



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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Comparing Christmas Traditions - 1: Useful Language

Use these phrases to compare traditions.

- Both traditions include _____.
- In my country, people usually _____.
- In contrast, some families _____.
- One similarity is _____.
- One difference is _____.
- I think this tradition is important because _____.

2: Complete the Sentences - Use both, but, because, while or unlike.

1. Christmas is a religious celebration, _____ many people also enjoy the family traditions.
2. Some families attend church _____ others celebrate mainly at home.
3. _____ countries have Christmas traditions, their customs may be different.
4. Christmas is important to many Christians _____ it celebrates the birth of Jesus.
5. _____ some countries where December is cold, Australia has summer weather at Christmas.

3: Rewrite the Sentences - Rewrite each pair as one sentence using the word in brackets.

1. Some families go to church. Some families pray at home. (while)

2. Christmas is a religious celebration. It is also a family celebration for many people. (but)

3. People exchange gifts. People enjoy special meals. (and)

4. Christmas traditions are different. Families share many traditions across generations. (although) _____

Activity 4: Discussion	Activity 5: Short Speaking Task
Discuss in pairs or small groups. 1. Why are Christmas traditions important to many Christians? 2. How can families pass traditions on to children? 3. Do you think Christmas has become too commercial? Why or why not? 4. How can people keep the religious meaning of Christmas alive? 5. What makes a family celebration memorable?	Prepare a one-minute talk about a Christmas tradition. Include: • What the tradition is • Who takes part • When and where it happens • Why it is important • Whether you would like to continue it in the future

Answer Key

Activity 2: 1. but 2. while 3. Both 4. because 5. Unlike

Activity 3

Suggested answers:

1. Some families go to church, while others pray at home.
2. Christmas is a religious celebration, but it is also a family celebration for many people.
3. People exchange gifts and enjoy special meals.
4. Although Christmas traditions are different, families pass many traditions on across generations.

Activities 4–5: Answers will vary.