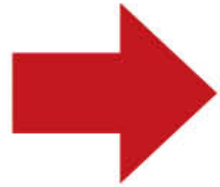




Are You Ready?

Listen to me.



Eyes on me.



FAST READING

Classic English Junior Level 6 - Unit 9 Holidays

Lesson

6

Traditional Customs of Holidays



Lesson Structure

1	Learning Objective
2	Warm-up
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You are going to read an article called "Traditional Customs of Holidays".
In the article you will learn:



Genre

Magazine article



Key words and phrase

custom, generation, evergreen tree, wrap, present, pray, collect, toast



Which holiday do you like best?



What do you usually do on that holiday?



Let's Go!



Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.

**cus•tom** *n*

Every Christmas

It's a custom to give gifts to each other at **Christmas**.

**gen•e•ra•tion** *n*

I have an ordinary family with three **generations**.

Explain a **key word** in your own words:

Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.

**ev•er•green tree**

Evergreen trees have green needle-like leaves throughout the year.

**wrap** v

Christmas gifts are usually **wrapped** in beautiful paper.

Use a **key word** to make a sentence:

Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.



pres•ent *n*



Kate received a secret **present** wrapped in green paper.



pray *v*



The three kids are **praying** for the recovery of their friend.

Use a **key word** to ask a question:

Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.

**col•lect** v

I like to **collect** stamps as a hobby.

**toast** n

On New Year's Day, we often drink a **toast** to our health and happiness.

Use a **key word** to make a sentence:



Let's Read!



Genre

01:00

Choose words from the box to fill in the blanks with features of magazine articles.

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**Traditional Customs
of Holidays**

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by Nancy

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Christmas

Christmas is officially
celebrated on December 25.

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A: Title
B: Byline
C: Illustration
D: Subheading

Read the article.



Traditional Customs of Holidays



by Nancy

As winter draws near, the weather turns ice-cold. But there are two things that make our heart warm — two important holidays come in winter. They are Christmas and the New Year's Day. People have been keeping the tradition of celebrating

the two holidays for **generations**. Now let's have a look at how people celebrate the two holidays.

Christmas

Christmas is officially celebrated on December 25. In the US, long

? What makes our heart warm though winter draws near?

Fast Reading

02:00

Read the article.



before the Christmas Day, every family brings an **evergreen tree** into their houses. Family members decorate it with colored lights, then place brightly **wrapped** gifts under the tree.

On Christmas Eve, children believe that Santa Claus will leave **presents** to them under the tree.



It's a long tradition. But have you ever wondered who the original Santa Claus was? The legend goes that there was once a man called Saint Nicholas. He had a reputation for his generosity to the poor and didn't like to be seen. He often left his gifts at night.



Why did Saint Nicholas often leave his gifts at night?

Fast Reading

02:00

Read the article.

He once helped a poor man's three daughters by throwing three purses filled with gold coins through the open window under the cover of night.

Saint Nicholas, today known as Santa Claus, embodies the spirit of giving.

Toys, clothing, and food are collected and given to the poor.

On Christmas Day, people visit with family and friends. Some people go to church. They sing songs and pray.



What does Santa Claus embody?

Fast Reading

02:00

Read the article.

New Year

The New Year is the time when people have get-togethers with family and friends.

On New Year's Eve, people in the United States wait as the clock ticks down to the new year. At the stroke of midnight, they blow

noisemakers. They raise their glasses in a **toast**. They often give each other a midnight kiss.

noisemaker *n*



What do the Americans do at the stroke of midnight?

Fast Reading

02:00

Read the article.



In Australia, the New Year's Day falls in summer. More than one million people crowd around the Sydney Harbor where

fireworks are set off on New Year's Eve.

How do you celebrate New Year in your country?



How many people crowd around the Sydney Harbor to watch fireworks?

Wrap-up

02:00

I Can Do It

Today we learned a magazine article about traditional customs of holidays.

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What I **K**nowWhat I **W**ant to KnowWhat I **L**earned

Wrap-up

02:00

I Can Do It

We also learned about genre and the following key words and phrase.

Genre

Features of magazine articles

- Title
- Illustration
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Goodbye!

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