CHRISTMAS DAY

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ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.
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.

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.

stayed  kid  best  stressful  enjoyed  alike  without  making

even  peace  quite  imagine  brings  thing  suppose  lost
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 Isstusfer

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
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 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.

Christmases in Japan, which was interesting. Everything looked as Christmassy as in England. The stores even had 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 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.

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 presents. When I was a kid, Christmas was an amazing occasion. We’d spend weeks at school making decorations,

Everyone – kids and adults alike. The thing I like most about it is everyone getting together and eating and giving

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER
Number these lines in the correct order.

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

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________

6. ____________________________________________
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.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING
Write about Christmas Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
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 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.