
LISTENING PRE-INTERMEDIATE - CHRISTMAS

Think before you listen.

Christmas is a time when children hope to receive presents from their parents, other family, and friends. Imagine that you are one of the children in this conversation (a three-year-old boy and a six-year-old girl). What Christmas gifts would you like to receive?

Listen to the conversation by and answer the questions.

1. What does the little boy NOT ask for Christmas?
 - A. a toy train
 - B. a play car
 - C. hand-held radio receiver-transmitters
2. What does the girl want for Christmas?
 - A. dolls
 - B. Barbie playhouse
 - C. Marbles
3. What are some of the foods the children want to prepare for Santa's reindeer?
 - A. cookies, apples, and carrots
 - B. hot chocolate, oranges, and corn
 - C. apples, oranges, and cookies
4. What time do they plan to go to bed?
 - A. 7:00 p.m
 - B. 8:00 p.m
 - C. 9:00 p.m.
5. How is Santa going to enter the house?
 - A. through the back door
 - B. down the chimney
 - C. through a basement window

TRANSCRIPT

Man: Well, Christmas is almost here. So, what do you want from Santa this year?

Micky: A toy car and walkie-talkies.

Man: Really? Well, and what about you, Emily? What do you want for Christmas?

Emily: If I can't have a Barbi eradio, um, I would have some fragile dolls. And if I can't have some fragile dolls, it doesn't really matter what I get.

Man: Wow. Well, I'm excited, and Santa is coming. And how is Santa going to get inside the house, Micky?

Micky: Um, go down the chimney . . .

Man: Okay, so he's going to go down the chimney, and should we prepare anything for Santa?

Micky: Yeah!

Man: What are we going to prepare for him, Emily?

Emily: Um. We could prepare some cookies for him and some hot chocolate, and, um, we could give Rudolph some, um, hot chocolate in a bowl and a cookie. And we could give some of the reindeer some cookies and some hot chocolate in a bowl.

Man: Well, what do you think? They, Um, reindeer probably don't eat cookies, but what else could we give them, Micky?

Micky: Um, apples.

Man: Ah, that's good. And, uh . . .

Emily: Oranges and bananas.

Man: Okay and what time do you think we should go to bed?

Emily: Um, seven.

Man: About seven o'clock. Well, that's exciting. I'm really happy that Christmas is coming.

ANSWERS

1. a toy train
2. dolls
3. apples, oranges, and cookies
4. 7:00 p.m.
5. down the chimney