

French Christmas Auction

Instructions:

- 1) Print and cut out the money and sentence tokens.
- 2) Give each team 100 Euros and a team sheet.
- 3) In their teams, students have to decide whether the statements are true or false.
- 4) Now the auction begins - read the first sentence aloud and begin to shout out amounts, in French, like a traditional Auctioneer. We advise going up in 5 euro amounts.
- 5) Students raise their hands to bid that amount - the more confident they are, the more they can bid. But, they won't want to spend all their money straight away!
- 6) The highest bidder wins the sentence token and pays out that amount of money.
- 7) This is repeated for all of the sentences.
- 8) Now, go through all of the answers one by one. If the highest bidders are correct, they get to keep their token. If they answered incorrectly, they have to give their token back.
- 9) The winning team is the one who kept the highest amount of tokens.

Answers:

- 1) False - although it is a holiday in a couple of regions.
- 2) True
- 3) True - he's called Père Fouettard.
- 4) True - they prefer to send New Year's cards instead.
- 5) False - in fact, France grows more mistletoe than any other country!
- 6) False - it's actually oysters and capon or other types of bird.
- 7) True - although this tradition is changing as parents are becoming more impatient!
- 8) False - the main meal is eaten on Christmas Eve instead
- 9) False - they put out their shoes instead.
- 10) True - traditionally, they also leave a log burning all night to keep them warm, but this isn't so good for fire safety!



Team Name: _____

Sentence Auction: Noël

- 1) In France, Boxing Day is a public holiday just like in England.
- 2) In Provence (a region of France), it is traditional to have 13 desserts after the Christmas meal.
- 3) In France, Father Christmas is traditionally accompanied by Father Whip, who puts bad children in his sack and takes them away from their home.
- 4) Most people in France don't send Christmas cards.
- 5) Mistletoe is illegal in France because it's poisonous.
- 6) The traditional Christmas dinner in France is turkey.
- 7) Most adults in France don't open their Christmas presents until New Year's Eve.
- 8) In France, the Christmas dinner takes place on the 25th December.
- 9) In France, children hang up stockings for Father Christmas.
- 10) In France, children leave out food and drink for Mary and Jesus on Christmas Eve.







