

Boxing Day

differentiated passages



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Boxing Day

How do you celebrate the winter holidays?

There are many holidays in December. You probably know about them. Have you heard of Boxing Day?

Gifts are bought. Gifts are wrapped. Gifts are sent. Deliveries are made. The holiday season is busy. Many workers put in extra time. Many help to make the holidays special. Boxing Day is a day to thank people in the service industry, like postal workers and delivery workers. Boxing Day is a day to celebrate and thank these men and women for all of their work. It is on December 26th every year.

Boxing Day started many years ago. There are lots of ideas about how it started. The day after Christmas was a day that the wealthy gave their staff time off. They gave them boxes with food. They gave them boxes with gifts. Another idea is that the 26th was a day to collect money for the poor. Gifts were given to those in need. Others think Boxing Day started as a time to clean up empty gift boxes.

There are many sales on December 26th. People in Canada like to shop on this day. People living in Australia, New Zealand, and Britain hold big sports events. Cricket, soccer, and rugby are favorites. In the Bahamas, a week of celebrations kicks off with Boxing Day. It lasts until the new year.

Boxing Day is a day to take time off. It is a day to be thankful for those around us. It is a day to continue enjoying the holiday season. How will you spend Boxing Day?



Boxing Day

How do you celebrate the winter holidays? Who do you spend them with? There are many different holidays in December. You probably know about some of them. Have you ever heard of Boxing Day?

Gifts are bought. Packages are sent. Deliveries are made. The holiday season is busy. Many workers put in extra time. December 26th is a day to

thank postal workers, delivery workers, tradesmen, doormen, and others in the service industry. Known as Boxing Day, lots of countries celebrate it to thank these men and women for their hard work.

Boxing Day started many years ago. There are many ideas behind how this day started. One is that it started because the day after Christmas was a day that the wealthy gave their staff time off. They gave them boxes with food and gifts to take home to their families. Another idea is that the 26th was a day to collect money for the poor and hand it out to those in need. Others think Boxing Day started as a time to get rid of the empty gift boxes.

There are lots of sales on December 26th, and it has become another shopping day for people in Canada. Those living in Australia, New Zealand, and Britain hold major sporting events. Cricket, soccer, and rugby are some favorites. In the Bahamas, a week of celebrations begins with Boxing Day. It lasts until the new year.

Boxing Day is a day to take time off, appreciate those around us, and continue to enjoy the holiday season. How will you spend Boxing Day?



Boxing Day

How do you celebrate the winter holidays? Who do you spend the holidays with? Which traditions are your favorites? There are many different winter holidays that occur in the month of December. You are probably very familiar with most of them, but have you ever heard of Boxing Day?

Gifts are purchased. Packages are shipped. Deliveries are made. The holiday season is very busy. Many workers put in extra time to make sure that it runs smoothly. December 26th is a day to recognize postal workers, delivery workers, tradesmen, doormen, and others in the service industry. Known as Boxing Day, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, the Bahamas, and other countries celebrate it to thank these hard-working men and women for all their hard work.

Boxing Day started many years ago. There are several different ideas behind how this day began. One theory is that it started because the day after Christmas was the day of the year that the wealthy gave their staff time off. They also gave them boxes with food and presents to take home to their families. Another idea is that the 26th was a day to collect money for the poor and hand it out to those in need. Others think Boxing Day started as a way to dispose of the leftover packaging and empty holiday boxes.

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Questions

1. When is Boxing Day celebrated?

- a. Fall
- b. Valentine's Day
- c. 4th of July
- d. *Christmastime*

2. What is the purpose of Boxing Day? (Choose all that apply.)

- a. To sleep
- b. *To clean up empty boxes*
- c. *To thank service industry workers*
- d. To go sledding

3. How was Boxing Day first celebrated? (Choose all that apply.)

- a. *The wealthy gave gifts to their staff*
- b. Kids played with empty boxes
- c. *People collected money for the poor*
- d. People mailed cards to their family

4. Why should we give thanks to the service industry after the holiday season? Use text evidence to support your answer.

Answers will vary.

We should give thanks to service workers because they work long, hard hours to ensure our packages are delivered on time. If our packages were late then we wouldn't have presents to give to our families.

5. Draw a picture of a Boxing Day tradition that was described in the passage.



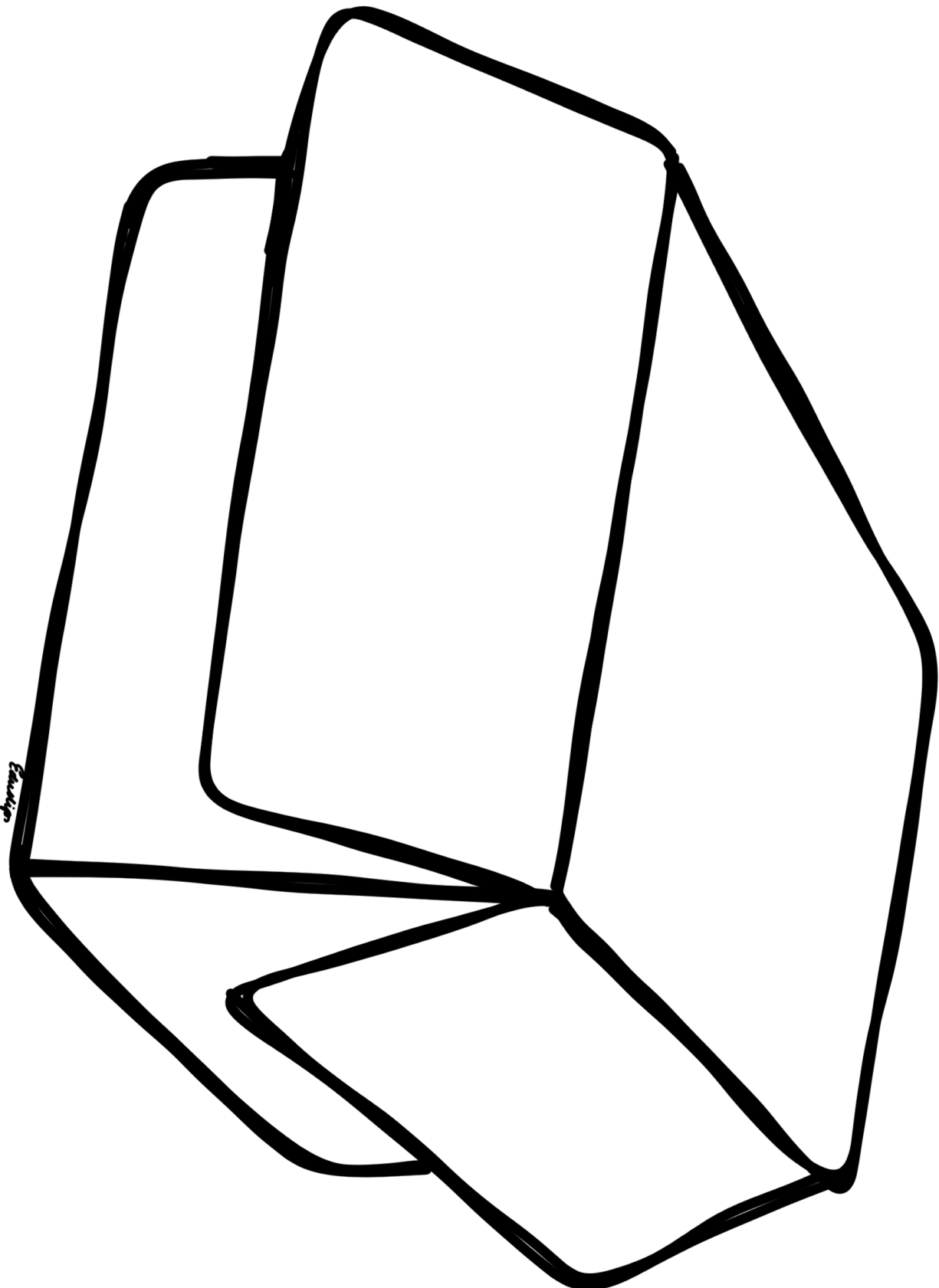
Boxing Day Celebrations

Write about how you celebrate Boxing Day with your family or write about how you would like to start celebrating Boxing Day. Explain how this would relate to the original Boxing Day.

Answers will vary.

Celebrating by Giving

Some people celebrate Boxing Day by gathering items to donate to people that don't have much. Write 5 things you could give that would help children in need.



Example

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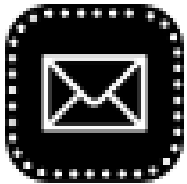
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