



# Let's have a gala time!

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With Christmas, the festival of joy and good cheer, round the corner, let us get to know words and phrases related to 'festival, celebration and party', in part 4 of our special series 'World of Words'.



**1 BALL** a large formal party which includes dancing

**2 BANQUET** a formal dinner on an important occasion

**3 BLAST** an enjoyable experience associated especially with a party or celebration

**4 BLOWOUT** a large party or a huge social gathering

**5 CARNIVAL** a public festival that happens at a specific time each year

**6 CELEBRANT** one who attends a celebration

**7 CELEBRATORY** celebrating a special occasion

**8 BASH** a large party or celebration

**9 FESTOON** to decorate someone or something as part of a celebration

**10 FÊTE** an outdoor celebration

**11 FIESTA** a public celebration connected to a religious festival in Spanish-speaking countries



**12 FUNCTION** an official ceremony or a social event

**13 GALA** public entertainment or celebration

**14 GET-TOGETHER** an informal social occasion

**15 JAMBOREE** a huge celebration or party

**16 CEREMONY** formal actions associated with a religious or social occasion

**17 DO** a social event or party

**18 FAIR** a form of outdoor entertainment

**19 FEAST** a special meal for many people

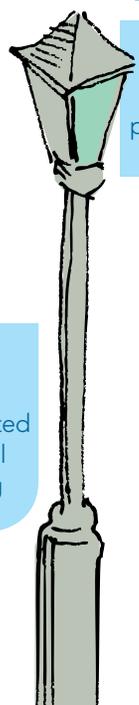
**20 FESTIVITY** activities associated with the celebration of a special event

**21 MOVABLE FEAST** a religious festival, like Easter, whose date keeps changing every year

**22 OBSERVANCE** celebrating a festival or following a religious custom

**23 PAGEANT** an outdoor public show

**24 PARADE** public celebration involving bands and decorated vehicles





**25**

**ROAST** an outdoor party involving food cooked on an open fire



**38**  
**CAROL**

a traditional Christmas song



**43**  
**CONFETTI**

small pieces of coloured paper

**26**  
**SHINDIG**  
a noisy celebration



**39**  
**SEASON'S GREETINGS** phrase used to wish someone during Christmas and New Year

**44**  
**FAIRY LIGHTS**  
a string of small coloured electric lights

**27**  
**SOIRÉE**  
a formal evening party

**40**  
**THE SEASON OF GOODWILL**  
Christmas season

**45**  
**FIGURINE**  
a tiny model of a person or thing used as a decorative piece



**28**  
**WINGDING**  
a party

**41**  
**BAUBLE** a ball-like decoration used to adorn a Christmas tree

**46**  
**KNICK-KNACK**  
a small decorative object



**29**  
**JOLLITY**  
cheerful activity or celebration



**42**  
**BUNTING**  
a string of brightly-coloured flags

**47**  
**MISTLETOE** a plant with shiny little berries used as Christmas decoration

**30**  
**JUBILEE**  
celebration of the special anniversary of an event

**34**  
**POMP** traditional customs, clothes, decorations and music associated with a ceremony

**31**  
**MELA** a public event to celebrate a special occasion

**35**  
**REJOICING**  
joyous celebration of something

**32**  
**MERRIMENT** a lot of enjoyment and fun

**36**  
**REVELRY**  
noisy fun to celebrate something, involving eating, drinking and dancing



**48**  
**STREAMER**  
long, narrow strip of brightly-coloured paper

**49**  
**TINSEL** long, thin strings of shiny paper used as Christmas decoration

**33**  
**MERRYMAKING**  
celebrating and having a good time

**37**  
**RITUAL**  
set actions which are part of a ceremony

This festive season, let us celebrate life joyfully!

**50**  
**WREATH** a circular arrangement of flowers and leaves hung on doors during Christmas ○