



Christmas Corner

Standard level



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Speaking & Listening

1. Look at your Christmas scene. Your partner also has a Christmas scene. There are 6 differences between your picture and your partner's picture. Ask and answer questions to find the differences. Do NOT show your partner your picture.

A



B





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2. Look at these pictures. Discuss these questions in pairs.

A



B



C



D



1. What does each picture show?
2. How do you think the people in these pictures are feeling?
3. Which two pictures most represent Christmas?
4. Which of these pictures show Christmas scenes from your region?
5. Which of the pictures would make the best Christmas card? Why?

3. Listen to this popular Christmas song by Wham from 1984. Write a verb in each gap as you listen.

Watch the video and listen at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFpdRWDxkbQ&feature=related>

Last Christmas (Wham)

Chorus

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart
But the very next day, you gave it away
This year, to save me from tears
I'll give it to someone special
(2x)





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Once bitten and twice shy

I (1) _____ my distance but tears still catch my eye

Tell me, baby, do you recognize me?

It's been a year; it doesn't (2) _____ me

Happy Christmas--I wrapped it up and (3) _____ it

With a note saying, "I love you"; I (4) _____ it

Now I know what a fool I've been

But if you (5) _____ me now, I know you'd fool me again

Repeat chorus

A crowded room, friends with tired eyes

I'm (6) _____ from you and your soul of ice

My God, I thought you were someone to (7) _____ on

Me, I guess I was a shoulder to (8) _____ on

A face on a lover with a fire in his heart

A man under cover, but you tore me apart

Ooh, now I've found a real love

You'll never fool me again

Repeat chorus

A face on a lover with a fire in his heart

A man under cover, but you tore him apart

Maybe next year I'll give it to someone

I'll give it to someone special, special

Someone...someone

I'll give it to someone

I'll give it to someone special, special





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4. Now listen to Taylor Swift singing a version of the same song. Discuss the questions below with a partner.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-Gm-2xDaVw&feature=related>

1. Which version do you like best? Why?
2. What other Christmas songs do you know in English?
3. Some songs, like this one, stay popular year after year. Other songs are soon forgotten. Why do you think this is?





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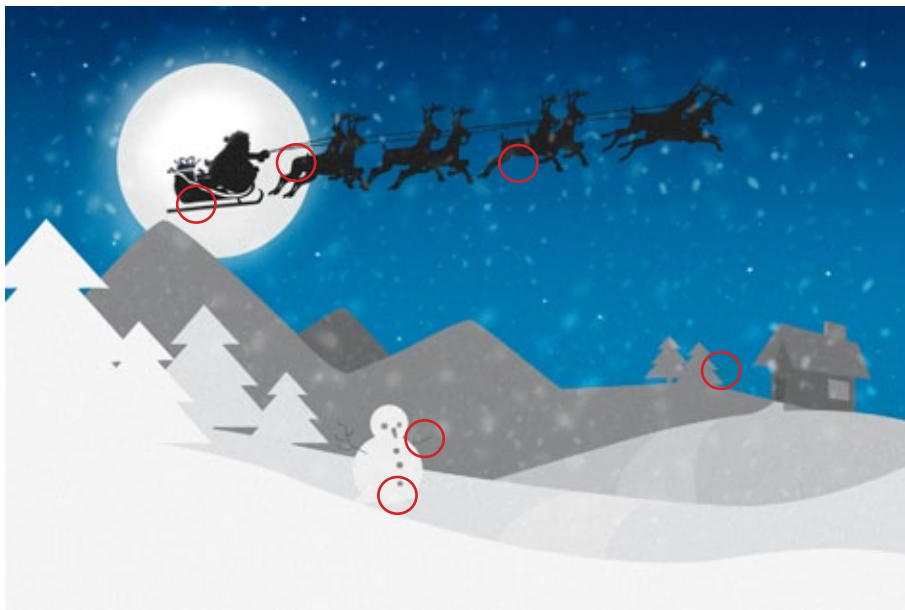
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ANSWER KEY

1.



2.

Students' own answers

3.

1. keep
2. surprise
3. sent
4. meant
5. kissed
6. hiding
7. rely
8. cry

4.

Students' own answers





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Tapescript

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(2x)

Once bitten and twice shy
I keep my distance but tears still catch my eye
Tell me, baby, do you recognize me?
It's been a year; it doesn't surprise me

Happy Christmas--I wrapped it up and sent it
With a note saying, "I love you"; I meant it
Now I know what a fool I've been
But if you kissed me now, I know you'd fool me again

Repeat chorus

A crowded room, friends with tired eyes
I'm hiding from you and your soul of ice
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