

A Shoebox Gift

Amazing Fact

The name 'Boxing Day' is believed to originate from the fact that saving boxes, in which collections were made for the poor, were opened and distributed on the day after Christmas.

Many people still see Christmas as a time for giving.

More recently, charities have begun to request donations of shoeboxes, filled with presents, to be sent to some of the poorest people around the world. Some shoeboxes may be sent to elderly people, living in freezing conditions and struggling to survive whereas other shoeboxes might be sent to children living in war zones.

For these people, the shoebox may be the only gift they would receive at Christmas.

Challenge

Imagine you are going to send a shoebox gift to someone in need. Sketch and label your shoebox and its contents on the next page. Give reasons for your choice of gifts.

Remember to:

- decide who you are going to send your shoebox gift to and why;
- decide what gifts would be most suitable (e.g. clothes, stationary, toiletries, toys etc.);
- decorate your shoebox.



You could also try to find out:

- if the tradition continues anywhere;
- in which countries Boxing Day is celebrated;
- how many bank holidays there are each year.

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