

The Christmas Party

Warm up

- What's your favourite thing about Christmas?
- What do you usually eat on Christmas? Who cooks?
- Is there anything that annoys you about Christmas?
- What food and drinks are traditional around Christmas time in your country?
- Have you ever spent Christmas in a foreign country?
What was it like?
- What Christmas presents are you giving your friends and family this year?
- What did you get for Christmas last year?
- Have you ever done a "Secret Santa" with friends or work colleagues?

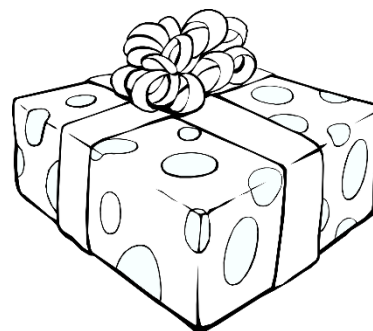
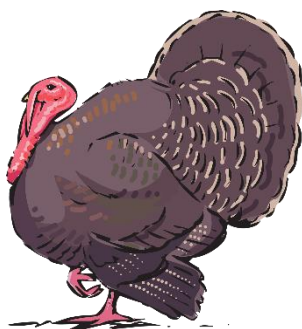


1. Match the words in the box with the pictures below.

Christmas decorations
present/gift

Christmas sweater
mulled wine

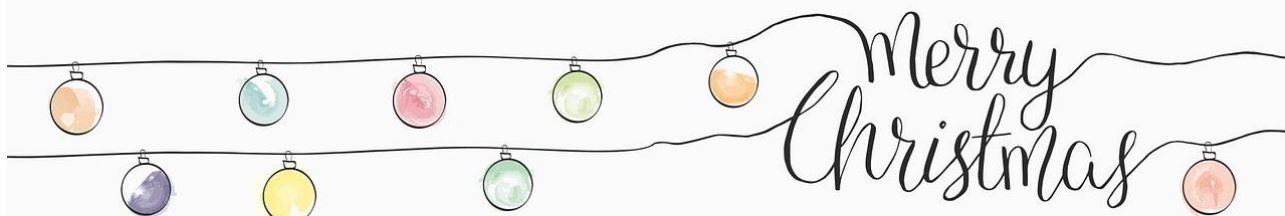
turkey
candles





2. Craig and Liz are organizing a Christmas party for their friends. Listen to the conversation and complete the invitation.

Party Invitation



We're having a Christmas Party, and you're invited!

Date:.....

Time:

Place:

Dress code:

Please RSVP as soon as possible, we need to know how many places to book! Also, don't forget your secret Santa presents!



3. Listen again and complete each statement for Craig and Liz.

Note: when talking about liking and disliking actions and activities, the structure like / dislike +verb+ing is often used.

Eg "*I love running early in the morning*" or "*I hate going to parties where I don't know many people.*"

Craig likes...*having parties at his house* and
and

Craig doesn't mind

Craig doesn't like

Liz likes..... and

Liz doesn't mind

Liz doesn't like andand



4. Combine the phrases in box 1 with the phrases in box 2 to make 5 like/dislike statements about Christmas.

I love... I really enjoy... I like... I don't mind... I'm ok with....
I'm not a fan of... I don't like... I can't stand... I hate...

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.. listening to Christmas songs. ...giving people presents. ...going Christmas shopping.
... watching Christmas movies. ...mulled wine. ...decorating my house.
...taking time off work for Christmas. ... cooking a Christmas dinner for my family.
.... roasted turkey. ...singing Christmas carols. ... Christmas work parties.
... doing secret Santa with friends. ...going back to work after Christmas.
...getting presents. ...spending time with my family. ... a snowy Christmas.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.



5. Pairwork: read your sentences to your partner and discuss why you like or dislike these parts of Christmas.





6. Complete the sentences about Christmas using the emotional adjectives below (more than one correct answer is possible).

exhausted	annoyed	upset	nervous
surprised	pleased	excited	disappointed

- My nephew is always super about Christmas, I think most kids are.
- I think a lot of people are before Christmas because it's the end of the year and they haven't had a holiday for a long time.
- I have to make a speech at my work's Christmas party, so I'm pretty
- Last year I got socks for Christmas, I was so
- I get really when I have to listen to Christmas songs all the time.
- My mum was really because my dad didn't get her anything for Christmas.
- I was quite that my boss got me a present for Christmas, I really didn't expect it.
- I cooked turkey for the first time and it was delicious! I was quite with it.



7. After the party Craig and Liz have a conversation. [Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.](#)

- Why was Liz disappointed?
- How did Craig feel about his turkey pizza?
- Why was Jessica annoyed?
- What was surprising to Craig?
- Why was Craig upset with his present?
- Why is Craig's girlfriend nervous?
- Why did Liz want to go home?



8. Pairwork: plan a Christmas party with your partner. Look at the options below for number of people, location, music, and dress code, and decide which you want to choose.

Size:

- A small dinner party of 6-10 close friends.
- A gathering of 10-15 friends.
- A big party of 30 people or more.

Location:

- At your house or the house of your partner.
- At a restaurant you know (feel free to suggest one to your partner).
- At a public place such as a park or a Christmas market.

Music:

- Classic, cheesy Christmas pop songs such as *Last Christmas* by Wham and *All I want for Christmas is You* by Mariah Carey.
- Fun, bouncy party songs, mostly pop songs and hip hop.
- Traditional classical Christmas music songs such as *Jingle Bells* and *Little Drummer Boy*

Dress code:

- Formal clothes such as dresses and tuxedos.
- Christmas sweaters.
- No dress code, wear what you want.