

Christmas traditions (worksheet)

Activity 1

Read the quotes and guess the missing word.

- 1) _____ day is a day of joy and charity. May God make you very rich in both. – By Phillips Brooks
- 2) _____ is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends. – By Margaret Thatcher
- 3) _____ now surrounds us, Happiness is everywhere. Our hands are busy with many tasks. As carols fill the air. – By Shirley Sallay



Activity 2

Christmas vocabulary.

Look at the words. How are they connected with Christmas?

	<p>snowmen and snowflakes</p> 
<p>Santa Claus and and elf</p> 	<p>reindeer and a sleigh</p> 

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a Christmas tree



a house with a chimney



a coal in the stocking



Christmas carols



a mistletoe



a wreath



Christmas treats



an Advent calendar



Activity 3

Watch the video about the Christmas traditions. Complete the table with Yes, No, Not mentioned.



Tradition	Britain	America
Letters to Father Christmas / Santa Claus		
Hanging stockings		
Christmas crackers		
Christmas dinner		
Christmas dessert		
The Royal Christmas Message		
Boxing day		
Pantomime		
Taking down the Christmas tree		

Watch the video again and answer the questions:

- 1) What do children do with their Christmas letters to Santa?
- 2) Where are the stockings hung?
- 3) What is left for Santa?
- 4) What is inside the Christmas crackers?
- 5) What is served for dinner?
- 6) Who gives the Royal Christmas Message?
- 7) What do people do on Boxing Day in the UK?
- 8) When should Christmas tree be taken down?



Activity 4

Discussion:

1. What do you like about Christmas? What don't you like about it?
2. Is Christmas a national holiday where you live? Are schools and businesses closed? How long?
3. Do you have the same traditions in your country?
4. How do people usually celebrate Christmas in your country? What do you usually do on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day?
5. What do you usually eat at Christmas? Who cooks it?
6. How do you prepare for Christmas? Do you put up a Christmas tree? Is it real or artificial? What do you think is best for the environment? Why?
7. 'Christmas has become too commercialised.' Do you agree or not?
8. What is your favourite Christmas song and movie?

Activity 5

Listen to the song and complete the gaps.

CHORUS:

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart
 But the very next day you _____ it away
 This year, to save me from _____
 I'll give it to someone special (x2)

Once bitten and twice _____
 I keep my distance
 But you still catch my eye
 Tell me, baby
 Do you _____ me?
 Well, it's been a year
 It doesn't surprise me.
 (Merry Christmas!)

I wrapped it up and _____ it
 With a note saying, "I love you, " I _____ it
 Now, I know what a fool I've been
 But if you _____ me now
 I know you'd fool me again
 CHORUS.



Homework

Make the most of your Christmas season with the bucket list of can't-miss holiday activities.

- 1) Read a new holiday book in English.
- 2) Take a nature walk.
- 3) Play a holiday charade with your family or friends.
- 4) Decorate a Christmas tree.
- 5) Take an evening walk and enjoy the lights in your area.
- 6) Make hot cocoa with whip cream or marshmallows (and use a candy cane to stir it).
- 7) Create some paper snowflakes and hang them from the ceiling.
- 8) Make a [pomander](#).
- 9) Bake cookies (and eat a few).
- 10) Make a snowman.
- 11) Put up Christmas lights in your room and use them as a nightlight.
- 12) Make a wreath
- 13) Mail a letter to Santa.
- 14) Hang mistletoe in every doorway.
- 15) Make your own holiday tree trimmings.
- 16) Go sledding or ice-skating.
- 17) Decorate a gingerbread house.
- 18) Host a cookie-baking party.
- 19) Make a DIY gift for a past or present teacher.
- 20) Roast marshmallows in the fireplace.
- 21) Deliver homemade holiday treats to your friends and relatives.
- 22) Make a playlist of your favorite holiday tunes.
- 23) Watch a holiday favorite.
- 24) Visit a tree-lighting ceremony.
- 25) Check out a local production of "The Nutcracker."

