

Christmas Crackers

A man called Thomas Smith invented the Christmas cracker in 1846. A Christmas cracker is a colourful paper tube, twisted at both ends. Christmas crackers are a popular tradition in the United Kingdom.

When you pull from each end of the cracker, it breaks and goes **SNAP!** Everything inside falls out. A Christmas cracker has a paper hat, a small gift and a joke inside. The price depends on the gift inside.

A traditional way to pull the cracker is with **crossed arms**. Sometimes people pull crackers in a circle around the Christmas table.

So, how do you make a Christmas cracker?



Before you put it together you should save a **toilet** paper **roll** from home, write a joke, get some Christmas wrapping paper, some snaps and make a small gift for your friend.

After you collect the materials you should put the joke, the snap and the small gift inside, cover the roll with wrapping paper and tie both ends.

Your Christmas cracker is ready to SNAP! Merry Christmas!

9 Ask and answer.

What can you find inside a Christmas cracker?

What do you need to make a Christmas cracker?

What is a Christmas cracker?



10 Read the text again and find the words. Tell your partner what they mean.

- 1 snap
- 2 crossed arms
- 3 toilet roll

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