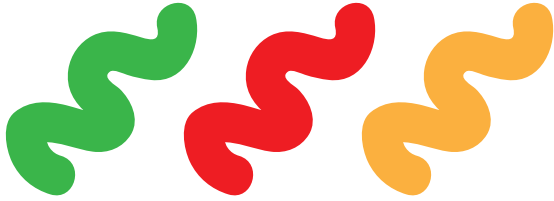


Facts about Christmas

The abbreviation X-mas comes from the Greek letter - Chi - and is the first letter of the word **Χριστός** meaning Christ.



Traditional colors for this holiday are red, green and gold and they have their meanings - green (eternal life), red (blood of Jesus) and gold (royalty).

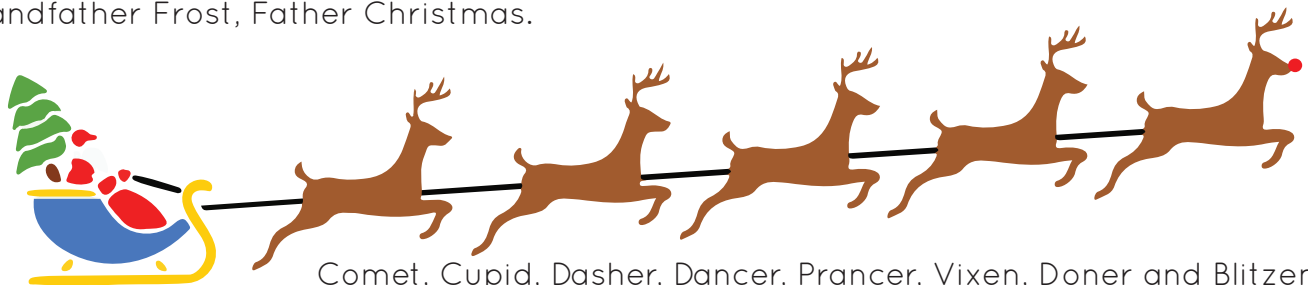


First Christmas trees were decorated with apples, white candy canes and pastry shaped like stars, hearts and flowers.



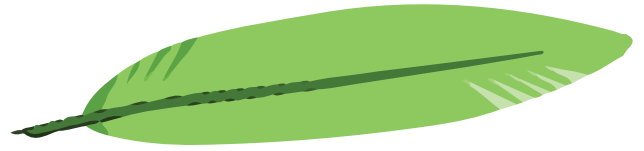
Candy Cane is the most popular Christmas candy - it's shaped like a cane as it symbolizes the shepherds that visited Jesus.

Santa Claus has many names - Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, Grandfather Frost, Father Christmas.



Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Doner and Blitzen. The 9th reindeer Rudolph was added later on.

The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany using colored goose feathers.



The biggest Christmas present of all times it the Statue of Liberty. The French gave it to the USA in 1886 as a gift!