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## Christmas

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/c/christmas.html>

I think Christmas is one of the happiest times of the year. Everyone has a smile on their face, especially children. It's such an exciting time for kids. They can't wait to open their presents and play with all of their new games and toys. It's a nice time for adults too. They can catch up with their families and relax. Traditionally, the mother of the family is busiest at Christmas. She does most of the Christmas shopping and wraps the presents. Of course, she also spends hours cooking Christmas dinner. Let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas, though. It is not about shopping and Christmas trees and 'Frosty the Snowman'. It's all about love for each other and peace around the world. Let's hope this message stays alive.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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# UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **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. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT CHRISTMAS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about christmas in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- 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 INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about christmas. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about christmas. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. CHRISTMAS POSTER** Make a poster about christmas. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY CHRISTMAS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on christmas. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on christmas. Share your findings with the class.

