



1) Read the text

For many people in the USA, buying or designing ugly Christmas sweaters is a popular way to get into the holiday spirit, like baking **cookies**, listening to **carols**, hanging **stockings** or decorating the **Christmas tree** with **baubles**.

The history of ugly Christmas sweaters can be traced back to 1980's American sitcoms, in which characters often wore tacky*, oversized sweaters with outrageous* designs.

Soon, the trend caught on, and ugly sweaters are now a beloved holiday tradition around the world!

If you want to create your own ugly Christmas **sweater**, the rule is the gaudier*, the better! No embellishments are off-limits!

You can add **jingle bells**, **tinsel**, **candy canes**, **elves**, **snowmen**, **gingerbread men**, **wreaths**, **mistletoe**, **reindeer**, **bows** or a string of multi-colored **lights** to make your sweater as bright and eye-catching as possible.

Vocabox

Tacky (adj.): not stylish

Embellishments (noun.): decorations

Outrageous (adj.): shocking

Gaudy (adj.): eye-catching, shocking

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

2) Find the vocabulary in the text:



CHRISTMAS VOCABULARY

3) Do the crosswords:



Across

- 6. bells that make a jingling sound when they move
- 8. a mammal with long legs, antlers and hooves
- 10. a plant used as a Christmas decoration
- 12. snow shaped to look like a person

Down

- 1. a stick of red and white candy with a curve at one end
- 2. small strips of shiny paper attached together
- 3. type of pullover (jumper in the UK)
- 4. a band of flowers or leaves woven or twisted together in the shape of a circle
- 5. a gingerbread cookie shaped like a person
- 7. a small magical being
- 9. strings of small shiny bulbs decorating houses and trees during the Christmas period
- 11. a knot tied with two loops and two loose ends