

The Night Before Christmas – Glossary

bauble noun [count]

a cheap decoration or piece of jewellery

candle noun [count]

a stick of wax with a string in it that you burn to give light

Christmas carol noun [count]

a song you sing at Christmas

carol singing noun [uncount]

the activity of singing Christmas carols in the street, especially in order to collect money to help other people

carol singers

Christmas stocking noun [count]

a large sock that children hang on their bed the night before Christmas that is filled with presents while they sleep

Christmas tree noun [count]

a tree that people cover with lights and other decorations at Christmas

holly noun [count or uncount]

a tree with dark green leaves with sharp points and small bright red berries

mistletoe noun [uncount]

a plant with small white fruits. It is often used as a Christmas decoration.

mulled wine noun [count or uncount]

a hot alcoholic drink made of wine mixed with sugar and spices, traditionally drunk at winter festivals such as Christmas

presents noun [count]

something that you give to someone, for example on their birthday:

a wedding/birthday/Christmas present

reindeer noun [count]

an animal like a deer with large antlers

Santa Claus or **Santa**

an imaginary man with a long white beard and a red suit who brings presents for children at Christmas

sleigh noun [count]

a vehicle that is pulled by animals and used for travelling over snow

star noun [count]

a very large hot ball of gas that appears as a small bright light in the sky at night

tinsel noun [uncount]

long thin pieces of shiny paper that you use as a Christmas decoration

turkey noun [count or uncount]

a large bird that is similar to a chicken, or the meat from this bird