



Merry Christmas!



Vocabulary



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Ex. 1 - 2a

Jesus Christ (Jesus) -
イエス・キリスト
Christians - キリスト教徒
(to) celebrate (something) -
(何か) を祝う
(the) birth of Jesus - イエスの誕生
the best part about (Christmas) -
(クリスマス) の一番いい所
(to) decorate (the tree) - (木) を飾る
(to) cut a tree by themselves -
彼ら自身で木を切る
(a) real Christmas tree -
本物のクリスマスの木
(a) plastic tree - プラスチックの木
(the) smell of (something) -
(何か) の香り
(a) nostalgic feeling - 懐かしい気持ち
mid-December -12月中旬
unfortunately - 残念なことに
(to) throw out (something) -
(何か) を捨てる、処分する
however - しかしながら

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Ex. 2b

Christmas ornaments -
クリスマスの装飾
(the) Christmas star -
クリスマスツリーの一番上の
星の飾り
(to) put the star
at the top of the tree -
木の一番上に星をつける

it symbolizes hope -
それは希望を象徴している
(願いが込められている)
(to) open Christmas presents -
クリスマスプレゼントを開ける

Ex. 2c - 2d

a very busy time for shopping -
買い物でとても賑わう時期
(it's) hard to find parking -
駐車場を見つけるのが大変だ
stressful - ストレスの多い
(your) favorite time of the year -
(あなたの) 一年で一番好きな時期
(the) busiest shopping season -
買い物客が最も多い時期
(the) best bargains -
一番のお買い得品
shopping streets - 商店街
(your) favorite (store) -
(あなたの) 一番好きな (店)
(two) main kinds of
Christmas songs -
クリスマスソングの主な (2) 種類
one of the most famous songs -
最も有名な音楽の1つ

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(Check as a class. You say a picture letter (for example, picture A) and the students give you the correct phrase (for picture A, the Christmas tree.))

1. このページと次のページにあるA-Mの写真と一致するフレーズを見つけ、アルファベットを記入しなさい。次にペアになって確認をします。交互に、ひとりが写真のアルファベットを言い、もうひとりがフレーズを読みます。



Picture

- ↓
- B Jesus Christ
 - A the Christmas tree
 - I the smell of the tree
 - G buy a Christmas tree
 - H cut a tree by yourself
 - J recycle the tree
 - L Christmas ornaments
 - F a star at the top of the Christmas tree
 - M presents under the tree
 - C Christmas sales
 - E colorful lights
 - K a crowded parking lot at the mall
 - D Santa Claus







(Have the students read the paragraph below silently, then choose three or four students to read out loud. After that, you can do the comprehension questions orally, then the 'cultural difference' questions. Follow this pattern for the rest of the lesson.)

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Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a very important holiday for Christians. For many people, the best part about Christmas is buying a Christmas tree and decorating it. Some people go to the forest and cut a tree down by themselves.

5 In America, many people get real Christmas trees, not plastic ones. The smell of a real Christmas tree in the house has a very special and nostalgic feeling. A normal Christmas tree is about 2 or 3 meters tall. Most people buy the trees around mid-December. Unfortunately, after Christmas, people throw out their Christmas trees. Poor trees. However, some people try to recycle them.



1. Why is Christmas an important holiday for Christians?
Because it **celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.**
2. For many people, what is the best part about Christmas?
The best part is **buying a Christmas tree and decorating it.**
3. What kind of Christmas trees do Americans usually get?
They **get real Christmas trees, not plastic ones.**
4. What kind of feeling does the smell of a real tree have?
It **has a very special and nostalgic feeling.**
5. What do people do after Christmas?
They **throw out their Christmas trees, but some people try to recycle them.**

How about in Japan?



- A. Do Japanese people usually buy real Christmas trees?
Yes, we usually do. / No, we usually don't. / I'm not sure.



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People decorate their Christmas trees with lots of colorful lights and ornaments. At the top of the tree is the Christmas star. It symbolizes hope. At the bottom of the tree are the Christmas presents. On December 25th (Christmas Day), everyone opens their presents.

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6. What do people put at the top of the Christmas tree?
They put a Christmas star.

7. What does the star symbolize?

It symbolizes hope

(because it represents the coming of Jesus Christ).

8. When do people open their Christmas presents?

Everyone opens their present on December 25th.



B. Does your family decorate a Christmas tree (real or plastic) at Christmas? Yes, we do. / No, we don't.

C. If yes, do you put a star at the top of the tree?

Yes, we do. / No, we don't. We put... / I'm not sure.

D. Do you usually buy Christmas presents for family and friends?

Yes, we do. / No, we don't.

E. What kind of presents do you give (and get) for Christmas?

I usually give... / get...

F. Do people in Japan put presents under the Christmas tree?

Yes, we usually do. / No, we usually don't. / Sometimes.

G. When do you open your Christmas presents? (On...)



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Christmas is a very busy time for shopping in America. The malls are very crowded and there are lots of Christmas sales. There are Christmas songs playing, and there are lights and decorations everywhere. Many people decorate their houses
5 with colorful Christmas lights. It's very beautiful. However, it's very hard to find parking at the mall so Christmas shopping is stressful for some people.

9. What are the malls like at Christmas? They are **very crowded, and there are lots of Christmas sales.**

10. What do people do to their houses? They **decorate their houses with colorful Christmas lights.**

11. Why is Christmas shopping stressful for some people? Because it's **very hard to find parking at the mall.**

H. What is your favorite time of the year?
My favorite time is...

I. What is the busiest shopping season in Japan? It's...

J. When can you find the best bargains? In (month).

K. Do shopping streets and malls have beautiful decorations at Christmas time? Yes, sometimes. / No, they don't.

L. What is your favorite shopping mall or store? My favorite...



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There are two main kinds of Christmas songs; songs about Jesus Christ and songs about Santa Claus. One of the most famous Jesus songs is *Silent Night*. This song is about the birth of Jesus. The most famous Santa song is probably *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*. Santa Claus knows all the good and bad kids. You'd better be a good kid or Santa won't visit your house.



12. What are the two main kinds of Christmas songs?
Songs about Jesus Christ and about Santa Claus.

13. What is the most famous Jesus song?
Maybe Silent Night.

14. What is this song about?
It's about the birth of Jesus.



15. What is the most famous Santa song?
It's probably Santa Claus Is Coming To Town.

M. Do you know any Christmas songs? I know... / No, I don't.

N. What is your favorite Christmas song? My favorite song is...

O. Is Santa going to visit your house this year?

