

BOXING DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

I think Boxing Day is confusing for people who don't know much about Christmas. It is a strange name for a holiday. I bet many people think it is a time when people have a fight and punch each other. Well, it's quite a bit different than that. Boxing Day started hundreds of years ago as a way of helping poorer people at Christmas. Shopkeepers and craftsmen used to put a special Christmas box in their store or workshop. Customers and visitors would put money into the box. On the day after Christmas Day, which is December 26th, the shopkeeper emptied the box and shared the money with his workers. So that's how Boxing Day started. This tradition kind of continues today. Many companies give their workers a Christmas bonus.

I've always liked Boxing Day. It's kind of the same as Christmas Day. It has a nice feel about it and we get to eat Christmas dinner all over again. There are also lots of good programmes and movies on TV. For children, it's another day to play with all their new toys; and for adults, it's another day off work – at least in countries where Boxing Day is a national holiday. The biggest difference for me between the two days is that there are no more presents to open on Boxing Day. There is a lot of sport on Boxing Day so many people go to watch a football match or game of rugby. And if you don't like sport, there are always the Boxing Day sales. You can go shopping and buy all of the things you wanted for Christmas but didn't get!

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. confusing for people who don't | a. name for a holiday |
| 2. It is a strange | b. today |
| 3. a way of helping poorer | c. know much about Christmas |
| 4. visitors would put | d. a Christmas bonus |
| 5. This tradition kind of continues | e. money into the box |
| 6. companies give their workers | f. people at Christmas |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. It has a nice feel | a. open on Boxing Day |
| 2. There are also lots of good programmes | b. off work |
| 3. it's another day | c. but didn't get |
| 4. countries where Boxing Day is a | d. about it |
| 5. there are no more presents to | e. national holiday |
| 6. things you wanted for Christmas | f. and movies on TV |

LISTENING GAP FILL

I think Boxing Day is _____ who don't know much about Christmas. It is a strange name for a holiday. I bet many people think it is a time when people _____ punch each other. Well, it's quite a bit different than that. Boxing Day started hundreds of years ago _____ poorer people at Christmas. Shopkeepers and craftsmen used to put a special Christmas box in their store or workshop. Customers and visitors _____ the box. On the day after Christmas Day, which is December 26th, the shopkeeper emptied the box and shared the money with his workers. So that's how Boxing Day started. This tradition _____ today. Many companies give their workers a Christmas bonus.

I've always liked Boxing Day. It's _____ Christmas Day. It has a nice feel about it and we get to eat Christmas dinner all over again. There _____ programmes and movies on TV. For children, it's another day to play with all their new toys; and for adults, it's _____ - at least in countries where Boxing Day is a national holiday. The biggest difference for me between the two days _____ more presents to open on Boxing Day. There is a lot of sport on Boxing Day so many people go to watch a football match or game of rugby. And if you don't like sport, there are always the Boxing Day sales. You can go shopping and buy _____ wanted for Christmas but didn't get!

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

I think Boxing Day is _____ for people who don't know much about Christmas. It is a strange name for a holiday. I _____ many people think it is a time when people have a fight and punch each _____. Well, it's quite a bit different than that. Boxing Day started hundreds of years ago as a _____ of helping poorer people at Christmas. Shopkeepers and craftsmen _____ to put a special Christmas box in their store or workshop. Customers and visitors would put money into the _____. On the day after Christmas Day, which is December 26th, the shopkeeper _____ the box and shared the money with his workers. So that's how Boxing Day started. This tradition _____ of continues today. Many companies give their workers a Christmas bonus.

box
way
confusing
kind
other
used
bet
emptied

I've always liked Boxing Day. It's _____ of the same as Christmas Day. It has a nice _____ about it and we get to eat Christmas dinner all over again. There are also lots of good programmes and movies _____ TV. For children, it's another day to play with all their new toys; and for adults, it's _____ day off work – at least in countries where Boxing Day is a national holiday. The biggest _____ for me between the two days is that there are no more presents to _____ on Boxing Day. There is a lot of sport on Boxing Day so many people go to watch a football match or game of rugby. And if you don't like sport, there are always the Boxing Day sales. You can go shopping and _____ all of the things you wanted for Christmas but didn't _____!

on
feel
buy
open
another
get
kind
difference

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

I think Boxing Day is *confused / confusing* for people who don't know much about Christmas. It is a strange name for a holiday. I *bet / better* many people think it is a time when people have a fight and punch each other. Well, it's *quiet / quite* a bit different than that. Boxing Day started hundreds of years ago as a way of helping poorer people at Christmas. Shopkeepers and craftsmen *used / use* to put a special Christmas box in their store or workshop. Customers and visitors would put money into the box. On the day after Christmas Day, *when / which* is December 26th, the shopkeeper emptied the box and shared the money with his workers. So that's how Boxing Day started. This tradition kind of *continues / continuing* today. Many companies give their workers a Christmas bonus.

I've always *liking / liked* Boxing Day. It's kind of the same as Christmas Day. It has a nice *feel / felt* about it and we get to eat Christmas dinner all over again. There are also *load / lots* of good programmes and movies on TV. For children, it's another day to play with all their new toys; and for adults, it's *another / other* day off work – at least in countries where Boxing Day is a national holiday. The biggest difference for me between the two days is that there are no more presents to open on Boxing Day. There *is / are* a lot of sport on Boxing Day so many people go to watch a football match or game of rugby. And if you don't like sport, there are always the Boxing Day sales. You can go shopping and buy all of the things you wanted for Christmas but didn't *give / get*!

MULTIPLE CHOICE

I think Boxing Day is (1) _____ for people who don't know much about Christmas. It is a strange name for a holiday. I (2) _____ many people think it is a time when people have a fight and punch each other. Well, it's (3) _____ a bit different than that. Boxing Day started hundreds of years ago as a way of helping poorer people at Christmas. Shopkeepers and craftsmen (4) _____ to put a special Christmas box in their store or workshop. Customers and visitors would put money into the box. On the day after Christmas Day, (5) _____ is December 26th, the shopkeeper emptied the box and shared the money with his workers. So that's how Boxing Day started. This tradition (6) _____ of continues today. Many companies give their workers a Christmas bonus.

I've always (7) _____ Boxing Day. It's kind of the same as Christmas Day. It has a nice (8) _____ about it and we get to eat Christmas dinner all over again. There are also lots of good programmes and movies on TV. For children, it's another day to play with all (9) _____ new toys; and for adults, it's another day off work – at least in countries where Boxing Day is a national holiday. The biggest (10) _____ for me between the two days is that there are no more presents to open on Boxing Day. There is a lot of sport on Boxing Day so many people go to watch a football match or game of rugby. And if you don't like sport, there are (11) _____ the Boxing Day sales. You can go shopping and buy all of the things you wanted for Christmas but didn't (12) _____!

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) confusion | (b) confused | (c) confusing | (d) confuses |
| 2. | (a) better | (b) best | (c) bets | (d) bet |
| 3. | (a) quite | (b) quiet | (c) quit | (d) quits |
| 4. | (a) used | (b) using | (c) use | (d) uses |
| 5. | (a) what | (b) while | (c) which | (d) when |
| 6. | (a) kindness | (b) kind | (c) kindly | (d) kinder |
| 7. | (a) liken | (b) liked | (c) liking | (d) likely |
| 8. | (a) feeling | (b) felt | (c) feel | (d) feelers |
| 9. | (a) their | (b) they | (c) they're | (d) them |
| 10. | (a) different | (b) differs | (c) differ | (d) difference |
| 11. | (a) ways | (b) always | (c) way | (d) many ways |
| 12. | (a) give | (b) got | (c) gotten | (d) get |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Boxing Day is ngofcnisu for people
2. It is a trenasg name for a holiday
3. Boxing Day started rdneduhs of years ago
4. stisviro would put money into the box
5. the shopkeeper piemdet the box and shared the money
6. This odtnairti kind of continues today

Paragraph 2

7. It has a nice lefe about it
8. ortnaeh day to play with all their new toys
9. for datslu, it's another day off work
10. The biggest fedneicefr for me
11. There is a lot of trpos on Boxing Day
12. You can go ohpnngsip and buy all of the things you wanted

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () a football match or game of rugby. And if you don't like sport, there are always the Boxing Day sales. You can
- () name for a holiday. I bet many people think it is a time when people have a fight and
- () Christmas dinner all over again. There are also lots of good programmes and movies on TV. For children, it's another
- () presents to open on Boxing Day. There is a lot of sport on Boxing Day so many people go to watch
- () poorer people at Christmas. Shopkeepers and craftsmen used to put a special Christmas box in their store or
- () 26th, the shopkeeper emptied the box and shared the money with his workers. So that's how Boxing Day
- () workshop. Customers and visitors would put money into the box. On the day after Christmas Day, which is December
- () I've always liked Boxing Day. It's kind of the same as Christmas Day. It has a nice feel about it and we get to eat
- () Boxing Day is a national holiday. The biggest difference for me between the two days is that there are no more
- () punch each other. Well, it's quite a bit different than that. Boxing Day started hundreds of years ago as a way of helping
- () started. This tradition kind of continues today. Many companies give their workers a Christmas bonus.
- () go shopping and buy all of the things you wanted for Christmas but didn't get!
- () day to play with all their new toys; and for adults, it's another day off work – at least in countries where
- (**1**) I think Boxing Day is confusing for people who don't know much about Christmas. It is a strange

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. people about who Christmas don't confusing know for much

2. fight and punch each other a time when people have a

3. hundreds years Boxing started of ago Day

4. visitors put into box would money the

5. kind tradition This today continues of

6. the of kind It's Day Christmas as same

7. again Christmas we dinner get all to over eat

8. more to there no presents open are

9. sport is on a Boxing lot Day of There

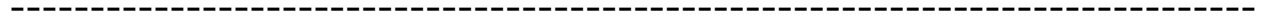
10. the Christmas things but you didn't wanted get for

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 BOXING DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Boxing 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 Boxing Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Boxing 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 Boxing 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.