

Last Christmas

Activity One - Listen to the song and fill in the gaps in the lyrics text.

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Once bitten and twice .....
I keep my distance
But you still ..... my eye
Tell me baby
Do you recognize me?
Well, it's ..... a year
It doesn't surprise me
I ..... it up and ..... it
With a note saying "I love you" I ..... it
Now I know what a fool I've been
But if you kissed me now
I know you'd ..... me again

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A ..... room, friends with tired eyes
I'm hiding from you, and your ..... of ice
My god I thought you were someone to ..... on,
Me? I guess I was a shoulder to ..... on

A face on a lover with a ..... in his heart
A man under ..... but you ..... me apart
Now I've ..... a real love you'll never ..... me again

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Activity Two - **Next Christmas: Answer the questions using the future tenses.**

1.What are your **plans** for next Christmas?
2.**Are you planning** to celebrate Christmas?
3.**Will** you go to Church? Will you buy gifts for your friends?
4.**Will** you send Christmas cards?
5.Are you **going to** cook a special meal?
6.**Are you planning** to decorate your house?



Activity Three The Future for Christmas - Read the article paying attention to your intonation and stress. Then answer the questions.

Decoration fashions for next Christmas - Questions:

1.What kind of style **will be** in fashion?
2.What colors **will be** popular?
3.What **has changed** about Christmas trees?

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"When it comes to the decorations market, customers focus on what's new, what's different, what's distinctive for each season," says Pam Danziger, president of Unity Marketing. "New slimline trees are much more adaptable and allow decorators to display multiple trees throughout the home, rather than focus the Christmas tree celebration to one large area cleared for the occasion."

Trends are already emerging for next year's holiday. Here are the hot themes for 2013.

Elegance & Luxury
Buyers are looking for styles that exude sophistication and luxury. "It's okay to enjoy high style, rich details, luxurious finishes and sparkle," Cherri Coe-Stephan, designer says. "Inspirations for this trend are luxury brands, fashion and hotels along with pampering ourselves and feeling like a VIP."

Blurring the Seasonal Line
"More and more, we see customers' seasonal décor become more blurred with their non-seasonal décor," Sara Charlton, designer for Nutcracker Designs says. "This is partly due to a desire to decrease clutter, partly due to tighter budgets. Our customers are looking for small seasonal investments but willing to purchase more non-seasonal décor that can be dressed up for the holiday."

Eastern European Opulence
Festive gets an exotic flair as Christmas designers are embracing a Dr. Zhivago-inspired aesthetic. "We are introducing a lot of pieces that are Russian-influenced with gold accents, jewel tones, and decadent materials and colors such as emerald paired with aubergine, gold and crimson." Barbara Schlegel says.

Rustic
The Christmas world show in Frankfurt, Germany, includes a "Fantasy Forest" theme. Natural materials such as pine cones or acorns painted silver will lend an abstract, ethereal effect to holiday schemes. Lighter shades give products an elegant, discreet look: finely patterned glass and porcelain lend a gentle, feminine touch. Woolen fabrics and felts appear playful with colored lace, ribbons and trimmings. Schlegel agrees that rustic looks will be amplified in 2013. "Home crafted, natural and recycled materials with hints of pastel added will be popular," she states.



Activity Four - A season to be merry. Discussion.

I feel that, It seems to me that, I have to say that, I must admit that, I do believe that, I would imagine that, Obviously, Clearly, Basically, Essentially.

Using the following expressions answer the questions below:

1.How long before Christmas does Ikea start to plan the seasonal activities?
2.What kind of products does Ikea sell for the Christmas season?
3.Do you buy Christmas gifts from Ikea?
4.Do you think that Christmas is too commercial?
5.Do you think that there is too much publicity surrounding Christmas and that it puts too much pressure one people?
6.Why do you think suicide rates are higher at Christmas?

Activity Five - Last Christmas
Tell the story of your last Christmas using the **past tenses.**

Activity Six - Role Plays - Act out the role plays below.

1/ A customer calls to say that last christmas they wanted to buy a Christmas tree from Ikea because there was a special offer, but they were too late. They want to be really sure that this year they can get one. So they ask a lot of questions about when the sales start, how much the trees are and when they can return the tree.

2/ A customer calls to say that last Christmas they signed up with IKEA family but they have not used it since then and now they have forgotten their password.

3/ A customer calls to tell you a sad story about a problem they had last year with the delivery of a christmas gift which did not arrive on time. They want to order something again in time for Christmas and so they want to know all about the fees and conditions and be reassured that they will have their gift in time this year.

4/ A customer calls to say that they bought a TV as a christmas present for their daughter but she has just told them that she is moving to Australia before Christmas so they want a refund!

