



Task № 1. Choose the most suitable word to fill each space.

Often holiday time becomes (1) ... because we overextend our wallets, waistlines and willpower. We eat what we shouldn't, say things we can't take (2) ... and spend money we may not have. But there is (3) ... way. And it's similar to (4) ... the Grinch discovered. He realized that (5) ... values and deep traditions are not measured (6) ... how many presents we purchase or how big (7) ... feast we plan. Toward the end of the tale he reflects, "Maybe Christmas doesn't come (8) ... a store. Maybe Christmas means a (9) ... bit more." Let your heart grow three (10) ... by sharing, caring and celebrating a better way.

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| 1) A stressful | B annoying | C trying | D irksome |
| 2) A after | B on | C back | D for granted |
| 3) A the | B another | C a | D other |
| 4) A that | B whom | C which | D what |
| 5) A spiritual | B moral | C family | D traditional |
| 6) A by | B to | C with | D at |
| 7) A the | B a | C royal | D Dutch |
| 8) A out of | B with | C into | D from |
| 9) A much | B little | C long | D tiny |
| 10) A sizes | B times | C amounts | D volumes |

Task № 2. Make up questions to the secondary members of the sentences, using the words in brackets.

- 1) Christmas can mean different things to different people. (What)
- 2) It's common to send Christmas cards to friends and family. (Who)
- 3) People send fewer cards today than in the past. (How many)
- 4) Nowadays people send Xmas greetings by email or via Facebook. (How)
- 5) Every year small children tell Father Christmas what presents they'd like to get. (How often)
- 6) Children can visit Father Christmas in a large department store in the UK. (Where)
- 7) On the night of December 24th Father Christmas travels through the sky on a sleigh. (When)
- 8) Father Christmas enters the children's houses via the chimney. (How)
- 9) Snow at Christmas is part of British culture. (Which culture)
- 10) People buy fake snow to decorate their houses. (Why)

Task № 3. Find ONE word connected with Christmas which is suitable for all three gaps in each of the following sets of sentences.

- 1) The Browns are having a this Friday night.
John's parents bought him another tennis as he'd lost the previous one.
The is in her court – Kathy is the shot caller now.
- 2) Caroline is such an old fox; she really believes she can job us with her tears.
It's Christmas! Children are having fun; they're playing in the
What has frightened you so much? You're as white as
- 3) Jim exercises every morning, but today he didn't as he couldn't find his
Kevin is black and blue – somebody has knocked seven out of him.
Don't you hear the ringing? The sound's coming from the church.

- 4) My favorite actors in this film. I'll definitely watch it.
 The night sky is so amazing! Just look at that in the distance!
 Last summer we were in Paris and stayed in a five hotel.
- 5) Stop being silly! You can't see the wood for the
 I just love spring! The birds are singing in the and the sun's shining.
 Greg is no leader; he's not the person who can pull up

Task № 4. Do the Word Search. Hunt for 12 words connected with Christmas.

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N	R	E	I	N	D	E	E	R	S
O	Q	P	I	G	I	F	T	K	T
W	H	V	B	E	L	L	R	P	A
M	B	A	L	L	T	X	E	Z	R
A	C	A	N	D	L	E	E	L	F
N	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S

Task № 5. Find mistakes in the lines, some of them are correct. In each line only ONE mistake is possible. There are two examples at the beginning of the extract (0 – unnecessary word; 00 – correct).

Holiday Traditions	
Throughout the season family traditions play a great role. The annual night	0. <i>night</i>
highlight for Jeremy and Caroline's two daughters, Meredith and Prentiss, is a	00. +
trip to the local tree farm in search of the perfect light blue spruce. Advent	1.
calendars and ornaments being handcrafted by Caroline and the girls end up	2.
adorning tabletops and counters. "On Christmas day we wear matching PJs and	3.
eat sloppy Joe casserole," says Caroline. "It's the mere simple things that make	4.
Christmas meaningful. Every year I shall pull out my handmade stockings and	5.
the girls string popcorn and cranberry garlands for the merry tree," says	6.
Caroline. On the mantel, glass vases filled with gold-painted walnuts hold	7.
bouquets of some red berries. Pinecone trees add a natural touch, while	8.
homemade real paper snowflakes brighten the windows. "The kitchen is	9.
Christmas central," says Caroline, "where we bake cookies for grandparents."	10.

Ответы:

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Желаем успеха!