

Jesse is reading a web page about Christmas.

<http://www.stamps.com.hk/secretsofxmas>

### Name of the Festival

The word 'Christmas' means 'Christ's Mass' in old English and 'Mass' has a meaning of 'sacrifice'. Also, 'X' is related to Jesus Christ in Greek. That is where the word 'Xmas' comes from.

### Christmas Colours

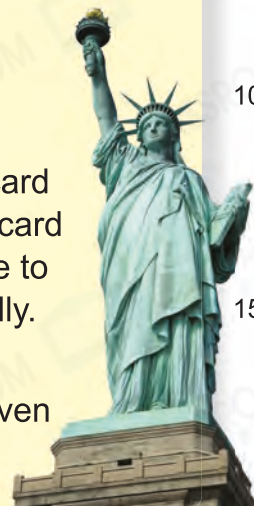
The traditional colours of Christmas are green, red and gold. Green is a symbol of life and rebirth. Red is a symbol of the blood of Jesus Christ. Gold is a symbol of light, wealth and royalty.

### Christmas Cards

The first Christmas card was sent in 1843. Henry Cole, a British inventor, asked his friend John Horsley, who was an artist, to draw a picture on a card that portrayed a family enjoying the Christmas feast. Then he mailed the card and wished his friend a merry Christmas. Nowadays, most people choose to send e-cards instead because **it** is convenient and environmentally-friendly.

### Christmas Presents

The world's largest Christmas present was the Statue of Liberty. It was given by France to the US in 1886. It is 46 metres high and it weighs 225 tons!



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Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. Choose the best title for the web page.

- A. Fun Facts about Christmas  
 B. The Three Christmas Colours  
 C. Know More about Christmas Cards  
 D. The Biggest Christmas Gift

2. In line 15, the word '**it**' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an e-card  
 B. sending e-cards  
 C. a Christmas card  
 D. sending Christmas cards



Q2

Look at the adjectives that come after the word.

3. Which is **FALSE** about the web page? (Choose more than one answer.)

- A. The word 'Christmas' is from Greek.  
 B. The green colour is associated with new life.  
 C. Henry Cole painted the first Christmas card in 1843.  
 D. The Statue of Liberty was a gift.

Circle the correct picture.

4. Which might be the picture on the first Christmas card?

