CHRISTMAS WORDS AND TRADITIONS

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1 Warm up

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Do you decorate your house for Christmas? How?
2. Do you write Christmas cards? Why/why not?
3. Have you got your favourite Christmas activities?
4. Are there any traditional Christmas dishes in your country?

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2 Christmas pictures

Match the words to the pictures.

baubles	bells	candle	Christmas cards
Christmas cracker	Christmas pudding	Christmas tree	lights
mistletoe	poinsettia	present	reindeer
Santa Claus	sleigh	stocking	wreath

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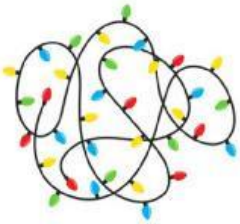

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Can you think of anything else that is associated with Christmas?

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3 Christmas collocations

Match the verbs on the left to the words on the right.

Group 1

1.	decorate	a.	a Christmas card
2.	fill	b.	a candle
3.	write	c.	a sleigh
4.	ride	d.	a stocking
5.	light	e.	a Christmas tree

Group 2

1.	kiss under	a.	bells
2.	pull	b.	the mistletoe
3.	ring	c.	Christmas crackers
4.	eat	d.	presents
5.	wrap	e.	Christmas pudding

Now, write at least five sentences using collocations from Group 1 and Group 2.

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Part B: Now, talk in pairs about how you, your family or your friends spend Christmas. Make use of the phrases above, for example *We usually write Christmas cards to each other*.

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4 Christmas traditions

Work in pairs. Which countries do you think the following traditions belong to? Your teacher will provide the correct answers. Total your score and compare it with other pairs.

1. The main Christmas meal is eaten during the evening of Christmas Eve. It is often a barbecue served in the garden.
   a. Ireland b. Spain c. Argentina d. Brazil

2. Sometimes children leave a sock near a window. If Papai Noel (Santa Claus) finds the sock, he'll exchange it for a present!
   a. Egypt b. Iceland c. Argentina d. Brazil

3. Christmas Day is celebrated on January 7th.
   a. Egypt b. Pakistan c. Ireland d. Spain

4. On January 6th, women traditionally have a free day and men do the housework and cooking.
   a. Spain b. Pakistan c. Ireland d. Brazil

5. December 25th is a public holiday, but it is only in memory of the founder of the country.
   a. Brazil b. Egypt c. Iceland d. Pakistan

6. The main Christmas meal consists of 12 dishes. Carp (a river fish) is the main dish.
   a. Ireland b. Iceland c. Poland d. Spain

7. Sometimes a sea bird is eaten on Christmas Day.
   a. Poland b. Spain c. Argentina d. Iceland

8. On December 28th, people play tricks on each other (like on April 1st in the UK and USA).
   a. Spain b. Egypt c. Ireland d. Brazil

5 Talking point

Discuss any of the questions below.

1. Are there any unusual Christmas traditions in your country?
2. How has Christmas changed for you since you were younger?
3. What do you enjoy about this time of year?
4. What do you dislike about this time of year?

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6 Write your Christmas card

Look at the Classic Christmas Cards Messages list and write your own Christmas/Holiday wishes here.

- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
- Wishing you a Merry Christmas!
- Unwrap yourself a joyful Christmas!
- Have a holly, jolly Christmas!
- Merry Christmas with lots of love.
- The best present one can hope for this year is to spend time together.

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