**FORM 7**

**“Christmas Holidays”**

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**1.** **Introduction to the lesson.**

- Warming-up Activity.

**T.** Dear friends, we say "Good morning" to our guests and take your sits. Tell me, please, is anybody absent? Let's start our unusual lesson.

First of all I want to say that you are staying at school during your first days after winter vacation and for some of you it is very distressing because you had so wonderful time for the last time. You know that this vacation will never return, but I want to say that your staying at school is also ending. However, let's be optimistic. As you see the topic of our today's lesson is "Christmas Holidays". It will be summary lesson.

Write down this topic, please.

Therefore, I invite you to speak what memorable events have happened to you this winter.

Look at this board. You must complete this sentence and add the sentence of the first pupil (the teacher writes on the board: "During my last winter vacation I....").

- went out with my friends;

- watched a lot of TV programs;

- visited my grandparents;

- didn't get up early;

- helped my parents;

- ate a lot of sweets;

- sang Christmas carols;

- decorated our house before Christmas;

- didn't have time for reading;

- went to church;

- took part in 'vertep';

- met with our relatives;

- played computer games;

- listened to music;

- had a lot of fun.

**2. Working.**

The next will be the game "Brainstorm". May be you know what things associate with the word 'Christmas'. Look at this Mind-map under the pretext of Christmas tree. It is not very beautiful. But your task is decorating our tree with words, please.

(Christ, X-tree, present, star, greetings, to celebrate, balls, to wish, carols, guests, postcards, party, tradition, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, St. Nicholas, Santa Claus).

**3. Listening.**

**T.** I have brought something interesting for you. But fist of all tell me,

please, what songs people always sing during Christmas time?

**P.** The people always sing carols.

**T.** Listen to this cassette and tell me what song is it?

**P.** It's traditional Christmas song "We wish you Merry Christmas!"

**T.** What about this song?

**P.** It's greeting with Christmas and it says about good news that

Christmas is coming.

**4. Developing speaking in game.**

**T.** Your homework was finding the information about Christmas traditions in Ukraine and England. Now will be the game "Ask and answer". For this game I must divide you into two groups:

- the English schoolchildren and

- the Ukrainian schoolchildren.

Everybody wants to know more about celebration Christmas in each country. Ask as many questions as you can to get more information.

**UP**. I want to know when do pupils have their winter holidays in England.

**EP.** First of all, I should like to say that pupils in England call their winter holidays the Christmas holidays. And the Christmas holidays begin some days before Christmas to the 6th of January.

**EP.** But as we know winter holidays in Ukraine are longer than in our country, aren't they?

**UP.** May be you are right. This year our holidays were 20 days: from the 31st of December until 20th of January. And we had a good rest time during so long holidays.

**UP.** What can you say about traditions of Christmas celebration in England?

**EP.** When December comes round on the calendar you can see decorated evergreen trees in homes, shop windows and town squares with lights and ribbons and all manner of decorations in England.

Christmas season is the most festive time of the year in Great Britain.

Christmas is a family holiday. The fun stars the night before, on the 24th of December. Traditionally this is the day when people decorate their fir-trees. Children hang stockings at their beds, hoping that Santa Claus will come down the chimney during the night and fill those toys and sweets.

**ЕР.** І want to add that all the family usually meet for the Christmas dinner of turkey and Christmas pudding. And everyone gives and receives presents or sends Christmas cards.

**EP.** And we have present for you. We invite you to watch CD film, where you will see Christmas celebration.

**T.** Just a moment, please. While you are watching this film you must answer the question:

- What presents do Mrs Robinson and Mr Robinson get?

Try to remember more interesting things about this celebration, because after watching film will be another task for you, dear.

**T.** Please, do sequence 3 and 4.

**UP.** Oh, thank you for your video film. We have known a lot about Christmas celebration in your country. I'd like to tell you about some rituals and traditions in Ukraine. I want to start with the Holy Evening, that is on the Eve before Christmas. At this time all the people get together at the Holy Supper's table in all Christian families. The floor of the room is covered with straw and there is hay on the table under the table under the table-cloth. In the corner of the room there is a sheaf of wheat which is called "Didukh". It is symbol t remind of the cave, where Jesus Christ was born. Before supper everyone prays and takes his sTt at the table. There are 12 different dishes because of 12 apostles. The main dish is "kutya".

**UP.** I want to add that at the end of Sviata Vecherya the family often sings kolyadky, Ukrainian Christmas carols. The favorite Urn. Carol is "Boh Predvichny" (God Eternal). You may listen to this carol.

God Eternal is born today

He came down from above

To redeem us with his love

And brought joy to all.

On the 7th of January early in the morning Ukrainian people go to the church for Great Mass. After that all people often sing kolyadky. Vertep singers go with their "verteps" and a "star". They sing Christmas religious songs which glorify Christ's life from his first days. Our grandmothers and grandfathers remember a lot of beautiful carols. They teach their grandchildren to sing them.

**EP.** It is interesting to me how do you receive Christmas present?

**UP.** The old tradition in Ukraine of giving gifts to children on St. Nicholas day, on the eve of 19th of December. St. Nicholas puts presents under the children's pillow, not in the stockings as in England.

**UP.** Why do Ukrainian people celebrate Christmas on the 7th of January and English people on the 25l of December?

**ЕР.** І know Christmas is connected with the birth of Christ and it is the holiday of all the Christians. They celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December. But Catholics, Protestants and some other Christian churches use the Gregorian calendar, while the Greek (Orthodox) and Greek Catholic churches use the Julian calendar. The difference between the Gregorian and the Julian calendars is 13 days. That's why in Ukraine we celebrate Christmas 13 days later, on the 7thof January.

**EP.** What can you say about the New Year's celebration?

**UP.** In Ukraine we celebrate New Year's Day on January 1st. for that holiday people decorate their flats with the New Year's trees.

Children have the New Year's parties at their schools. They sing songs, recite poems, play games and dance around the New Year's tree.

After New Year's Day pupils have their winter holidays. Besides we celebrate the Old New Year - on the 14 of January.

**T.** Thank you! I think you have known a lot about Ukrainian and English traditions.

**6*.* Reading.**

**T.** I give you text for reading. But first of all tell me, please what the main person of Christmas is? (Christ, Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, Father Frost).

Read this text through 5 minutes. Overturn this text and give the addition to my sentences.

1. Santa lives at the North Pole - but Jesus... (Is everywhere).

2. Jesus is an ever present help - but Santa - (comes once a year).

3. Jesus supplies all your needs - but Santa- (fills our stockings with presents).

4. Santa comes down your chimney uninvited - but Jesus - (stands at your door and knocks).

5. Santa doesn't know your name - but Jesus -(knew our name, our address, everything about us.

6. Jesus says "Cast all your cares on me for you" - but Santa - (says "You better not cry").

7. While Santa puts gifts under your tree- but Jesus - (died on the tree).

**T.** Answer the question of the title. Why Jesus is better than Santa Claus?

**P.** I think so because Jesus is not a tale person but he is our God. And I want not only toys or sweets from him but something more. I love him very much.

**P.** Why do people ask those questions? Jesus is better than Santa without any arguments.

**P.** As for me Jesus is better because he is every day with us during the year but Santa is only during Christmas time.

**T**. You are quite right and I agree with you.

**6. Developing speaking in dialogues.**

**T.** Imagine that you are doing Christmas shopping. You want to buy presents for your friends, members of your family. Make up a dialogue with a shop assistant. This group will be buyers that group will be shop assistant. Look at these expressions and phrases and use them.

**Card 1**

- Can you help me?

- Yes, I can. What would you like to look?

- I would like to look at Christmas souvenirs

- Oh, we have a lot of souvenirs. Look at the Christmas candles, toys, angels, postcards and so on.

- It does not suit me.

- Would you like to look at the cassette with carols?

- Oh, it is worth buying. It's wonderful present.

- Yes, you can listen to Ukrainian Christmas carols.

- How much is it?

- Seven hryvnies.

- Merry Christmas!

- Merry Christmas to you too!

**T.** Thank you! Now this group may use the following expressions.

**Card 2**

- Can I help you in any way?

- I don't know. I'm troubling very much.

- Why are you troubling?

- I want to buy present for my friend. But I don't know what?

- There are so beautiful souvenirs on sale.

- Can you show me this Santa Claus' hat?

- Certainly.

- It is the best present for my friend.

- Would you like to wrap it up?

- Yes, wrap it up in paper with Christmas pictures.

- OK. It is not so expensive. Only 10 hryvnias.

- All right. Merry Christmas!

- Merry Christmas to you!

**T.** Thank you, dear! You have bought very beautiful presents.

**8. Language work.**

**T.** At last we must remember the grammar rules.

Write sentences using all tenses forms that we know. And in your sentences you must use these words: every year

Next year Last month Just Now f.e. We celebrate Christmas every year. We shall celebrate Christmas next year. We celebrated Christmas last month. We have just celebrated Christmas. We are celebrating Christmas now.

9. Game "My Good Intentions". You must put the tick what are you going to do next year.

9. Summarizing. At last our lesson is coming to the end. Thank you for the lesson, dear. Your job was well done and after counting your balls I put you marks.

**10. Homework.** Read text once more about Jesus and learn more lovely phrases for you.

**T.** In the end I want to say as Ukrainian people so English people like Christmas and believe that Jesus Christ will come to our houses, families, schools, countries and to our hearts. And we say dear Christ".. .open your heart for us"

Open your heart /2

Open your heart to Jesus.

He knocks today to not delay

But open your heart to Jesus.

In to my heart /2

Come in to my heart lord Jesus

Come in today, come in to stay

Come in to my heart lord Jesus.

He's in my heart/2

He's in my heart for ever.

He'll never go this I know

He's in my heart for ever.

**P1.** Our dear guests, teachers. God bless our dear parents

**P2.** And our teachers too!

**P3.** And all the little children.

**P4.** God's blessing are for you!

**P5.** And all your friends and relatives

**P6.** That dwell both far and near,

**P7.** We wish you Merry Lessons!

**P8.** And a Happy New School Year!