

THE WINTER

Oh, look. There is snow. It snows!

Does it really snow? Yes, it snows.

Is it a little snow?

No, it is not a little snow.

It is lots of snow.

Look at the houses and cars. Are they covered with snow?

Yes, they are covered with snow. There is lots of snow.

Is snow a good thing?

Some people like snow, and some people do not like snow.

Does Anna like snow?

Yes, Anna likes snow. She slides in a snow sled.

Does Henry like snow?

Yes, Henry likes snow. He slides in a snow sled with Anna.

Tim, Mark, and Ava slide in a big snow sled.

Do they like snow?

Yes, they like snow too.

Conrad has a sled. Does he slide in his sled?

Conrad has a sled, but he does not slide in it.

He carries presents on his sled.

He likes snow, and he likes to get presents.

He wears warm clothes.

Conrad has a coat, scarf, boots, and gloves. He has a hat too.

Richard and Mary play in the snow.

Richard throws snow at Mary.

Mary throws snow at Richard.

They wear warm clothes.

Mary wears a coat, scarf, boots, and gloves. She has earmuffs too.

Richard wears a coat, scarf, boots, and gloves. He has a hat.

They like the snow. They laugh and have fun.

James, his daughter Kelly, and son Mason like snow.

They ski on the snow.

Do they wear summer clothes?

No, they wear warm, winter clothes.

Do Kelly and Mason have earmuffs?

Yes, Kelly and Mason have earmuffs to keep their ears warm.

Does James have earmuffs?

No, James does not have earmuffs. He has a hat.

Carly and Mat like snow. They build a snowman.

Carly and Mat have warm clothes, and the snowman has warm clothes too.

The snowman wears a hat and a scarf.

Does he have earmuffs?

No, he does not have earmuffs. But he has a big hat.

Abby and Collin like snow. They hike in the snow.

Does Abby have a map?

No, Abby does not have a map.

Does Collin have a map?

Yes, Collin has a map.

Abby and Collin use the map when they hike.

They like to hike in the winter.

Joe does not like winter, and he does not like the snow.

Does he wear warm clothes?

Yes, he wears warm clothes, but he is cold.

And he does not want to go outside.

Everywhere he looks there is snow!

Even on his windows there is snow.

Joe does not like the snow.

He brushes the snow off his windows.

He thinks snow is not a good thing.

Who knows what can happen when it snows?

It is much better to have rain.

So Joe prefers rain over snow.

Now Joe shovels snow.

At first, he shovels snow on his own.

But then he gets some help.

They all shovel snow together.

They like winter. They like snow. They do not mind to shovel snow.

Then Joe decides to go.

He puts on his warm, winter clothes.

He has a coat, scarf, boots, gloves, and a hat.

Does he take his earmuffs?

No, Joe decides not to take his earmuffs.

Joe climbs a mountain in the snow.

Does he like it?

Yes, he likes the fresh air. He likes the view too.

Then Joe meets his friend Trevor.

Joe and Trevor hike together.

Do they hike for a long time?

No, they do not hike for a long time.

They hike for a short time. Then they meet their friend Hector.

Hector likes to fish. But the river is frozen.

So Hector makes a hole in the frozen river.

Does he make lots of noise?

No, he doesn't make lots of noise.

Hector sits and waits quietly.

Joe and Trevor join Hector. They are good friends.

They make holes in the frozen lake, and now they all sit and wait quietly.

They can see Samantha fishes too.

But she is far away.

Samantha likes to fish by herself.

She makes a hole in the frozen lake, and she sits and waits quietly.

It is a calm afternoon.

Everything is covered with snow.

Is the school open?

No, the school is not open.

It is closed.

Where is everybody?

Everybody is outside.

Some slide on the snow.

Some ski on the snow.

Some play in the snow.

Some make snowmen.

Some skate on the frozen lake.

Some make holes in the lake and fish.

Some buy many presents.

And some play golf.

Oh, wait, that's for the summer!

The End

Worksheet

1. Vocabulary... What is this?













Short answers. Answer the following questions with short answer.

1. Is snow a good thing?
2. Is holidays in winter?
3. Does Anna like snow?
4. Do people wear boots in winter?
5. Is it hot in winter?

Verb to be. Am, Is, Are.

1. Anna and Hector _____ playing in the snow.
2. _____ they wearing clothes?
3. _____ Is Mary throwing snow to Richard?
4. You _____ enjoying the winter?
5. I _____ wearing warm clothes?

Verbs in third person.

1. She _____ (love) winter.
2. Andrea _____ (enjoy) the snow with her friends.
3. Jean _____ (watch) TV all the day when is raining.
4. Aly _____ (run) in the rain because she _____ (think) that is funny.
5. Sandra _____ (like) to be in her bed while is snowing.

The biggest festival in the year

Christmas is normally the biggest festival in the English year. Once the festival lasted two days, today it seems to last almost two months. Christmas Day, December 25th, is the day when most people in Britain sit down to a special meal of roast turkey and Christmas pudding; but Christmas Day is just the high point of the "Christmas period".

In the weeks before Christmas, life is very busy. There are parties; there are trips to the cinema or the pantomime; and of course there's all the shopping.

On Christmas day, Britain closes! For most people, Christmas is a time to relax at last after many long and busy weeks. The presents have been bought and sent, dozens of cards have been sent and received, the food is waiting to be eaten. For two days at least (if not three or four, depending on the year), the shops will be shut, and the postman will not deliver any letters. For a day or two, even the trains stop running.

Nowadays, Britain's Christmas shopping season lasts almost four months! The first Christmas catalogues come through letter-boxes at the start of September!

Lots of busy people like shopping online, because it is easy. All they have to do is choose from the pages of a colorful catalogue, or shop on the Internet. A few days later, goods are delivered to the door.... or at least one hopes they are. Some Internet shops work 24/24 in the weeks before Christmas, to make sure that everyone gets their presents on time.

Many Christmas catalogues come from charities. Each charity has its own specialties – nature and animals from WWF, the RSPCA and others; "green" products from Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth; and hand-made articles from developing countries from charities like Oxfam and Save the Children. Big charities like these earn a lot of money from their Christmas catalogues.

In the streets, Christmas arrives at the start of November. Santa Claus and Christmas decorations start appearing in shop windows soon after "Guy Fawkes Night" (5th November). There are no other festivities between Guy Fawkes Night and Christmas

In the streets, vendors sell Father Christmas hats, and reindeer horns! Many shops need extra staff; some shops sell as much in November and December as they do in the other 10 months of the year. Shops stay open later in the evening, and on Sundays too.

During December, sometimes even earlier, the Christmas lights come on in the streets, and the big shops put on special "Christmas windows", to bring in the shoppers. As Christmas gets closer, the shops become more and more crowded. Nowadays, many shops start their "New Year Sales" before Christmas; some people therefore wait till the last days, in order to pay less for their presents.

When the shops finally close for the holiday, most people are happy that the shopping is over. For a day at least, everything is shut... except pubs and restaurants, which do a lot of business on Christmas day (though not in 2020, on account of Covid 19). In the past, most people used to go to church on Christmas morning; today some people go to church for a special Christmas service, but most stay at home to open presents and prepare the Christmas lunch.

In the afternoon, it's time for more presents, or to watch a good film, or go out for a walk in the country, or in the park.

Then, after Christmas, the shopping season starts again, as people spend their Christmas money and look for bargains in the New Year sales.

Most people have a week's holiday between Christmas and the New Year. Some, of course, have to keep working; but for most, the last week of the year is a time to relax, enjoy more parties, and do a bit more shopping. January sometimes seems very flat and empty!

Worksheet

1. link the word with its respective concept.

a. faith	nearer
b. Crowded	theatrical comedy
c. Pantomime	very occupied
d. Charity	journey, excursion
e. Deliver	religion, belief
f. Reindeer	Father Christmas
g. Bargain	an animal used by Father Christmas
h. Closer	when shops sell things more cheaply
i. Busy	full of people, busy
j. Sales	bring
k. Santa Claus	employees
l. Staff	special offer, special cheap price
m. Trip	benevolent association, non-profit Association

2. Choose the better option.

- a. Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.
- b. Thanksgiving, day, November 25th.
- c. Thanksgiving day November 25th.

- a. In November
- b. On November
- c. At November

- a. The presents have been bought and sent.
- b. The presents has been bought and send.
- c. The present have been bought and sending.

Circle the correct answer in the following sentences.

- a. In/On Christmas people like to eat turkey.
- b. The meetings are to/at 6:00 pm.
- c. In/On spring the flowers look amazing.
- d. The food is in/on the table.
- e. Children are/is playing outside.