

Ancient Origins

The ancient Romans held a celebration in late December honoring Saturn, the god of agriculture. They decorated their homes, lit candles, sang, and even exchanged gifts of cake and fruit. This pre-Christmas holiday was called Saturnalia. How many three-letter words (or longer) can you make from these letters? Try to make 20. Give yourself a big **HO-HO-HO** if you can find a five- or a seven-letter word!

SATURNALIA

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Pucker Up

In many countries, including the United States, people hang a certain plant over their doorways at Christmastime. Originally used to ward off evil spirits, it is now seen as a symbol of Christmas joy. To find out the name of this plant, make a three-letter word on each line by placing a letter in the empty middle box. When you're finished, read down the shaded column. If you ever find yourself standing under this plant, expect a friendly kiss!



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To Market, to Market

Germany is very famous for its Christmas markets, where shoppers can buy holiday food, toys, and decorations. Below you will see the name of the most popular of these markets. Can you guess the English translation of this name?

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Puzzle Answers

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Possible answers:

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art

last

lint

list

lit

lunar

lust

nail

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The English translation for the name of this famous German shopping place is "Christ Child Market."