

# Tis the season to be jolly! – Xmas Vocabulary

## Matching

Match the expressions in bold with their definitions.

1. I really **overindulged** last Christmas, I felt awful on Boxing Day.
2. So this year I've decided **to pace myself**, no booze till lunchtime!
3. Oooo, I'm feeling **a bit tipsy** after all that champagne.
4. I'll put some Christmas carols on to **get in the festive spirit**.
5. Christmas is a time to get together with your **nearest and dearest**.
6. I don't get on with my uncle but we always manage to **bury the hatchet** at Christmas.
7. Christmas just isn't Christmas without turkey **with all the trimmings**.
8. (opening a present) Another horrible jumper from Auntie Janet, oh well, **it's the thought that counts**.
9. I'm dreaming of **a white Christmas**.
10. Son: "Come on Granddad! It's Christmas, don't be such **a scrooge!**"  
Granddad: "**Bah Humbug!** I hate Christmas."
11. My mum always spends hours **slaving over a hot stove** on Christmas day.
12. We're doing **a secret Santa** in the office and I've drawn the boss! I don't know what to get her.
13. (opening a present) Oh wow, it's lovely, **you shouldn't have!**
14. Christmas is really important in my family, we always **pull out all the stops**, decorations, presents, tonnes of food, you name it!
15. Children always **get showered with gifts** at Christmas.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Receive a lot of presents</li><li>b. A little drunk</li><li>c. Eat and drink too much</li><li>d. To start feeling Christmassy</li><li>e. To forget old arguments and be friendly</li><li>f. To spend a long time cooking</li><li>g. "amigo invisible" each person buys a present for another person in the group.</li><li>h. A snowy Christmas</li><li>i. A mean person who doesn't like Christmas</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>j. The traditional things that go with something</li><li>k. People who don't like Christmas say this.</li><li>l. What you say when you receive a present</li><li>m. What you say when you receive a bad present</li><li>n. Make a big effort to achieve something</li><li>o. Your family</li><li>p. To eat and drink slowly and carefully.</li></ol> |
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## Reflection

*Look again at the expressions.*

1. Which ones do you like?
2. Which ones do you think you will remember?
3. Which ones do you think you will forget?
4. Can you think of an equivalent expression in your language?
5. Think of a way to remember each expression with your partner, you could relate it to a sound, a word in your language or maybe an image.

## Conversation

*Ask and answer the questions with your partner:*

1. Have you ever experienced a **white Christmas**? Where were you? What was it like?
2. Do you try to **pace yourself** over the festive season? Or do you tend to **overindulge**?
3. Who **slaves over a hot stove** in your family?
4. Have you ever done a **secret Santa**? Who with? Who did you draw? Did you like the experience?
5. Does your family **pull out all the stops** at Christmas?
6. Do you get on with everyone in your family? Do you have to **bury the hatchet** with any family members at Christmas?
7. Does anyone in your family give bad presents? What do you say when you receive a bad present? Have you ever taken a present back to the shop?
8. What do you do to **get into the Christmas spirit**? Do you ever find it difficult?
9. Are there any **scrooges** in your family?
10. What's the traditional Christmas dish in your culture? What are **all the trimmings** that go with it?
11. Who **gets showered with gifts** in your household?
12. Do you normally **get tipsy** at Christmas?
13. How important is it to get together with your **nearest and dearest** at Christmas? Who do you normally spend Christmas with?
14. How important is giving and receiving presents in your family? Is it really just **the thought that counts**?