



The Christmas Song

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Vocabulary

Chestnut	Folks	Goodies
Nip	Eskimo	Sleigh
Yuletide	Mistletoe	Spy
Carol	Tot	Reindeer
Choir	Aglow	

Comprehension

1. Match which of the 5 senses relate to the first five lines of the song (some lines have more than one correct answer).
 - Sight
 - Sound
 - Taste
 - Touch
 - Smell
 - Chestnuts roasting
 - Jack Frost nipping
 - Yuletide carols
 - Folks dressed like Eskimos
 - Turkey
2. Who does the song suggest will have difficulty sleeping on Christmas Eve and why?
3. What message does the singer want to tell the audience?

Discussion

1. Do you celebrate Christmas in any way? How do you feel about Christmas culture, music and traditions?

2. Do you like the feeling of cold days with falling snow? What do you usually do on snowy days (stay indoor, go skiing, build a snowman, have a snowball fight)?

3. What food, drinks or snacks do you tend to enjoy most during winter season?

4. Do you decorate your work or living space with seasonal decorations like Christmas lights, mistletoe, a tree, stockings, paper snowflakes, etc?

5. Do you usually participate in gift-giving traditions during winter season?
 - For which celebrations/holidays do you usually buy gifts for others?
 - Who do you buy gifts for? Do you ever receive any gifts?
 - Do you think that gift-giving is an important part of your culture?

Details

“Everybody knows a turkey and some **mistletoe**.”



- Mistletoe = This is a plant that is used as a decoration during Christmas over doorways. A custom developed in England and the US suggests that if two people stand together under mistletoe, they should kiss each other.

“**Tiny tots** with their **eyes all aglow** will find it hard to sleep tonight.”

- “Tiny tots” refers to small children
- “eyes all aglow” refers to Christmas lights reflecting off of their eyes



“And every mother's child is gonna **spy** to see if reindeer really know how to fly.”

- “Spy” is used as a verb here meaning to look for something secretly.



The Christmas Song by Nat King Cole

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
And folks dressed up like Eskimos
Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight
They know that Santa's on his way
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh
And every mother's child is gonna spy
To see if reindeer really know how to fly
And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from 1 to 92
Although it's been said many times, many ways
Merry Christmas to you
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