

# Unnecessary Christmas presents

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## Describe the pictures

2.



1.



3.



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### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- Did it snow last year at Christmas?
- Did you believe in Santa Claus when you were a child?
- Did you enjoy last Christmas?
- Do people behave differently during Christmas?
  - Do they try to be better?
  - Do you donate something (money, clothes...) to charities?
  - Do you give something to homeless people?
- Do you enjoy singing Christmas songs?
- Do you exchange presents with your friends at school?
- Is your Christmas tree a real tree or an artificial tree?

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DISCUSS

1. Christmas has become a retail festival.
2. Many people feel obliged to buy gifts to others.
3. It's better to support charities than to buy unnecessary gifts for friends.

## **VOCABULARY MATCH**

1 BURDEN  
2 AFFLUENT  
3 TREADMILL  
4 SPOUSE  
5 JOYOUS

- A. having a lot of money
- B. your husband or wife
- C. extremely happy, or making people extremely happy
- D. any type of repeated work that is boring and makes you feel tired and seems to have no positive effect and no end
- E. something difficult or unpleasant that you have to deal with or worry about

1. \_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_

## **PHRASES/PHRASAL VERBS**

- **START OUT** - to begin your life or the part of your life when you work, in a particular way.
- **PASS STH BACK** - to put something where it was before it was moved.
- **TO GIVE SOMEBODY TIT FOR TAT** - doing something bad to someone because they have done something bad to you.
- **PRENUP AGREEMENT** - an official document signed by two people before they get married that says what will happen to their possessions and/or children if they divorce (= officially stop being married).

**COMPLETE THE SENTENCES**

**FORCED  
START OUT**

**JOYOUS**

**AFFLUENT**

1. Christmas should be \_\_\_\_\_ but causes some people unhappiness debt and worry.
2. Richer people in the community would give gifts to younger people to help them \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I thought I was being generous to you I've effectively \_\_\_\_\_ you to spend 20 quid on that scarf.