

# Christmas Stockings

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**Directions:** Fill in each blank with the word that best completes the reading comprehension.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ you get up on Christmas (2) \_\_\_\_\_, what do you do?  
Many children (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in their (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The stockings are  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ by the fireplace. Some stockings are red (6) \_\_\_\_\_ white  
trim. Christmas stockings can be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of treats. Some children get candy canes. Others  
get round oranges. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ toys can be in the stockings. Why do people hang up  
stockings? One story is about a poor man. The man had three daughters. The girls washed their stockings.  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_ hung them by the fireplace to dry. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Nicholas  
peeked in the window. He saw the stockings. He felt (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for the girls. He put some  
gold in each stocking. (12) \_\_\_\_\_! The girls loved the gold.  
(13) \_\_\_\_\_ is one (14) \_\_\_\_\_ about Christmas stockings. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ are  
other (16) \_\_\_\_\_, too. What do you like to get in your (17) \_\_\_\_\_?

