



Merry Christmas

A Christmas Laugh & Learn



Vocabulary

a carol	N. a traditional Christmas song
a chimney	N. a part of a fire place which extends up through the roof and carries smoke out of the house
Christmas Eve	N. the night before Christmas
eggnog	N. a traditional Christmas drink made with milk, egg, vanilla and rum
nativity	N/ the circumstances of being born...especially of Jesus
Candlelight	N. Most churches have a beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service or Mass
mistletoe	N. a plant which is often hung from the ceiling at Christmas (When two people walk under the plant, they are supposed to kiss.)
an ornament	N. a decoration which is hung on a Christmas tree; any decoration
a reindeer	N. a type of deer from Northern Europe
a sleigh	N. a vehicle which travels on snow
stockings	N. a knitted sock; a traditional foot covering

Vocabulary in Conversation

Use the above vocabulary to fill in the blanks in the following conversation.

Susan : Merry Christmas, come on in and take off your coat - it's cold out there.

Stephan : Merry Christmas. Let me take off my boots, I don't want to get snow all over the place.

Susan : Would you like some _____ ? It's a traditional Christmas drink made with milk, eggs, vanilla and rum.

Stephan : That sounds delicious! I'd love some.

Susan : So, are you ready to decorate the tree? The kids are in the living room right now unpacking the _____ and preparing the lights... Oh, Stephan, you're standing under the _____! You have to give me a kiss.

Stephan : That's a nice Christmas tradition. I brought you a little gift. It's a CD of traditional Christmas _____ from my country. I hope you like it.

Susan : Oh, how wonderful, let's put it on right now while we are decorating the tree.

Stephan : I don't really know much about Christmas in America. How do you celebrate it here?

Susan : Well, usually the family gets together on _____ and has a nice dinner. Most people go to the _____ service at their church for part of the evening, and the rest of the evening will be at home to celebrate Christ's birth with their families and friends. Some people open a gift or two, but my family is very traditional. We wait until Christmas morning to open the gifts from Santa and from others in the family. And always we read the _____ story from Luke chapter two in the Bible.

Stephan : I have heard American children talking about Santa Claus. How do you describe him in the States?

Susan : In America, we have a very set picture of Santa Claus. He dresses in red and white clothes and travels in a magic _____ pulled by flying _____. He enters your house by climbing down the _____, and he leaves gifts under the Christmas tree and in _____ which we hang above the fire place.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

An American Tradition: 200 Million Americans will be in a special Christmas Church Service this year.



Vocabulary in Conversation

Eggnog, ornaments, mistletoe, carols, Christmas Eve, Candlelight, nativity, sleigh, reindeer, chimney, stockings.



My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six-year-old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Christmas Program."

Nicholas was glowing, as were all of his classmates, dressed in their best for the show. The children in the front row, center of the stage, held up signs with large letters to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his letter had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down! She was unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W." The audience of 1st through 6th graders giggled at this child's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W."

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen and moisten. In that instant we

understood the reason we were there, and why we celebrated the holiday in the first place. Why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. When the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

"CHRISTWASLOVE"



And, I believe, He still is.
Amazed in His presence,
Humbled by His love.

May each of you have a Merry Christmas as you reflect on His Amazing Love for us.

The Laugh



A Sign of the Times

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
A. It's Christmas, Eve.

Q. Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden?
A. Because he like to hoe, hoe, hoe!

Another Day At The Office

Question: Why is Christmas just like another day at the office?

Answer: You do all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit.

NEWS FLASH!

There will be no Christmas celebration in Washington, DC this year. Apparently they could not find three wise men.

Short Snow Jokes

What happened when the snowgirl quit liking the snowboy?
She gave him the cold shoulder!

What do snowmen wear on their heads?
Ice caps!

What's an ig?
An eskimo's home without a loo!

What do snowmen eat for lunch?
Icebergers!



Where do snowmen go to dance?
Snowballs!

How do snowmen travel around?
By iceicle !

What sort of ball doesn't bounce?
A snowball !

How do you call an Eskimo cow?
An Eskimoo !

The Links – a Mark Lowry Christmas

"Piper's Night Before Christmas" By Mark Lowry

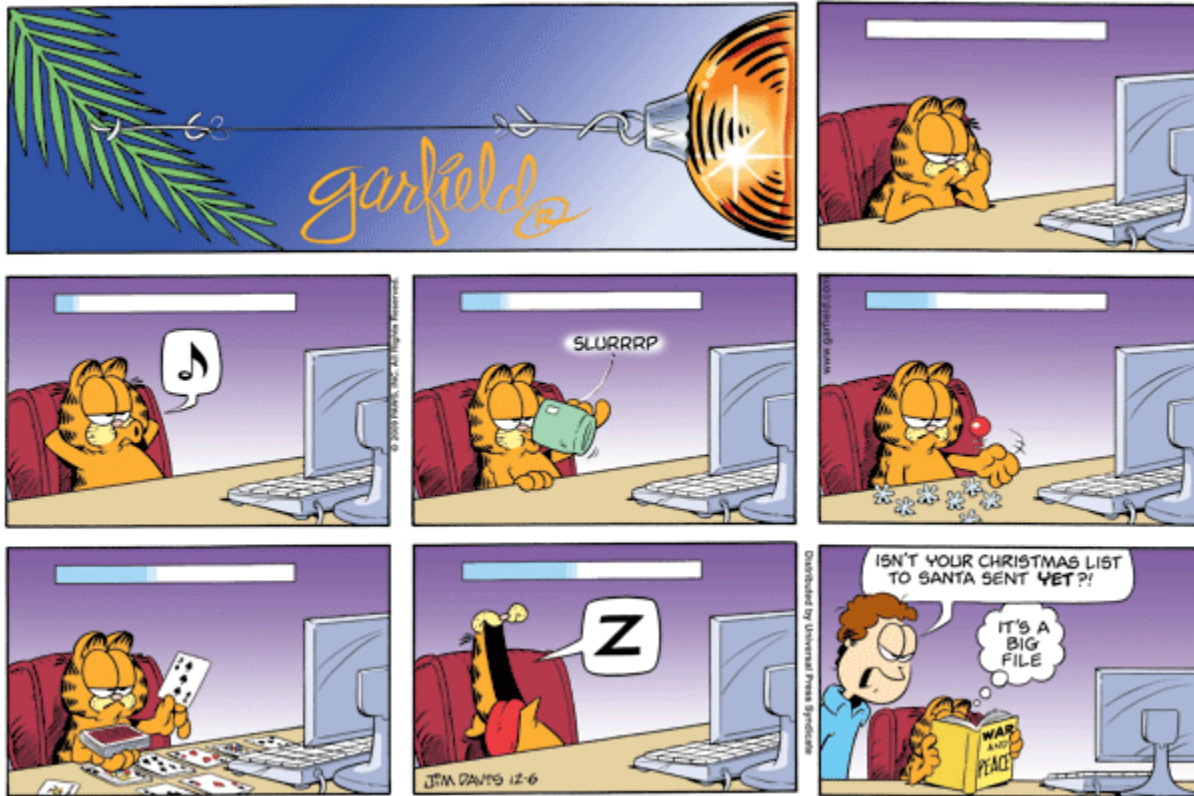
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RS1q-C_ZiV4

"The Christmas Song" With Mark Lowry and David Phelps

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8jrTciaxi4>

Mary Did You Know? - Mark Lowry wrote and sings this

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