



My Christmas Experience

Morning Speech #13

By Sophie



Good morning everyone! It's December, and Christmas is approaching so I want to talk about some Christmas traditions. Now, most people when they think of Christmas, think of snowmen, winters and hot chocolate, but for me, growing up in Australia, it's the opposite. Imagine hot summers, parties in backyards or by the beach, picnics and light decorations on houses.

I honestly think summer Christmases are the best. Just think about it. Many of your family come together and some people have huge families, like twenty people. If you live in a really cold place, you want to stay inside, but you are surrounded by people for days and days. In Australia, we can go out, go for a walk, swim at the beach, have a BBQ, so we don't have to be with them all of the time.

Traditionally for me, Christmas Day is spent with my family, we open gifts and then watch a movie in the morning together. Then when it is coming towards lunch time, my mum would usually put some nice food together, like a fresh salad, salmon or chicken and bread rolls. Then I would usually go for a walk because I am so full of food. I would drive to the beach and enjoy the sunshine, watching people play. The day after Christmas on the 26th of December is called Boxing Day. On Boxing Day, we would go to a friend's house and have a lunch with them and gather. It's usually very casual, we give . gifts, share food and drink and just enjoy each other's company. The whole Christmas event is a very casual time for my family, but I have grown to really enjoy it together with my friends and family.



In Japan, it feels like a very different event. More romantic and less friends and family focused. This can be very difficult for some foreigners that celebrate Christmas. Christmas in Japan can sometimes feel very lonely, when we are used to spending it with friends and family. So now I try to organise a small dinner with my foreign friends here so we can still have a Christmas celebration like back home. This year, I organised a gift exchange with six of my friends, and we are going to have lunch together and sing some carols and watch a Christmas movie. It might not be like home, but I'm looking forward to seeing them.

Please choose the correct answer:

<p>1) What is Christmas like in Australia?</p> <p>A) Very hot</p> <p>B) Outdoor gatherings</p> <p>C) Sharing food and drink</p> <p>D) All of the above</p>	<p>2) How does Sophie usually enjoy Christmas?</p> <p>A) Going to the beach and enjoying Christmas food</p> <p>B) Sitting inside with hot chocolate</p> <p>C) Playing in the snow</p> <p>D) Giving gifts</p>
<p>3) What is the appealing point to Boxing Day?</p> <p>A) It's the day after Christmas</p> <p>B) You can enjoy it with friends</p> <p>C) Eating all the food</p> <p>D) Getting presents</p>	<p>4) How will Sophie celebrate Christmas this year?</p> <p>A) All by herself ☹</p> <p>B) Watching a movie</p> <p>C) Eating Christmas food</p> <p>D) With some friends in Japan</p>