

CHRISTMAS READING

1. Warm-up:

1. How do you celebrate Christmas? Do you sing songs with your family or friends?
2. Tell about your favourite Christmas songs.
3. What do you know about Christmas music?



2. Read the text and say what Christmas tradition is popular among people all over the world.

What music is the most popular during Christmas in the world? Of course, carols! A Christmas carol is a traditional hymn sung on Christmas itself or the surrounding holiday session.

The first carols date back to the 4th century and could be heard in Rome. Notes about first Christmas carols in English appeared in 1426 in work of John Awdlay, who was an English priest and listed 25 Christmas carols sung by people at that time. But the earliest carol was written in 1410 and sadly only a very small fragment of it still exists. The carol told about Mary and Jesus meeting different people in Bethlehem.

Still, the singing of carols gained popularity approximately in the 19th century and now they are regularly sung during Christmas services in churches as mostly lyrics of carols refers to religious topics. However, the custom of singing carols at the streets also emerged and every Christmas you can hear people singing breathtaking songs while celebrating Christmas.

3. Read the text attentively and complete the table:



Number	What it means in the text
25	25 first carols were first mentioned by the English priest in his work
19	
1426	
4	
1410	

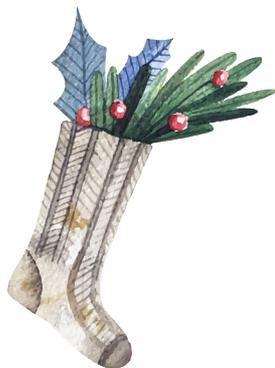




CHRISTMAS LISTENING

Chris Rea "Driving home for Christmas"

1. Read the text and say what Christmas tradition is popular among people all over the world. Listen to the first verse and put the lines in the right order:



But I will be there	
I'm driving home for Christmas, yea	
And it's been so long	
I'm driving home for Christmas	
Well I'm moving down that line	
To pass the time away	
Driving home for Christmas	
Driving in my car	
Oh, I can't wait to see those faces	
I sing this song	



2. Listen to the rest of the song and correct all mistakes in the text:



It's not gonna take some time
 But I'll get ther
 Top top top in tailbacks
 Oh, I got black lights on the run
 But soon there'll be a freeway yeah
 Get my foot on holy ground



So I'm singing for you
 Though you can hear me
 When I get food
 And feel you near me
 Driving in my car
 I'm driving home for New Year
 Driving home for Christmas
 With a million memories

I take look at the driver next to me
 He's just the same
 Just the same





CHRISTMAS SPEAKING



Your teacher is going to split you into two teams. Look at the box – in turns you give words or word combinations to your competitors. One word can be given to competitors only once. Then your team will have 7 minutes to write a Christmas story which should also include the mentioned words. Good luck!

Christmas tree

Christmas sky

magic

present

relatives

reindeer

carols

mistletoe

sleigh

Christmas dinner

stocking

wreath

snowman

snowflake

fireplace

church service

Christmas decorations

Christmas lights



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!!!



Snowman

Carolers



Stocking



Christmas tree



Snowflake



Fireplace



Baubles



Reindeer

Sleigh





KEYS

READING



2. Carolling

Number	What it means in the text
25	25 first carols were first mentioned by the English priest in his work
19	Singing of carols gained popularity among people
1426	John Awdlay published his work where he mentioned 25 first popular carols
4	In the 4 th century the first carols appeared
1410	The earliest carol was written

LISTENING



But I will be there	6
I'm driving home for Christmas, yea	3
And it's been so long	5
I'm driving home for Christmas	1
Well I'm moving down that line	4
To pass the time away	8
Driving home for Christmas	10
Driving in my car	9
Oh, I can't wait to see those faces	2
I sing this song	7



It's gonna take some time
But I'll get **there**
Top to toe in tailbacks
Oh, I got **red** lights on the run
But soon there'll be a freeway yeah
Get my **feet** on holy ground

So **I sing** for you
Though you **can't** hear me
When I get **trough**
And feel you near me
Driving in my car
I'm driving home for New Year
Driving home for Christmas
With **a thousand** memories

I take look at the driver next to me
He's just the same
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