

## The Christmas Party

### Warm up

- What's your favourite thing about Christmas?
- What do you usually eat on Christmas? Who cooks?
- Is there anything that annoys you about Christmas?
- What food and drinks are traditional around Christmas time in your country?
- Have you ever spent Christmas in a foreign country? What was it like?
- What Christmas presents are you giving your friends and family this year?
- What did you get for Christmas last year?
- Have you ever done a "Secret Santa" with friends or work colleagues?



### 1. Match the words in the box with the pictures below.

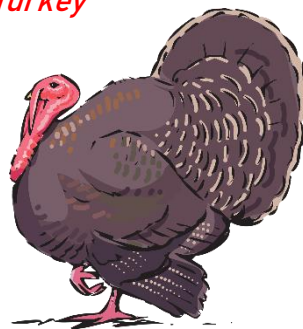
Christmas decorations	Christmas sweater	turkey
present/gift	mulled wine	candles

*Mulled Wine*



*Christmas decorations*

*Turkey*



*candles*

*Present/Gift*



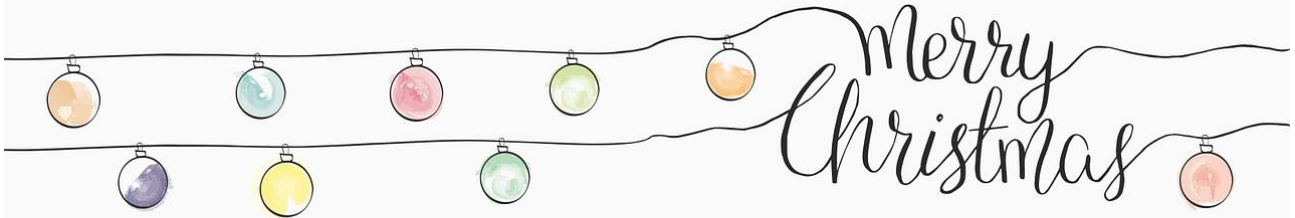
*Christmas sweater*





2. Craig and Liz are organizing a Christmas party for their friends. [Listen to the conversation](#) and complete the invitation.

## **Party Invitation**



**We're having a Christmas Party, and you're invited!**

**Date: *Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.***

**Time: *630pm***

**Place: *Mario's Pizza Restaurant***

**Dress code: *Ugly Christmas sweaters***

***Please RSVP as soon as possible, we need to know how many places to book! Also, don't forget your secret Santa presents!***



3. Listen again and complete each statement for Craig and Liz

Note: when talking about liking and disliking actions and activities, the structure like / dislike +verb+ing is often used.

Eg "*I love running early in the morning*" or "*I hate going to parties where I don't know many people.*"

Craig likes...*having parties at his house* and *pizza*, and *ugly Christmas sweaters*.

Craig doesn't mind *booking the restaurant*.

Craig doesn't like *Indian food*.

Liz likes *organizing parties* and *pasta*.

Liz doesn't mind *having small dinner parties*.

Liz doesn't like *having a lot of people* at her house and *cooking turkey* and *pizza*.



4. Combine the phrases in box 1 with the phrases in box 2 to make 5 like/dislike statements about Christmas.

I love...                      I really enjoy...                      I like...                      I don't mind...                      I'm ok with....  
 I'm not a fan of...                      I don't like...                      I can't stand...                      I hate...

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.. listening to Christmas songs.    ...giving people presents.    ...going Christmas shopping.  
 ... watching Christmas movies.    ...mulled wine.                      ...decorating my house.  
 ...taking time off work for Christmas.    ... cooking a Christmas dinner for my family.  
 .... roasted turkey.                      ...singing Christmas carols.                      ... Christmas work parties.  
 ... doing secret Santa with friends.                      ...going back to work after Christmas.  
 ...getting presents.                      ...spending time with my family.                      ... a snowy Christmas.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....



5. Pairwork: read your sentences to your partner and discuss why you like or dislike these parts of Christmas.





6. Complete the sentences about Christmas using the emotional adjectives below (more than one correct answer is possible).

exhausted	annoyed	upset	nervous
surprised	pleased	excited	disappointed

- a) My nephew is always super *excited* about Christmas, I think most kids are.
- b) I think a lot of people are *exhausted* before Christmas because it's the end of the year and they haven't had a holiday for a long time.
- c) I have to make a speech at my work's Christmas party, so I'm pretty *nervous*.
- d) Last year I got socks for Christmas, I was so *disappointed / upset / annoyed*.
- e) I get really *annoyed* when I have to listen to Christmas songs all the time.
- f) My mum was really *upset / annoyed / disappointed* because my dad didn't get her anything for Christmas.
- g) I was quite *surprised* that my boss got me a present for Christmas, I really didn't expect it.
- h) I cooked turkey for the first time and it was delicious! I was quite *pleased* with it.



7. After the party Craig and Liz have a conversation. Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

- a) Why was Liz disappointed? *Because they didn't have any turkey left*
- b) How did Craig feel about his turkey pizza? *He was pleased with it*
- c) Why was Jessica annoyed? *Because they didn't have many vegetarian options*
- d) What was surprising to Craig? *That the only vegetarian option was Margherita pizza*
- e) Why was Craig upset with his present? *Because it was second hand, used decorations.*
- f) Why is Craig's girlfriend nervous? *Because she is going to meet his family*
- g) Why did Liz want to go home? *Because she was exhausted*



8. Pairwork: plan a Christmas party with your partner. Look at the options below for number of people, location, music, and dress code, and decide which you want to choose.

**Size:**

A small dinner party of 6-10 close friends.

A gathering of 10-15 friends.

A big party of 30 people or more.

**Location:**

At your house or the house of your partner.

At a restaurant you know (feel free to suggest one to your partner).

At a public place such as a park or a Christmas market.

**Music:**

Classic, cheesy Christmas pop songs such as *Last Christmas* by Wham and *All I want for Christmas is You* by Mariah Carey.

Fun, bouncy party songs, mostly pop songs and hip hop.

Traditional classical Christmas music songs such as *Jingle Bells* and *Little Drummer Boy*

**Dress code:**

- Formal clothes such as dresses and tuxedos.

- Christmas sweaters.

- No dress code, wear what you want.

### Listening Script 1: Organizing the Party

Craig: Thanks so much for helping me organize the Christmas party this year, I really appreciate it.

Liz: No problem at all, I actually really like organizing parties. How many people are coming?

Craig: I don't know yet, we can send out the invitation and then see how many people answer. What day should we have it on?

Liz: How about on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, that's a Saturday, and everyone can arrive at 6pm.

Craig: 6 is a bit early, how about half past 6?

Liz: Ok no problem, half past 6.

Craig: Ok great, and maybe we can have it at your house, and you can cook the turkey and make some mulled wine?

Liz: Well... I mean we could, but I know a great little Indian place near me called Baja, could we go there instead?

Craig: Mmm Im not a big fan of Indian food, and besides, it's not very Christmassy. You have such a nice house, and James said you're an amazing cook. We should do it at your place.

Liz: Well... Im sorry I really don't want to. I don't like having a lot of people in my house, and I hate cooking turkey. I'm happy to help you organise, but I don't want to have a Christmas party at my house.

Craig: But me and Laura came to your house last weekend?

Liz: I don't mind having small dinner parties, but 14 is too many. I'm sorry Craig, I really don't want to have it at my house. Why don't we have it at your house?

Craig: I would love to, I love having big parties at my house, but my new apartment is way too small.

Liz: Ok, well I know a great Italian restaurant called Marios Pizza, we could go there?

Craig: Good idea, I love Pizza! I think everyone loves pizza actually.

Liz: Actually, I don't, but that's fine, they have really good pasta there, and Im always happy to eat a good pasta. Also I am pretty sure they are serving turkey around Christmas time. Do you want me to book a table at the restaurant?

Craig: No that's fine, I don't mind booking the table, but we should wait until we know exactly how many people are coming first.

Liz: Good point, we need people to RSVP before we book. Oh and one more thing, maybe we should ask everyone to wear Christmas sweaters?

Craig: Great idea, I love ugly Christmas sweaters.

### Listening Script 2: After the Party

Craig: That was a great party, and you were right, Mario's is an amazing restaurant.

Liz: I thought you'd like it, although I have to say, I'm a bit disappointed that they didn't have any turkey left.

Craig: Well I had the turkey pizza, it was very pleased with that.

Liz: Im sorry, but turkey pizza sounds absolutely disgusting!

Craig: No it was great! The mulled wine was nice too. I think everyone was satisfied with the food.

Liz: Sure, except for Jessica, I think she was a bit annoyed that they didn't have many vegetarian pizzas.

Craig: I know, I was surprised by that, I thought they had more vegetarian options than just

margarita.

Liz: Oh well, and what presents did you get from your secret santa?

Craig: I got some candles and Christmas decorations. They're nice enough I guess, but I'm a little upset because I think they are second hand.

Liz: What? You mean they are used? That's not ok, I'd be really angry if someone gave me that for a present.

Craig: Yeah it's not very nice, but it's fine, I'll give them to my mum and she'll use them to decorate that Christmas tree this year.

Liz: Are you having Christmas with your family this year?

Craig: Yes I am, and it's their first time meeting my girlfriend. They're really excited about meeting her, but I think she's just nervous about meeting them.

Liz: Haha well good luck with that. Ok Craig, I'm exhausted, I think it's home time for me now.

Craig: Goodnight Liz, Merry Christmas

Liz: Merry Christmas Craig