

CHRISTMAS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

I love Christmas. It's one of the best times of the year. It's such a great time for everyone – kids and adults alike. The thing I like most about it is everyone getting together and eating and giving presents. When I was a kid, Christmas was an amazing occasion. We'd spend weeks at school making decorations, singing Christmas carols and practicing to perform in the nativity play. As I got older, I enjoyed giving presents more than receiving them. Even though Xmas shopping is stressful, it can be fun trying to find the perfect present for my children. One thing that has stayed with me since I was a child is my love of Christmas dinner. It has to be my favourite meal ever. Christmas just isn't Christmas without roast turkey.

I'm sure Christmas brings the same happy feelings wherever it is celebrated. I hope it continues to keep its message of love and peace. The Christmas spirit is very important. Nowadays it seems to get a bit lost. Everyone is so busy buying presents they forget the true meaning of Christmas. I spent quite a few Christmases in Japan, which was interesting. Everything looked as Christmassy as in England. The stores even had Frosty the Snowman playing. People bought presents and had a party, but then they went for a Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner. One thing I would like to experience is Christmas on the beach in Australia. I can't imagine Christmas being so hot. But then I suppose it wasn't that cold in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. It's one of the best | a. everyone getting together |
| 2. The thing I like most about it is | b. making decorations |
| 3. We'd spend weeks at school | c. without roast turkey |
| 4. it can be fun trying to find the | d. favourite meal ever |
| 5. It has to be my | e. times of the year |
| 6. Christmas just isn't Christmas | f. perfect present |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Christmas brings the same happy feelings | a. meaning of Christmas |
| 2. The Christmas spirit is | b. beach in Australia |
| 3. they forget the true | c. being so hot |
| 4. Everything looked as | d. wherever it is celebrated |
| 5. Christmas on the | e. very important |
| 6. I can't imagine Christmas | f. Christmassy as in England |

LISTENING GAP FILL

I love Christmas. It's _____ times of the year. It's such a great time for everyone – kids and adults alike. The thing I like _____ everyone getting together and eating and giving presents. When I was a kid, Christmas was an amazing occasion. We'd spend weeks at school making decorations, singing Christmas carols and practicing _____ nativity play. As I got older, I enjoyed giving presents more than receiving them. Even though Xmas shopping is stressful, it can be _____ the perfect present for my children. One thing that has stayed with me since I was a child is my love of Christmas dinner. _____ favourite meal ever. Christmas just isn't Christmas without roast turkey.

I'm sure Christmas brings the same happy feelings _____ celebrated. I hope it continues to keep its message of love and peace. The Christmas _____ important. Nowadays it seems to get a bit lost. Everyone is so busy buying presents they _____ meaning of Christmas. I spent quite a few Christmases in Japan, which was interesting. Everything looked as Christmassy as in England. The _____ Frosty the Snowman playing. People bought presents and had a party, but then they went for a Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner. One thing I would like to experience is Christmas on the beach in Australia. I can't imagine Christmas being so hot. But then I suppose it _____ in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

I love Christmas. It's one of the _____ times of the year. It's such a great time for everyone – kids and adults _____. The thing I like most about it is everyone getting together and eating and giving presents. When I was a _____, Christmas was an amazing occasion. We'd spend weeks at school _____ decorations, singing Christmas carols and practicing to perform in the nativity play. As I got older, I _____ giving presents more than receiving them. Even though Xmas shopping is _____, it can be fun trying to find the perfect present for my children. One thing that has _____ with me since I was a child is my love of Christmas dinner. It has to be my favourite meal ever. Christmas just isn't Christmas _____ roast turkey.

*stayed**kid**best**stressful**enjoyed**alike**without**making*

I'm sure Christmas _____ the same happy feelings wherever it is celebrated. I hope it continues to keep its message of love and _____. The Christmas spirit is very important. Nowadays it seems to get a bit _____. Everyone is so busy buying presents they forget the true meaning of Christmas. I spent _____ a few Christmases in Japan, which was interesting. Everything looked as Christmassy as in England. The stores _____ had Frosty the Snowman playing. People bought presents and had a party, but then they went for a Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner. One _____ I would like to experience is Christmas on the beach in Australia. I can't _____ Christmas being so hot. But then I _____ it wasn't that cold in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

*even**peace**quite**imagine**brings**thing**suppose**lost*

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

I love Christmas. It's one of the best *times / time* of the year. It's such a great time for everyone – kids and adults alike. The thing I like most about it is everyone getting together and eating and *given / giving* presents. When I was a kid, Christmas was an amazing occasion. We'd spend weeks *at / on* school making decorations, singing Christmas carols and practicing to perform in the nativity play. As I *got / get* older, I enjoyed giving presents more than receiving *it / them*. Even *though / through* Xmas shopping is stressful, it can be fun trying to find the perfect present for my children. One thing that has stayed with me *for / since* I was a child is my love of Christmas dinner. It has to be my favourite meal ever. Christmas *just / only* isn't Christmas without roast turkey.

I'm sure Christmas *brings / bring* the same happy feelings wherever it is celebrated. I hope it continues to keep *its / it's* message of love and peace. The Christmas spirit is very important. Nowadays it seems to get a *bite / bit* lost. Everyone is so busy buying presents they forget the *true / truth* meaning of Christmas. I spent quite a few Christmases in Japan, which was interesting. Everything looked as *Christmas / Christmassy* as in England. The stores even had Frosty the Snowman playing. People bought presents and had a party, but then they went *for / from* a Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner. One thing I would like to experience is Christmas on the beach in Australia. I can't imagine Christmas being *so / such* hot. But then I suppose it wasn't *this / that* cold in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

I love Christmas. It's one of the (1) _____ times of the year. It's such a great time for everyone – kids and adults (2) _____. The thing I like most about it is everyone getting together and eating and giving presents. When I was a kid, Christmas was an amazing (3) _____. We'd spend weeks at school making decorations, singing Christmas carols and practicing to (4) _____ in the nativity play. As I got older, I enjoyed giving presents more than receiving (5) _____. Even though Xmas shopping is stressful, it can be fun trying to find the perfect present for my children. One thing that has stayed with me since I was a child is my love of Christmas dinner. It has to be my favourite meal (6) _____. Christmas just isn't Christmas without roast turkey.

I'm sure Christmas brings the same (7) _____ feelings wherever it is celebrated. I hope it continues to keep its message of love and peace. The Christmas (8) _____ is very important. Nowadays it seems to get a bit lost. Everyone is (9) _____ busy buying presents they forget the true meaning of Christmas. I spent quite a few Christmases in Japan, which was interesting. Everything looked as Christmassy as in England. The stores even (10) _____ Frosty the Snowman playing. People bought presents and had a party, but then they went for a Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner. One thing I would like to experience is Christmas on the beach in Australia. I can't (11) _____ Christmas being so hot. But then I (12) _____ it wasn't that cold in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) bust | (b) best | (c) beast | (d) boast |
| 2. | (a) alike | (b) like | (c) liken | (d) likely |
| 3. | (a) occasionally | (b) occasions | (c) occasioned | (d) occasion |
| 4. | (a) performance | (b) performs | (c) perform | (d) performer |
| 5. | (a) it | (b) them | (c) they | (d) these |
| 6. | (a) ever | (b) even | (c) never | (d) every |
| 7. | (a) happy | (b) happily | (c) happiness | (d) happier |
| 8. | (a) spirits | (b) spirited | (c) spirit | (d) spiritual |
| 9. | (a) so-so | (b) such | (c) so-called | (d) so |
| 10. | (a) has | (b) having | (c) had | (d) have to |
| 11. | (a) imagination | (b) imagine | (c) imagined | (d) imagines |
| 12. | (a) supposedly | (b) supposes | (c) supposing | (d) suppose |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. It's such a great time for eyvnreeo
2. everyone etnggti together and eating and giving presents
3. When I was a kid, Christmas was an amazing cioocsna
4. Xmas shopping is lsstusfer
5. trying to find the tecfrep present for my children
6. Christmas just isn't Christmas without roast ektyru

Paragraph 2

7. happy igfelens
8. its sgesame of love and peace
9. the true eganmni of Christmas
10. The oetssr even had Frosty the Snowman playing
11. I would like to npxreceiee is Christmas on the beach
12. But then I upessop it wasn't that cold in Bethlehem

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () everyone – kids and adults alike. The thing I like most about it is everyone getting together and eating and giving
- () imagine Christmas being so hot. But then I suppose it wasn't that cold in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.
- () Christmases in Japan, which was interesting. Everything looked as Christmassy as in England. The stores even had
- () of love and peace. The Christmas spirit is very important. Nowadays it seems to get a bit
- () singing Christmas carols and practicing to perform in the nativity play. As I got older, I enjoyed giving
- () I'm sure Christmas brings the same happy feelings wherever it is celebrated. I hope it continues to keep its message
- () presents. When I was a kid, Christmas was an amazing occasion. We'd spend weeks at school making decorations,
- () lost. Everyone is so busy buying presents they forget the true meaning of Christmas. I spent quite a few
- (**1**) I love Christmas. It's one of the best times of the year. It's such a great time for
- () my children. One thing that has stayed with me since I was a child is my love of Christmas
- () Frosty the Snowman playing. People bought presents and had a party, but then they went for a Kentucky
- () presents more than receiving them. Even though Xmas shopping is stressful, it can be fun trying to find the perfect present for
- () Fried Chicken dinner. One thing I would like to experience is Christmas on the beach in Australia. I can't
- () dinner. It has to be my favourite meal ever. Christmas just isn't Christmas without roast turkey.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. of of the the year best It's times one

2. weeks school decorations spend at making We'd

3. I them receiving than more presents giving enjoyed

4. find my the children perfect trying present to for

5. Christmas roast Christmas isn't without turkey just

6. feelings happy same the brings Christmas sure I'm

7. peace to message and continues its love it keep of

8. Christmas forget true of they the meaning

9. I Japan in Christmases few a quite spent

10. that wasn't it suppose I Bethlehem in cold

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE CHRISTMAS DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Christmas Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Christmas Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Christmas Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Christmas Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.