

Milestone 3: give detailed accounts of the customs, history and culture of the countries and communities where the language is spoken.

Year 5

There are Christmas similarities and differences between the celebrations in France and those in the UK.

Use the table below to research and record comparisons between the countries. Focus on specific features of Christmas; for example, Christmas Eve, the decorations, food.

Feature of Christmas	France	United Kingdom
Food le réveillon	France's meal is called le réveillon and families can spend hours eating the meal. They eat Oysters, duck liver pate and Yule Log.	We eat turkey, vegetables and usually, we have a Christmas pudding. We do not spend hours eating it.
Christmas Tree/ Decorations le sapin de Noël	The French decorate a Christmas tree like we do. They put a pair of their shoes in front of it so Santa knows where to put the presents.	We decorate our tree with baubles, lights, tinsel and a star on top. Santa Claus leaves his presents under the tree on Christmas Eve.
Advent avènement	On the 6th of December children leave their shoes out for St. Nicholas to fill them with sweets. Also they have a special cake with a cross on it.	We buy an advent calendar and open a door which is filled with sweets every morning. It starts on the 1st of December.
Father Christmas Père Noël	On the evening of the 24th of December Father Christmas puts presents under the tree where the children leave their shoes.	We do almost exactly the same as the French but we do not leave our shoes for Santa Claus.

This pupil has conducted their own research about Christmas time in England and France. They have compared a range of customs and traditions.

### Similarities!

On Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December, the whole family gathers for a special Christmas Meal, which only takes place the night before Christmas! They eat Oysters, cheese, pate, a selection of cold meats and Yule log! C. chocolate & log!



### Differences!

On 6<sup>th</sup> December, Saint Nicholas travels around France on a donkey, delivering presents to every child in the City! Although he does this on the build up to Christmas, Father Christmas still comes around, like in England, to every house on Christmas Eve, which is on 24<sup>th</sup> December!



They have presented the information in a chosen way to identify the similarities and differences.