./19. und 26. Januar 2012 - Englisch für Gastgeber im Mittelrheintal. Anmeldungen an Heribert Schuck unter Telefon 06744 - 8327. Bei den

Solutions

Across

2. Lametta tinsel
4. Stechpalme holly
5. Lichterlights
6. Weihnachtsmann Santa
8. Kerze candle

What are these?

- Thin glittering strips
You hang this for a kiss
Where does Santa live?
What do the children write to Santa?
A drink made from eggs, sometimes with alcohol
Fluffy white stuff
Santa keeps the presents in this
You sing these for Christmas
Red nose to the rescue

Down

1. Eierpunsch eggnog
2. Spielzeug toys
3. Kekse cookies
7. Baum tree
9. Engel angel

- tinsel
mistletoe (Mistel)
North Pole
letter
eggnog
snow
sack
Christmas carols
Rudolph

Dieser Newsletter ist eine Idee von Nicole Tomberg, um kurz und knapp in unregelmäßigen Abständen Infos und Übungen in der englischen Sprache zu bieten. Ihre Emailadresse habe ich von früheren Kontakten gespeichert. Ich möchte Sie keinesfalls belästigen. Falls Sie also diesen Newsletter nicht zugesandt bekommen möchten, sagen Sie mir doch bitte kurz Bescheid und ich werde Ihre Adresse aus dem Verteiler löschen. If you find any mistakes, you may keep them. It only shows how good your English is.
