

The Festive Season with the ____!

What is Christmas like in your family? How do you celebrate? Is it the same as your friends?



Activity 1:

As Christmas approaches, what's the one thing you most look forward to?

Playing games with loved ones?



Decorating the tree?

Festive food?



Spending time with family?

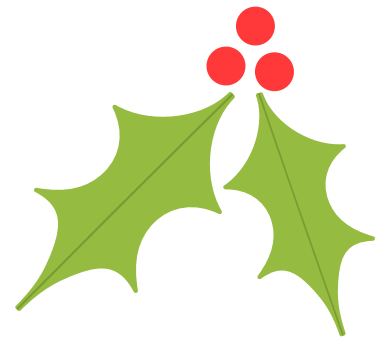


Activity 2:

Which traditions do you have in your house?

Which might you pass on?

Activity 3:



The details of your day:

What time do you get up?

What food do you have?

What time do you eat?

Do you have guests?

Do you leave the house?

Do you see your neighbours?

Do you play games?

Do you watch films?

What other details about your festivities can you include?

Activity 4:

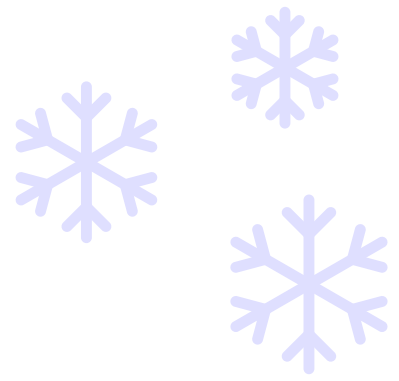
How will this **genre** affect your language choices, including words and sentences?

How will this **audience** impact your language choices, including words and sentences?

How will this **purpose** influence your language choices, including words and sentences?

Activity 5:

Make a plan...



A catchy, punchy title

- _____, _____, and ____: The Festive Season with the _____
- The most ____ time of the year.

A sharp, one line opening

- It usually begins when...
- In my family, Christmas starts roughly when...

The uniqueness of Christmas in your house

- Now, I bet in your house you don't...
- I suppose Christmas is uniquely marked in the ____ household because ____

Your overall thoughts about Christmas

- Basically, though, for us, Christmas is a time of... Of... Of....
- If nothing else, Christmas is about...

Your key Christmas message

- So, dear reader, I leave you with one thought: _____
- I'd love for you to take one thing away with you: _____

Activity 6:

Attempt 1:



I like christmas because I can stay in my pyjamas and watch TV.

We wake up early and have a nice breakfast.

Then my family comes and we play games and I love being together.

What went well?

Even better if...

Attempt 2:

A guide to The Festive Season with the Smiths.

5:30. Always 5:30. My mum swears it's more like 4:00, but I think she's exaggerating.

Frankly, I don't see the problem with either time in any case. It's only once a year anyway.

After about 10 minutes of relentless pestering, my dad is usually dragged from the safety of his bed. My sister and I then proceed to form what can only be described as a scrum as we descend the stairs, and into the promised land.

What then ensues can only be described as the most ecstasy packed day of the year.

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Activity 7:

It's the most wonderful time of the year again. Or, in my house, the most _____ time of the year.

To be honest, _____

For the _____ family, Christmas is best described as a time of _____

Metaphor:

I suppose I wanted to write this blogpost so that you _____

Activity 8:

You have:

- A plan
- A great example
- A word bank
- Some sentence openers



Let's make the magic happen!

A series of 20 horizontal dashed lines for writing.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 28 horizontal dashed lines.

20 Lively and Entertaining Words:

Whimsical

To be playfully quaint or fanciful, in an appealing and amusing way.

Radiant

Something that sends out light, shining or glowing.

Jovial

To be cheerful and friendly.

Merrymaking

Fun and festivities!

Mirthful

To be joyous, cheerful, jolly or merry.

Exuberant

To be full of energy, excitement and cheerfulness.

Zesty

To be appealingly piquant or lively.

Uplifting

To inspire happiness, optimism or hope.

Gleeful

To be exuberantly or triumphantly joyful.

Jocund

Something that is cheerful and light-hearted.

Pizzazz

An attractive combination of vitality and galmour.

Lighthearted

Someone who is cheerful, happy, carefree and enjoying themselves.

Jubilant

Feeling great happiness and triumph.

Spirited

To be full of energy, enthusiasm and determination.

Frolic

To play or move in a cheerful, lively way.

Cheery

Someone who is happy and optimistic.

Zestful

To have great enthusiasm and energy.

Festivity

A situation in which people are celebrating.

Bubbly

A person full of cheerful high spirits.

Lively

Something that is full of excitement, activity and energy.

6 sentence openers:

- **Brace yourselves for a whimsical journey into the heart of Christmas, where...**
- **Bursting with pizzazz, the holiday season invites us to indulge in the art of...**
- **Picture a scene of jubilant festivity, where every corner is adorned with...**
- **Step into the lively wonderland of Christmas, where the air is filled with the contagious spirit of...**
- **Ready for a journey into the radiant realm of yuletide cheer? Join me as we explore...**
- **Buckle up for a merry ride through the spirited landscape of Christmas, where every moment is a celebration of...**
- **As we dive into the sea of merrymaking, let's uncover the secrets behind the truly uplifting magic of...**

Christmas Word Search!

Words below can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.

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J I Y I E O E N C T N A R E B U X E V R
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