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A Christmas wish

A British **ambassador** to the US was living in Washington. One December, a radio station phoned him to ask what he would like for Christmas.

He tried to think of something small and not too expensive. In the end he said, "A small box of **crystallised fruits** would be lovely, thank you very much."

On Christmas Day the radio station had a special international Christmas **programme**. "We asked different ambassadors what they **wished** for at Christmas," the reporter began. "The Russian Ambassador wanted world **peace**, the French Ambassador wanted an end to hunger, and the British Ambassador, well, he wanted a small box of crystallised fruits." ♦



Info

Christmas Day is 25th December. This is when people give each other presents and eat their special Christmas dinner. 24th December is called Christmas Eve and is a day for last minute shopping and getting ready for Christmas Day. 26th December is called Boxing Day and is a day for **resting** and relaxing.

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