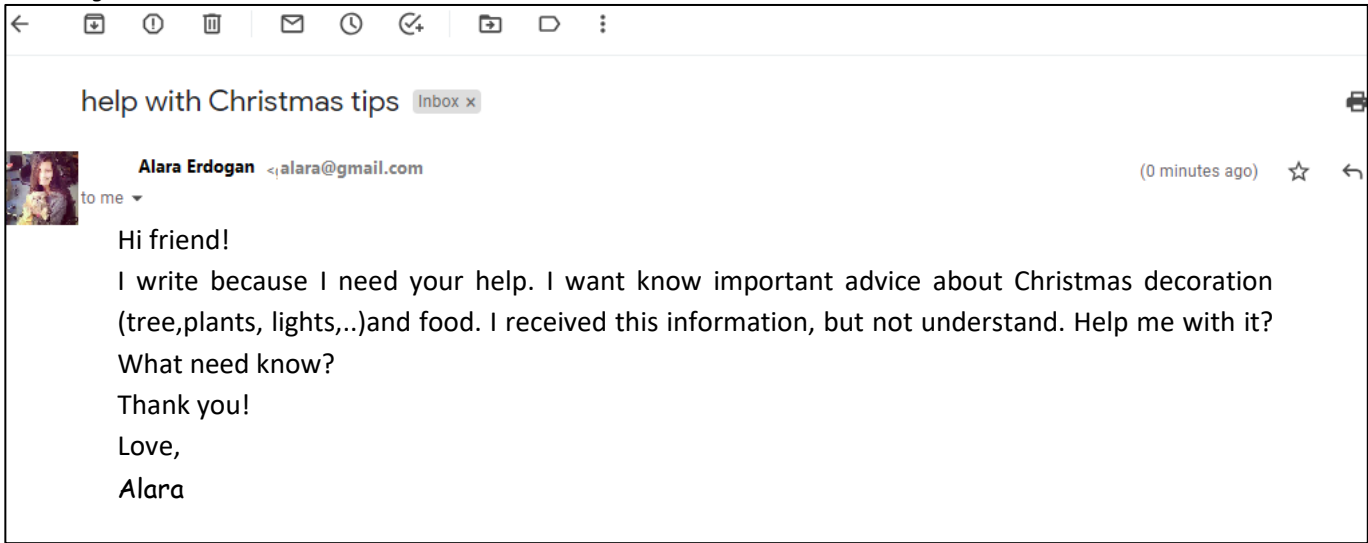


Your Turkish friend Alara, whose level of English is rather low, is now living in England. She has sent you an email:



Write an **email (120 words)** back to Alara helping her with the information she needs to know. Do not forget that her level of English, as you have probably noticed, is lower than yours.

From:	
To:	
Subject:	

Dear Alara,

It's nice to hear from you. This is what you need to know to have a safe Christmas.
Firstly, ...

Happy Christmas!
Take care,
Your friend

10 CHRISTMAS SAFETY TIPS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

DON'T MAKE THE TREE A FIRE HAZARD

- make sure there's always water in the tree stand. Keep your tree at least three feet away from radiators. If you buy an artificial tree, check that it's labeled 'fire resistant'.

PROPERLY SECURE THE TREE

- make sure your tree is properly secured with a strong stand that doesn't lean

REPLACE OLD LIGHTS AND USE THEM CORRECTLY

- Use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors, and always turn them off when going to bed

HANG BREAKABLE ORNAMENTS UP HIGH

- those colourful and shiny vintage ornaments are just too tempting for little ones! Instead, hang breakable ornaments at the top of the tree. That way, kids can get in on the decorating fun without the worry of broken glass.

WATCH OUT FOR CANDLES

- to avoid a disaster, keep candles at least a foot away from anything flammable. Never leave burning candles unattended.

BE MINDFUL OF POISONOUS PLANTS

- eating mistletoe is actually toxic. Keep it away from pets, along with other potentially poisonous plants, like holly berries.



DON'T BURN WRAPPING PAPER IN THE FIREPLACE

- avoid any fire accidents by practising proper fireplace safety. Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper; and always use a fireplace screen.



KEEP THE RAW TURKEY AWAY FROM THE SALAD

- Handle food safely with these simple reminders : keep raw meat away from fresh produce, wash your hands frequently and use separate cutting boards for cooked and uncooked meat.

WATCH OUT FOR ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD

- While you shop, carefully check that the website address is spelled correctly- fraudulent websites with similar spelling can trick you into giving away your credit card information. Be sure the payment page address begins with "https" (the "s" stands for "secure")

PRACTISE CAR SAFETY WHEN TRAVELLING

- Have your car serviced before leaving on a road trip, carry an emergency kit and give yourself extra time to avoid rushing.



PRACTISE THESE SIMPLE CHRISTMAS SAFETY TIPS FOR A DISASTER-FREE HOLIDAY



MERRY CHRISTMAS