# LESSON 1- TEACHER'S NOTES

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# Subject: Ho!Ho!Ho! It's Christmas time! - part 1.

# Aims:

Cognitive:

✓ To show students that they are surrounded by English words

 $\checkmark$  To demonstrate that knowlegde of English can be useful in everyday life Instructive:

- $\checkmark$  To teach the students new words: food and food processing
- ✓ To practise reading for specific information
- ✓ To practise finding an information
- ✓ To practise writing

Educational:

- ✓ To teach the students to name different things in Polish and English
- ✓ To maintain discipline in the classroom

# **Teaching aids:**

- ✓ teacher self prepared materials: student's worksheet
- ✓ Textbook Matura Plus
- ✓ Cd player to play Christmas music
- ✓ Texts downloaded from:
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\_worldwide

http://website.lineone.net/~john\_mackie/pudding.htm

# Forms of work:

### ✓ individual work

- ✓ group work
- ✓ game

### LESSON PLAN:

Task 1: Ask the students (ss) to	C					С				С				
do the WORD SEARCH	Η	S	Α	Ν	Т	Α	С	L	Α	U	S	Μ		Р
Key:	R					R				S		Ι		R
Santa claus	Ι					0				Т		S		Е
Presents	S					L	Κ			0		Т		S
Christmas eve	Т						Ι			М		L		Е
Boxing day	Μ						Ν					E		Ν
Custom	Α	В	0	Х	Ι	Ν	G	D	Α	Y		Т		Т
Carol	S						S					0		S
Mistletoe	D					R	Е	Ι	Ν	D	Е	Е	R	
Shepherd	А			S	Н	Е	Р	Η	Е	R	D			
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Christmas tree		С	Н	R	Ι	S	Т	М	А	S	Т	R	Е	Е

# Task 2: Ask the ss to read the text.

### United Kingdom

The Christmas season starts at Advent, where holly wreaths are made with three purple, one pink and one white candle. On Christmas Eve, presents should be in stockings and under the Christmas tree delivered by Father Christmas, who is now called also Santa Claus. Many families tell their children traditional Christmas stories, about Father Christmas and his reindeer. One tradition is to put out a plate of carrots (for the reindeer) and mince pies and sherry for Father Christmas, to help him on his way. On Christmas Day, nearly the whole population has the day off to be with their family and friends, so they can gather round for a traditional Christmas meal, which is usually a turkey, traditionally with cranberries, roast potatoes and traditionally followed by a Christmas Pudding. Traditionally, there is a carol singing, where many carols are sung by children on people's doorsteps, and by professional choirs. Other traditions include sending Christmas Cards. The Celebration of Boxing Day on the day after Christmas Day is a tradition practiced in the UK.

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### United States and Canada

Christmas is a widely celebrated holiday in the United States and Canada. Christmas traditions are essentially the same as the UK and most of Europe. Old Saint Nick, better known as Santa Claus is best known for living in the North Pole and entering people's homes through their chimneys during the night before Christmas morning to leave gifts. The children open their presents on Christmas morning. Stockings are hung above the chimney for Santa Claus to fill with presents. A Christmas tree is set up, usually decorated with ornaments, with something like a star, or an angel at the top of the tree.

#### Australia

In Australia 25 December occurs during the height of the summer season. According to tradition, children are told Santa Claus visits houses on Christmas Eve placing presents for children under the Christmas tree or in stockings or sacks which are usually hung by a fireplace. Traditionally, families gather on 25 December for a Christmas lunch similar to a traditional United Kingdom Christmas meal. A red fur-coated Santa Claus riding a sleigh, carols such as *Jingle Bells*, and various snow-covered Christmas scenes on Christmas cards and decorations appear in the middle of summer. A popular tradition celebrated in Adelaide is the Adelaide Chritmas Pageant. This parade is the largest of its kind in the world, attracting crowds of over 400,000 people. It is a procession of floats, bands, clowns, dancing groups, and walking performers, all culminating in the arrival of Santa Claus.

Ex. 2: Ask the ss to match the words.



### Ex. 3: Ask the ss to answer the questions:

- 1. What can you find on the top of Christmas Tree?
- 2. What would you wear if you were on Christmas in Australia?
- 3. How many people do usually take part in Christmas Parade?
- 4. Where can you find Christmas presents?
- 5. What do kids sing at Christmas time?
- 6. What type of food do reindeers eat on Christmas Eve?
- 7. What do you usually have on Christmas dinner in the UK?

Ask the ss to open their textbooks, page 69. Ask them to study these words and expressions and do exercise 4, page 72.

Task 4: Ask the ss to not close their notebooks, look at their copies and read the recipe. Ask the ss to work out the meaning and to look up new words in their textbooks.

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#### Mrs Mackie's Christmas Pudding Recipe

A traditional recipe for a rich dark moist pudding. Ideal to be served with a brandy or whisky sauce.

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#### The Ingredients

### To make 2 x 2 pound or 4 x 1 pound puddings

3 ounces of flour 5 ounces of bread crumbs 5 ounces of suet 1¼ pounds of mixed dried fruit 1 small orange 1 small comon 1 small cooking apple 2 eggs 1 tablespoonful of treacle ½ teaspoonful of mixed spice ½ teaspoonful of cinnamon ½ teaspoonful of nutmeg 1 small carrot 6 ounces of sugar (brown or white) 4 ounces of candid peel Pinch of salt

### The Method of Mixture

Mix flour, bread crumbs, suet, and mixed dried fruit into a large bowl. Add grated orange and lemon rind and juice. Add grated cooking apple. Mix well. Add eggs, treacle, spices and grated carrot. Add sugar, candid peel and salt. Mix well. Allow mixture to stand over night in a covered bowl. Place mixture into well greased pudding bowls. Cover with grease proof paper and secure with string. Pressure cook according to pressure cooker instructions.Allow to mature for about one month before final serving.

#### The Serving

Warm through using a saucepan of water on a low heat for two hours, being careful not to let any water enter the pudding or the saucepan to boil dry. **DO NOT MICROWAVE.** For adults- pour over the pudding two tablespoons of high proof whisky and set alight.

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The teacher defines a Christmas word- students are to guess it as quickly as they can. You can also desribe some traditional Polish Christmas dishes as an introduction to their homework.

Assigning homework: Please write a recipe for traditional Polish Christmas dish.

#### Tips:

- ✓ You should be aware of the time, because for some students many of these exercises can be really time-consuming. Tell the ss exactly how much time they have to do the task and be strict.
- ✓ If the ss are of the lower level of English you can divide this lesson into 2 parts or combine some of the tasks from part 1 and part 2 of the lesson.
- ✓ Don't forget to assign the homework as this is the essential part of the lesson. If you have lessons day after day you can give more time to do the homework.
- ✓ If you have a lot of students you can make just a several copies and ask them to write the answers in their notebooks. It will save you some money and no harm will be done to students. You will be able to use these copies more than once and maybe also next year for newcomers.
- ✓ If it is OK with your students to read texts not in silence you can play some Christmas music