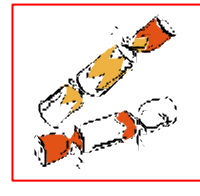
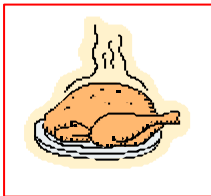




Christmas in NZ



Look at the pictures below and match them with the correct words



angel

turkey

Christmas crackers

Christmas tree

Christmas decoration

Christmas carol

seafood

coloured lights

Do you think these statements are **true** or **false**?

1. In New Zealand at Christmas it often snows.
2. Most families put a big Christmas tree in their garden.
3. People often put a star on top of their Christmas tree.
4. New Zealand families have a BBQ or eat seafood on Christmas day.
5. Christmas crackers are usually placed around the Christmas tree.
6. Christmas is always a holiday in New Zealand.

Reading 1

Quickly read the text below and check if your answers are correct.



Christmas in New Zealand



In New Zealand Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. The weather is often warm because December is summer in New Zealand. This is strange for many tourists because they sometimes have snow in their countries at Christmas time.

Christmas is a day families usually celebrate together. Most families buy a Christmas tree and decorate it with coloured lights and other bright decorations. The tree is usually put in the lounge with a large star or angel on top. Presents are put around the tree and opened on Christmas day. On the night before Christmas some families go to church and sing Christmas carols and met old friends.

On Christmas day, people in New Zealand share a special Christmas meal and exchange Christmas presents. Popular foods at Christmas include roast lamb or turkey served with vegetables. This meal is often eaten at lunchtime. Because Christmas time is summer in New Zealand and often hot, many families eat outside. Some families invite their relatives for a large BBQ. Seafood is also a popular food at Christmas time. Christmas in New Zealand is a great time to meet and enjoy the company of family.

Language Work

Adverbs of frequency

There are many words in English that explain how often an activity occurs.

Look at the following question: **How often do you wake up before six o'clock?**

I **never** wake up before six o'clock.

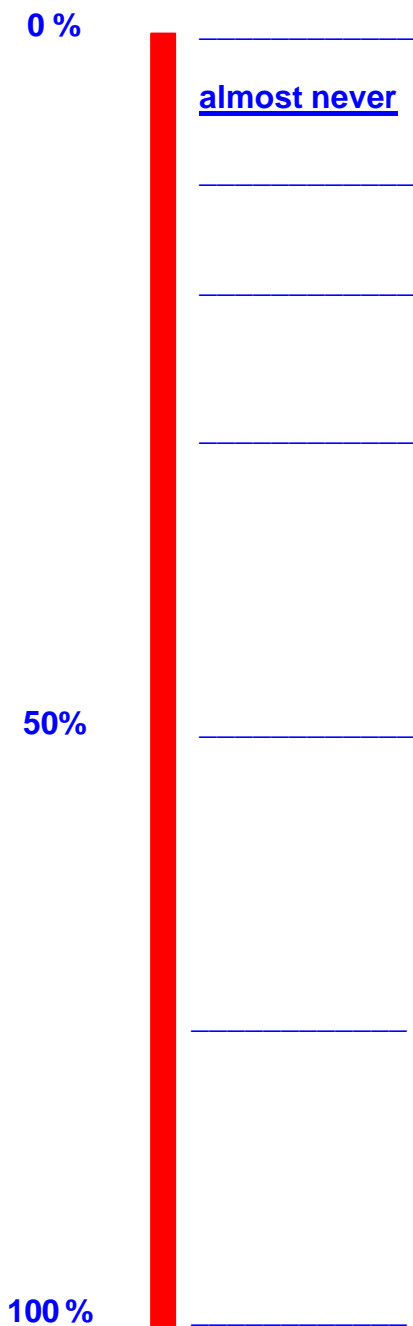
I **sometimes** wake up before six o'clock.

I **always** wake up before nine o'clock.

Your Turn

Below are eight ways to explain how often an activity occurs. Put them in the correct position on the line. The first one has been done for you.

almost never	sometimes	never
always	almost always	usually
often	rarely/seldom	



Scroll to the answer key and check your answers

Reading 2

Read "Christmas in New Zealand again and underline all the phrases from above.

For example, the first one has been done for you.

In New Zealand Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. The weather is often warm because December is summer in New Zealand.

Writing

Look at the following questions and write answers that are true for you using the above words.

1. How often do you go out to dinner on the weekend?

I rarely go out to dinner on the weekend.

2. How often do you exercise in a week?

_____.

3. How often do you eat dessert after dinner?

_____.

4. How often do you eat breakfast before work or school?

_____.

5. How often do you remember your mother and father's birthday?

_____.

6. How often do you send postcards when you are on holiday?

_____.

7. How often do you watch TV in the evening?

_____.

8. How often do you wash the dishes after you cook?

_____.

Answer Key

1. False (It never snows in New Zealand at Christmas because it is summer)
2. False (most families put a big Christmas tree in their lounge room)
3. True (a star or an angel is often put on top of the Christmas tree)
4. True (some families have a BBQ or eat seafood on Christmas day)
5. False (presents are usually placed around the Christmas tree)
6. True (Christmas is a national holiday in New Zealand)

Your Turn

