

Gingerbread Experience  
Morning Speech #14  
By Sophie



Good morning everyone! This week with IEC we are making some gingerbread cookies. This is kind of a Christmas tradition that many people do around the world. We prepared the gingerbread dough, rolled it out and cut out the gingerbread into different shapes like men, reindeer, Christmas trees and Santa Claus. We baked them for about 10 minutes and then once they were cooled, we decorated them with icing.



Some people also like to make gingerbread houses. It's so popular that there are competitions held every year for the best gingerbread house. In the USA they host a national gingerbread competition, where people compete to make the biggest and best gingerbread houses. Usually they would host the competition in person but this year, because of corona, it has been made into a virtual competition. There were different categories depending on the age, and the winners can get a \$25,000 prize (~2,600,000 yen).

My friends in Australia held a Christmas party and they made some gingerbread houses. They had a small competition and they voted on the best one. There was only four to vote on. Unfortunately, for one group, the house collapsed, so it looked like it had been through an earthquake. Needless



to say, that house did not win the competition but it looked like they had a really fun time making it together.

I hope everyone has a wonderful winter vacation and that you stay safe over the break!

*Please choose the correct answer:*

1) What did IEC make? A) Gingerbread houses B) Gingerbread cookies C) Gingerbread men D) Gingerbread reindeer	2) How did they host the National Gingerbread Competition in the US? A) Online B) In person C) Online and in person D) It was cancelled
3) What did Sophie's friends do in Australia? A) Have a Christmas party B) Make gingerbread houses C) Vote on the best gingerbread house	4) What was wrong with one house? A) It was perfectly made B) It fell apart C) It was too ugly

D) All of the above	D) It was too small
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