

## Collégiens Reading

### Christmas at the castle

The royal family is very happy. The prince and princess are married and they like living in the castle. The castle is in England where Christmas is an important celebration. It is December and the king and queen and the prince and princess decorate the Christmas tree. It is in the castle's garden and it is beautiful.

The family eat turkey, vegetables and roast potatoes for dinner on a large table. For dessert they eat Christmas pudding and ice cream. They are very excited when Father Christmas puts presents in their stockings! The queen receives a new dress, the princess receives a new pair of shoes, the prince receives a tennis racquet and the King a special book.

The royal family is very happy until the troll and the strong man arrive at the castle. The princess is horrified. She hates the strong man. The troll and the strong man arrive in a pirate ship. The pirates stopped at the island and put them on the ship. The strong man and the troll are so horrible that the pirates stop at the castle to leave them there. The pirates do not like them. The pirates are bad but the strong man and the troll are worse.

The king is angry. The prince hides the treasure. The king's soldiers force the pirates to put the strong man and the troll on the pirate ship. Thankfully they all go away on the pirate ship. The princess and the royal family are safe. They don't want the troll and the strong man to visit the castle.

In the evening the royal family play games and sing Christmas carols. They have a happy Christmas!

#### Questions

When is Christmas ?

Where is the castle ?

What does the royal family decorate?

Where is the Christmas tree ?

What do they eat for Christmas dinner ?

What presents do they receive ?

Who arrive at the castle ?

Why is the princess horrified?

Why do the pirates stop at the castle?

Who forces the strong man and the troll to go back on the pirate ship?

What does the royal family do in the evening?

What do you think happens to the pirates, the strong man and the troll?