

Exercise 1

Watch the video and choose the best answer.

Questions:

1. What is one of the themes of the Christmas story mentioned in the video?
 - A. The joy of fellowship and giving presents
 - B. The importance of family and friends coming together
 - C. The act of sharing food and adding to conviviality
 - D. The celebration of festivals in different religions
2. According to the video, why did Mary and Joseph need shelter?
 - A. They were waiting for Jesus to be born.
 - B. They were traveling to a different city.
 - C. They were escaping from a dangerous situation.
 - D. They were visiting relatives for the holidays.
3. What does the speaker mention about volunteers in the video?
 - A. They serve their communities in many ways.
 - B. They are essential for the Christmas story.
 - C. They receive recognition at the coronation.
 - D. They are part of the abrahamic family of religions.
4. What does the speaker say is a responsibility shared by people of all faiths?
 - A. Caring for the Earth and our natural world
 - B. Protecting each other during times of conflict
 - C. Serving one another and showing compassion
 - D. Honoring the whole of creation and its manifestation
5. According to the video, what should we do to others?
 - A. Treat them as we would like to be treated
 - B. Protect them from harm and danger
 - C. Serve them and show them compassion
 - D. Imagine ourselves in their shoes and seek their good
6. What is the speaker inspired by, according to the video?
 - A. The growing awareness of protecting the Earth
 - B. The message of hope brought by angels
 - C. The imaginative ways people care for one another
 - D. The abrahamic family of religions and belief systems
7. What is the speaker's hope for the world, as mentioned in the video?
 - A. That people will recognize the importance of serving others
 - B. That people will come together across different religions
 - C. That people will protect the Earth for future generations
 - D. That people will imagine themselves in their neighbors' shoes

Exercise 2.

Watch the video again and fill in the text with: an, the, a .

Many of ____ (1) festivals of ____ (2) great religions of ____ (3) world are celebrated with ____ (4) special meal, ____ (5) chance for family and friends to come together across generations, ____ (6) act of sharing food adding to conviviality and togetherness. For some faith will be uppermost in their hearts, for others it will be ____ (7) joy of fellowship and ____ (8) giving of presence. It is also ____ (9) time when we remember those who are no longer with us and think also of those whose work of caring for others continues even on this special day. This care and compassion we show to others is one of ____ (10) themes of ____ (11) Christmas story, especially when Mary and Joseph were offered shelter in their hour of need by strangers as they waited for Jesus to be born. Over this past year my heart has been warmed by countless examples of ____ (12) imaginative ways in which people are caring for one another, going ____ (13) extra mile to help those around them simply because they know it is ____ (14) right thing to do at work and at home within and across communities. My wife and I were delighted when hundreds of representatives of that selfless army of people, volunteers who served their communities in so many ways and with such distinction, were able to join us in Westminster Abbey for ____ (15) coronation earlier this year. They are ____ (16) essential backbone of our society. Their presence meant so much to us both and emphasized ____ (17) meaning of coronation itself. Above all, ____ (18) call to all of us to serve one another, to love and care for all. Service also lies at ____ (19) heart of ____ (20) Christmas story, ____ (21) birth of Jesus who came to serve ____ (22) whole world, showing us by his own example how to love our neighbor as ourselves. Throughout ____ (23) year my family have witnessed how people of all ages are making ____ (24) difference to their communities. This is all ____ (25) more important at ____ (26) time of real hardship for many when we need to build on existing ways to support others less fortunate than ourselves. Because out of God's providence we are blessed with much and it is incumbent on us to use this wisely. However, service to others is but one way of honoring ____ (27) whole of creation, which after all is ____ (28) manifestation of ____ (29) divine. This is ____ (30) belief shared by all religions. To care for this creation is ____ (31) responsibility owned by people of all faiths and of none. We care for ____ (32) earth for ____ (33) sake of our children's children. During my lifetime I've been so pleased to see ____ (34) growing awareness of how we must protect ____ (35) earth and our natural world as ____ (36) one home which we all share. I find great inspiration now from ____ (37) way so many people recognize this, as does ____ (38) Christmas story, which tells us that angels brought ____ (39) message of hope first to shepherds. These were people who lived simply amongst others of God's creatures. Those close to nature were privileged that night. And at ____ (40) time of increasingly tragic conflict around ____ (41) world, I pray that we can also do all in our power to protect each other. ____ (42) words of Jesus seem more than ever relevant. Do to others as you would have them do to you. Such values are universal, drawing together our Abrahamic family of religions and other belief systems across ____ (43) Commonwealth and wider world. They remind us to imagine ourselves in ____ (44) shoes of our neighbors and to seek their good.