

PART 1

2 minutes (3 minutes for groups of three)

Good morning / afternoon / evening. My name is and this is my colleague

And your names are?

Thank you.

Christmas vocabulary

Listen to the definitions and guess the Christmas-related words.

- Long pieces of thin, shiny material used as decoration. (*tinsel*)
- A plant often used as a Christmas decoration, and it is traditional to kiss someone under it. (*mistletoe*)
- A drink made from milk, sugar, and eggs, often mixed with alcohol. (*eggnog*)
- A small tree with shiny, sharp leaves, and small round, red fruit. (*holly*)
- A paper tube with small toys and candy inside, which is covered with bright paper and makes a short, sharp sound when both ends are pulled. (*cracker*)
- A type of sledge pulled by animals, for example, reindeer. (*sleigh*)
- A ball-shaped Christmas decoration for hanging on a tree. (*bauble*)
- An arrangement of flowers and leaves in a circular shape, used as a decoration. (*wreath*)

Christmas questions

- Tell us about the way people celebrate Christmas in your country.
- Does your family have any Christmas traditions? What are they?
- What does Christmas mean to you?
- What was the best / the worst Christmas present you have ever received?
- What do you do to get into the Christmas mood?
- When did you stop believing in Santa?
- Have your feelings towards Christmas changed since you were a child?

PART 2

4 minutes (6 minutes for groups of three)

In this part of the test, I'm going to give each of you two photographs. I'd like you to talk about your photographs on your own for about a minute, and also to answer a question about your partner's photographs.

(Candidate A), it's your turn first. Here are your photographs. They show people **buying Christmas trees**. I'd like you to compare the photographs, and say **why the people have decided to buy these trees**.

All right?

(Candidate A talks for 1 minute)

Thank you.

(Candidate B), **would you prefer to buy a real Christmas tree or an artificial one? (Why?)**

(Candidate B talks for 30 seconds)

Thank you. Now, (Candidate B), here are your photographs. They show people **who are experiencing Christmas on different continents**. I'd like you to compare the photographs, and say **how the weather affects the Christmas atmosphere**.

All right?

(Candidate B talks for 1 minute)

Thank you.

(Candidate A), **do you think that it is possible to enjoy Christmas without snow?**

(Candidate A talks for 30 seconds)

Thank you.

PART 3

4 minutes (5 minutes for groups of three)

Now, I'd like you to talk about something together for about two minutes (3 minutes for groups of three).

I'd like you to imagine that you are going to prepare a Christmas party. Here are some ideas that you may want to include at your Christmas party and a question for you to discuss. First, you have some time to look at the task.

(Allow 15 seconds to look at the task)

Now, talk to each other about **how these things create a unique Christmas atmosphere.**

(Candidate A and Candidate B talk for 2 minutes)

Thank you. Now, you have about a minute to decide **which ideas you cannot imagine Christmas without.**

(Candidate A and Candidate B talk for 1 minutes)

Thank you.

PART 4

4 minutes (6 minutes for groups of three)

Use the following questions, in order, as appropriate:

- Do people behave differently during Christmas time?
- What do you think about the commercialisation of Christmas?
- If you had a million dollars, what would you do for Christmas?
- Do you ever think about the true meaning of Christmas?
- If you could change anything about Christmas time, what would it be?
- Some people say that Christmas is a time of forgiveness. Do you agree?
- What would be the best Christmas snack that you could leave out for Santa?
- Do you think it's important to be with the family at Christmas? Why?

Thank you. That is the end of the test.

Why have the people decided to get these trees?



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How does the weather affect the Christmas atmosphere?



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