



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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Level: Advanced B1–C1 Topic: The Meaning and Traditions of Christmas

Activity 1: Choose a Writing Task

Choose one topic.

Option A - Opinion Essay: Is the religious meaning of Christmas becoming less important in modern society?

Option B - Personal Reflection: Describe a Christmas tradition and explain why it matters.

Option C - Feature Article: Write an article titled “Keeping the Meaning of Christmas Alive.”

Activity 2: Plan Your Writing

Complete the notes before you begin.

- My main idea: _____
- My first supporting point: _____
- My second supporting point: _____
- An example or personal experience: _____
- My conclusion: _____

Activity 3: Useful Language

Introducing an idea

- Christmas is an important occasion for many Christians because _____.
- One tradition that deserves attention is _____.

Giving reasons

- One reason for this is _____.
- This matters because _____.
- For example, _____.

Showing contrast

- Although modern celebrations often include _____, many Christians still _____.
- While some people focus on _____, others believe _____.

Concluding

- In conclusion, _____.
- Ultimately, the meaning of Christmas depends on _____.

Activity 4: Write Your First Draft

Write 180–250 words. Include an introduction, two developed points and a conclusion.
Use examples to support your ideas.

Activity 5: Peer Review

Exchange your writing with a partner. Check the following:

- The main idea is clear.
- The writing has a suitable introduction and conclusion.
- The writer gives reasons or examples.
- Ideas are organised into paragraphs.
- Grammar and punctuation have been checked.
- The writing stays on topic.

Activity 6: Final Reflection

Answer in two or three sentences.

1. What did you learn about Christmas traditions?
2. Which idea from this lesson made you think?
3. What would you like future generations to remember about Christmas?

Teacher Assessment Guide

Assess the writing using these criteria:

- Content: Relevant ideas and supporting examples.
- Organisation: Clear paragraphs and logical development.
- Language: Appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures.
- Accuracy: Grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- Task completion: The writing answers the chosen question. There is no single correct opinion. Assess how clearly students explain and support their ideas.