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Speaking & Listening

1. Look at the Christmas cards and discuss the questions below with a partner.



- a) What does each Christmas card show and how does it represent Christmas?
- b) Which two cards best represent Christmas for you?
- c) Choose five cards and say who you would give them to and why.
(Choose people you know or famous people)





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2. Discuss each of these quotations with a partner. Say what you think it means and whether or not you agree with it.

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves. Eric Sevareid (1912-1992), American newscaster.

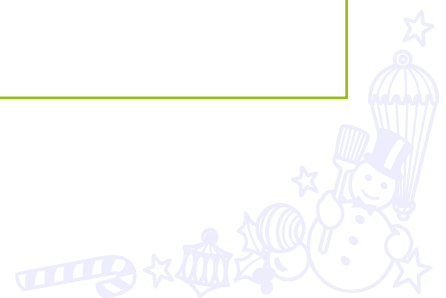
Which Christmas is the most vivid to me? It's always the next Christmas."
Joanne Woodward (1930-), American film actress.

Christmas is a time when you get homesick - even when you're home. Carol Nelson

I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month." Harlan Miller

Three phrases that sum up Christmas are: Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men, and Batteries not Included. Author Unknown

Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money. Author Unknown





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There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child." Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), American author and humorist.

When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things - not the great occasions - give off the greatest glow of happiness." Bob Hope, American film actor and comedian.

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas." Peg Bracken.

Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree." Charlotte Carpenter.





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***So this is Christmas* (John Lennon)**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPm3CWvDmvc>

3. Order the words in each line. Write the first part of this popular Christmas song.

Christmas this So is _____
have done what And you ? _____
year Another over _____
just one a begun And new _____
so And Christmas is this _____
fun I have you hope _____
one the The and dear near _____
the the young old The and _____

4. Complete the second part of the song. Write one word in each gap.

A very merry _____
And a happy New _____
Let's hope it's a _____ one
Without any _____





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And so this is Christmas

For weak and for _____

For rich and the _____ ones

The world is so wrong

And so happy Christmas

For _____ and for white

For _____ and red ones





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So this is Christmas
And what have you done
Another year over
And a new one just begun
And so this is Christmas
I hope you have fun
The near and the dear one
The old and the young

A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear
And so this is Christmas
For weak and for strong
For rich and the poor ones
The world is so wrong
And so happy Christmas
For black and for white
For yellow and red ones





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Let's stop all the fight
A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear
And so this is Christmas
And what have we done
Another year over
And a new one just begun
And so this is Christmas
hope you have fun
The near and the dear one
The old and the young
A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear
War is over over
If you want it
War is over
Now...

