



What does **sustainable** mean in the article?

- cheap to buy
- able to last without harming the environment
- expensive but high quality
- made from plastic



Explain why a real tree is better for the environment than a plastic one.

A real tree is biodegradable, can be recycled, and doesn't create

 long-lasting waste like a plastic tree.

Explain how to test if wrapping paper can be recycled.

Scrunch the paper into a ball. If it stays scrunched, then it can

 be recycled.



Explain why reusing cards or decorations is a good idea.

Reusing cards and decorations reduces waste and helps the environment

 by using fewer resources.

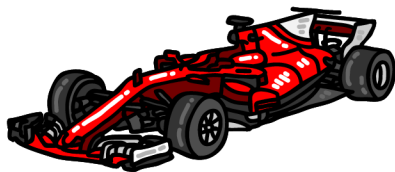
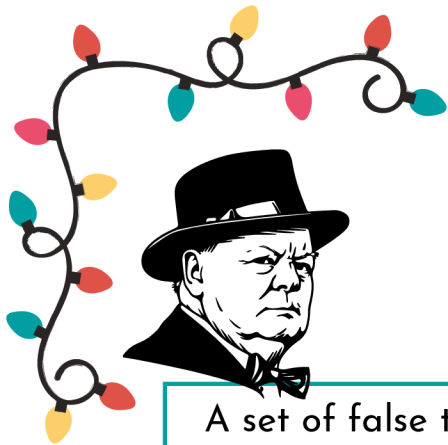
Why might a farmer want to replant a rented tree?

Replanting the tree allows the farmer to rent it out

 again next year. This makes it more sustainable

 and profitable.





True or false?
Tick the correct box.

True

False

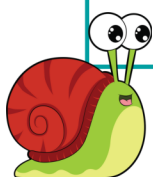
A set of false teeth worn by Winston Churchill were sold at auction for over £20,000.

The RSCPA celebrated its 200th anniversary this year.

Kami Rita Sherpa climbed Mount Everest for the 29th time.

Carlos Sainz became the youngest ever F1 driver in history.

A snail called Graham won the World Snail racing Championship in 2024.



What unusual item did Daniel Fairbrother carry whilst training for the London Marathon?

- a set of false teeth
- a fridge
- a walrus costume
- a lego minifigure



What did Taylor Swift's fans do at her Edinburgh gig that was unusual?

- set a world record for loudest singing
- created a human chain around the venue
- started a flash mob during the performance
- caused earthquake sensors to go off





Where in the world?

Where would you be if you witnessed the following at Christmas?

A shoe on the doorstep awaiting presents.

Netherlands

Some porridge stuck to the ceiling.

Ukraine

People roller skating to church on Christmas eve.

Venezuela

Explain why some children in Austria may get scared at Christmas.

A scary figure called Krampus comes out to frighten children who have not behaved themselves. Men in Krampus parades try to scare children.

Find the Numbers

The height of the world's largest Santa Clause in metres.

20

The number of people dressed as elves in the largest ever gathering.

1,110

The number of lights lit at the same time on the Christmas tree in Belgium.

194,672





What does **independent** mean in the context of Finland?

Being a free and self-governing country not controlled by another nation.

What is unusual about the amount of daylight and darkness they get in Finland.

At some points in the year they get 24 hours of daylight and at others 24 hours of darkness.

Why do you think the journalist has included the word **obviously** in the article heading?

They are making a humorous reference to

the fact that Lapland is associated with

Christmas.

What animals might you see if you visited Finland?

Reindeer

Wolverines

Brown bears

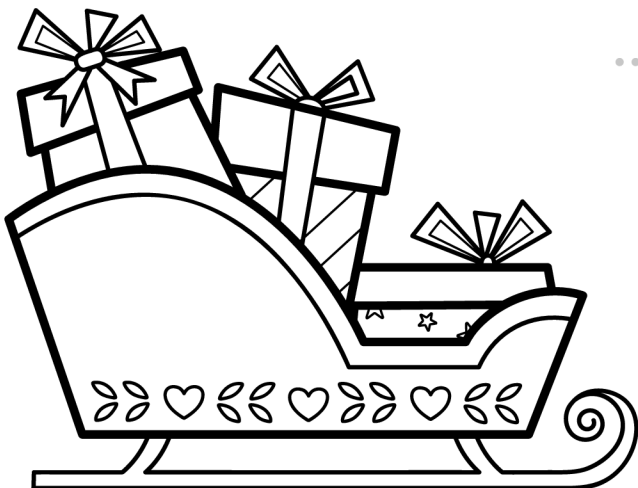


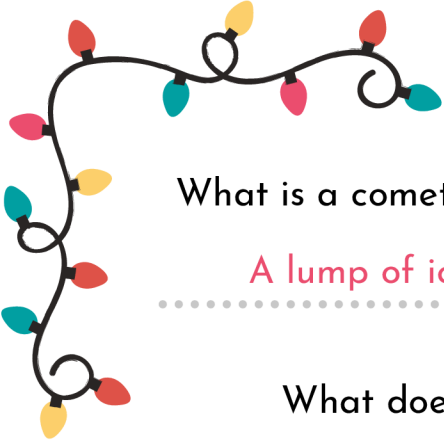
The husband of which monarch introduced the custom of decorating Christmas trees?

Queen Victoria

What does the german word **mistelweig** mean?

poo on a twig





What is a comet?

A lump of ice with trails of dust that travels through space.

What does **predicted** mean in the context of Halley's Comet?

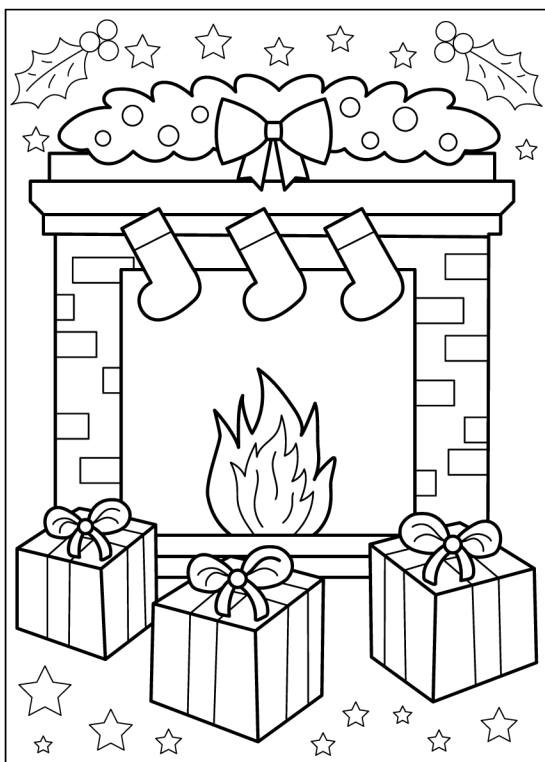
- use reindeer as a form of propulsion for a sleigh
- a scientist who studies stars, planets and other objects in space.
- used knowledge to guess or calculate events in the future
- witnessed an astronomical event

Summarise Edmond Halley's discovery about comets.

Halley discovered that comets seen in different years were actually the same one and predicted when it would return.

Explain why Johann Georg Palitzsch was important to Halley's prediction.

He was the one who spotted the comet and proved that Halley's calculations were correct.



When was Halley's comet last seen?

1986

When is Halley's comet expected to return?

2061





What is a **derby** in football?

A match between teams from the same area or region.



Why were football matches played on Christmas day in the past?

It was one of the few public holidays when people were not at work.

Summarise what modern footballers typically do on Christmas day.

Footballers train on Christmas day to prepare for their Boxing Day matches and often stay in a hotel that night.

Why do you think that Boxing Day matches are still a popular tradition today?

Fans enjoy watching football during the holiday season and it has become a Christmas tradition for many fans.

When was the last full programme of Christmas Day matches played in England?

1957

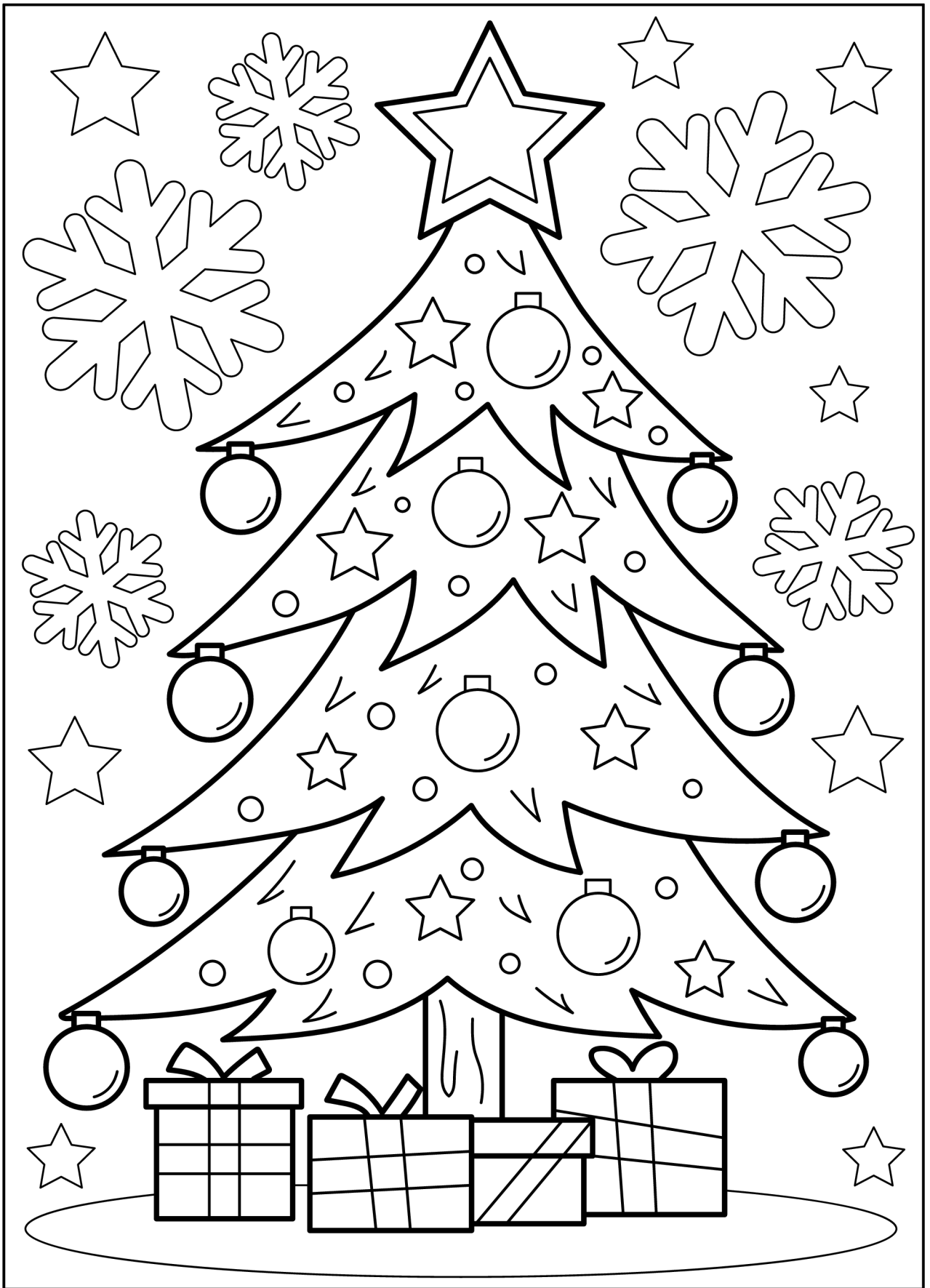
When did Christmas Day matches stop in Scotland?

1976

Which football team has been top of the Premier League at Christmas for the last two seasons?

Arsenal





MERRY
CHRISTMAS

