

Task 1. Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out aloud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.

Christmas in London: Christmas in Britain is the most popular holiday and is characterized by traditions dating back hundreds of years. Many Christmas customs originated in Great Britain have been adopted in the USA.

The first Christmas card was sent in 1840 and soon it became something specifically built for Christmas. Around one million Christmas cards are sent each year in the United Kingdom. The decoration of Christmas has also a very early origin, the holly, the mistletoe is associated with rituals that return us to the old age. The habit of kissing a mistletoe is derived from an ancient pagan tradition.

The Christmas tree was popularized by Prince Albert husband of Queen Victoria who introduced one to the royal house in 1840. Since 1947 the country of Norway has annually represented Great Britain with a large Christmas tree standing in the square of Trafalgar in commemoration of the Anglo-Norwegian cooperation during the Second World War.



Task 2. Study the advertisement.

You are considering going on this sightseeing tour to London for Christmas and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:



- 1) duration of the tour
- 2) starting point
- 3) tourist attractions to see
- 4) price for one person
- 5) group discounts

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Task 4. Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- give a brief description of the photos (action, location)
- say what the pictures have in common
- say in what way the pictures are different
- say which of the celebrations in the pictures you like more
- explain why

