

to work one's fingers to the bone | urabiać sobie ręce po łokcie
 cosy | przytulny
 cabin | tu: chata, chatka
 w górach
 owner | właściciel
 major | główny
 appeal | urök
 to witness sth | doświadczać czegoś
 gorgeous | g'ɔ:dʒəs / 'gɔ:rdʒəs | zachwycający
 scenery | s'i:nəri / sceneria, widoki, krajobraz
 snowcapped | pokrity śniegiem
 tremendous | wspaniały
 sleigh | sanie
 twinkling | skrzący się, migoczący
 mulled wine | grzaniec
 stall | stoisko

to aglow | promieniejący
 enjoyable | przyjemny
 to be fed up with sth | mieć czegoś dość
 to wrap sth | pakować coś
 household | gospodarstwo domowe
 chores | tʃɔ:(r)z / tʃɔ:z | obowiązki, prace domowe
 to recharge one's batteries | naładować baterie
 to allow oneself to do sth | pozwolić sobie na zrobienie czegoś
 to unwind | zrelaksować się, odpłynąć się
 to get away from sth | uciec od czegoś
 as far as I'm concerned | moim zdaniem
 foreign | obcy
 Christmas carol | kolęda

recipe | resəpi | przepis
 incredible | in'kredəbl | niewiarygodny
 to foster sth | sprzyjać czemuś, pielęgnować, wspierać coś
 environment | ɛn'vaɪrənmənt | środowisko
 policy | pɒlɪtɪkə | polityka
 to grow up | dorastać, dorosnąć
 hustle and bustle | harmider, zgiełk
 Christmas Eve | Wigilia
 religious | rɪ'lɪdʒəs | religijny
 choir | kwaiə(r) | chór
 community | spə'tecznɒsć | społeczność
 exhausted | ɪg'zɔ:stɪd | wyczerpany
 freeing | wɪ'zʃwəlaɪŋ | uwolniający, oswobodzający, dający wolność

to roll one's eyes | przewracać oczami
 at the thought of sth | na myśl o czymś
 to acknowledge sth | przyznawać coś
 fuzzy | tu: cieply, przyjemny, pozytywny
 comfortable | kamfətəbl / komfortowo
 to overindulge in sth | dogadzać sobie czymś
 to engage in sth | angażować się w coś
 otherwise | inne

While some travel lovers roll their eyes at the thought of going back home and spending a week with family, many of us acknowledge that family time has a way of giving us warm, fuzzy feelings. One thing is certain, you need to feel comfortable during the festive season – if you want, have family and friends together around the table, overindulge in delicious food, give and receive presents, and engage in traditions and rituals – religious or otherwise. Feel free, and enjoy these beautiful moments in life.

— Kate

I'm a very religious individual who is waiting for Christmas the whole year. How can I leave my home during this time? I sing in a choir and my community is the most important for me. It's true that in the past I was really exhausted after Christmas, but last year I made the decision to slow down during December, letting go of certain expectations like Christmas baking. Making this decision was freeing and it gave our family time to truly enjoy Advent and Christmas together. Thanks to this, we can really enjoy these special moments, putting Christ in the centre of our family.

— Samantha

As a child I used to travel a lot with my parents. We never spent Christmas or Easter at home as my father used to work in many different places. When I grew up, I promised myself that I would celebrate every Christmas at home with my family and friends. The more guests, the better. I have an empty, silent home which is filled only with some sounds from the TV. I love the hustle and bustle of my relatives. Every year, I organise Christmas Eve, which of course can be quite time-consuming and very tiring, but I do not want to spend Christmas as my parents did – new hotels, new places, forgetting what really matters in life.

— Calvin

I'm a traditionalist and Christmas should be spent at home, around the table. We love baking – which is an important holiday activity to bring people together, whether it's preparing Christmas dinner or baking cookies. This is a great opportunity to share family recipes and make the house smell incredible. We mustn't forget that spending time with family fosters a healthy environment allowing for open communication. Of course, without smartphones and social media all the time, that's why we introduced a "Phone Off" policy to find more time for each other during the festive period.

family values.

time with family as much as possible can help develop positive enjoying these beautiful moments. In my opinion, spending with our family, sing Christmas carols and play games, just sleeping in a foreign place, not in my bed! Every year we meet tree and enjoy the whole festive atmosphere. I cannot imagine decorate your house as you wish, dress your dream Christmas at home and celebrating Christmas with your family. You can As far as I'm concerned, there is no better option than staying

Let's see it from a different perspective

We will try it next year, too!

If you ask me, Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year and it's also one of the most enjoyable for our family. However, I'm fed up with running around buying and wrapping presents as well as preparing dinner, doing household chores. I need to recharge my batteries and allow myself to unwind. Therefore, we decided to get away from it all. Me and my partner just hopped in our car and drove to a magical destination that we could enjoy. One of the best things about going on holiday over the festive period is eating a Christmas dinner you haven't had to cook. This winter break became a whole lot more relaxing for both of us.

— Sue

Can you imagine cleaning the whole house, and cooking or baking so many dishes? I used to do that for many years, working my fingers to the bone. Never again! My husband and kids love spending Christmas in the mountains in our favourite cosy cabin, where the owners prepare everything for their guests. One of the major appeals of spending Christmas in the mountains is the opportunity to witness the gorgeous winter scenery! The snowcapped mountains are a photographer's dream, and you can enjoy these tremendous views right from your cabin. Horse-drawn sleighs, twinkling trees, mulled wine stalls, a pretty village aglow in a lovely little valley – do you need anything else?