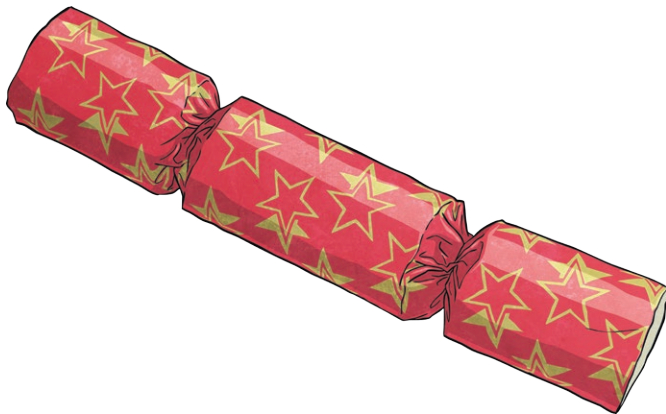


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Quick Questions



1. Who invented Christmas crackers? When?



2. Find two adjectives which are antonyms of each other.



3. How will Christmas differ this year to previous years?

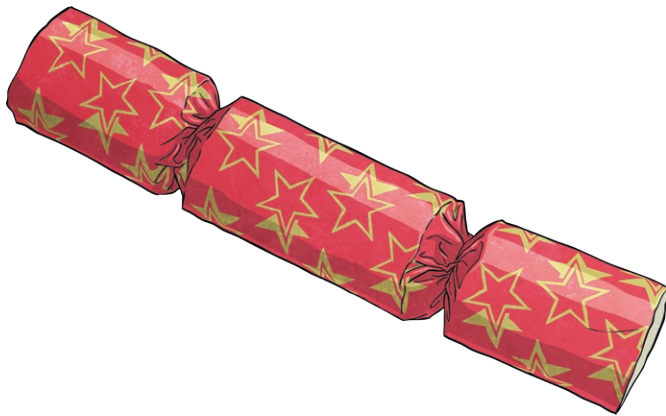


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Answers



1. Who invented Christmas crackers? When?
Accept: a sweet maker in London and 1848.



2. Find two adjectives which are antonyms of each other.
Accept: 'sizeable' and 'morsel'.



3. How will Christmas differ this year to previous years?
Accept an explanation focusing on the amount of food they will have (with the large turkey) compared to small rabbits in the past; bought gifts rather than home-made ones and treats rather than none.



4. Do you think they will have any leftovers? Why?
Accept any reasonable explanation that yes, they will because they will have a large turkey which they are not used to having, or no, they will not because they are a large family who will enjoy the treats over Christmas.