Christmas Idioms



Activity 1: Read the Christmas idioms and match them with their definitions.

1. Deck the halls	A. The more people you invite, the more enjoyable a party or celebration will be.
2. The proof is in the pudding	B. To decorate your house for Christmas.
3. A white Christmas	C. The real value of something can only be judged from results, not physical appearance.
4. Tis the season to be jolly!	D. If it snows on Christmas Day.
5. It's the thought that counts	E. Big presents aren't necessarily the best ones.
6. Like turkeys voting for Christmas	F. To encourage people to be happy during the festive period.
7. Good things come in small packages	G. Good intentions are more important than the size of a gift.
8. Eat, drink and be merry!	H. When someone makes a decision that will have a negative outcome for them.
9. Christmas came early this year	I. To enjoy yourself and have fun.
10. The more the merrier	J. When someone experiences good fortune before the festive season.

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Activity 2: Read the sentences and fill in the gaps with one of the idioms from the table in Activity 1.

1. Finally, it's snowing! It looks like this year we'll have a _____.
2. Why are you so sad on Christmas Day? Tis _____!
3. Dad, why don't you invite your cousins to our Christmas party? There'll be a lot of people there, _____!
4. I don't really like the present my Grandma bought me, but I know it's _____.
5. Dale shouldn't have accepted the invitation, lots of people he doesn't like will be at the event. That's like _____.
6. The baby was born on 30th November and the whole family is so happy. Christmas _____.
7. My Christmas present is small but I really like it. It's true that big presents aren't always the best, and that _____.
8. Mum's decided to _____ this weekend and decorate the house before Christmas!
9. John: I've fixed the TV.
   Miranda: Are you sure?
   John: Yes, go and turn it on! The proof _____, you'll see it works perfectly.
10. There are only three things to do during the festive season: Eat, _____ and _____!

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