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'Tis the season of Christmas markets!

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THE ARTICLE

'Tis the season of Christmas markets!

'Tis the season of the year to be jolly. Christmas is on its way. So why not get into the swing of Christmas and visit a traditional Christmas market? The magic of them will soon put you under their spell. All over continental Europe you'll find them. In recent years they have become more and more popular, probably because of the festive season atmosphere they evoke. Their traditional wooden chalets are full of everything you'll need to prepare for the perfect Christmas. Christmas markets originate from what is Germany today. Here they are unique. They offer visitors the chance to buy many different forms of merchandise including wooden carvings, toys, candles, decorated mugs and Christmas decorations. Visitors can enjoy roast chestnuts and grilled bratwurst sausages or munch some gingerbread biscuits (Lebkuchen), marzipan figures and other such sweets. One can even try some German hot mulled wine (Glühwein).

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LET'S START

1. Christmas markets: What are Christmas markets? Where do they originate from? Think of 3 other things about Christmas markets. Go round the room swapping details.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read 4 to 6 lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self correct your work from page 2 - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than 5 is very good. 10 is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than 20 - we need to do some work!

3. Reading: The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. The article: Students look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?
- c) Would you like to visit a Christmas market?

6. Let's write! An e-mail: Write and send an e-mail to your teacher about a visit to a **Christmas market** you made recently. (Imagine!) Your e-mail can be read out in class.

7. Let's tell a story! Below are 20 words and phrases from the article. Use them to compile your own story about **Christmas markets**. (Imagine!) Add 2 words of your own. Tell your story to your partner. (*Maybe tick off your words as you tell it*)

1	mugs	11	Victorian
2	Continental	12	candles
3	Happy Christmas	13	wooden chalets
4	Germany	14	hot mulled wine
5	popular	15	festive season
6	spell	16	Dickensian
7	Medieval	17	jolly
8	merchandise	18	Christmas decorations
9	evoke	19	traditional Christmas markets
10	magic	20	sausages
Your choice 1 _____		Your choice 2 _____	

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their stories in front of the class.

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8. Let's do 'The Article Quiz': With your partner or in small groups: (1 point for each correct answer. Lose ½ point if you look at the article for help!)

Student A

- 1) Name 3 things you can buy as presents at a German Christmas market.
- 2) Where do Christmas markets originate from?
- 3) What is in Caerphilly?
- 4) Name 3 types of English Christmas market.
- 5) Where in Northern Europe can you visit a Christmas market?
- 6) What is on its way?

Student B

- 1) What are Lebkuchen?
- 2) What is Glühwein?
- 3) Name 3 English Christmas markets.
- 4) Where in the heart of Europe will you find Xmas markets?
- 5) Name 3 continental Christmas markets (not in Germany)
- 6) What have mushroomed?

9. Let's talk! Christmas markets: In pairs. Imagine you are in a pub. Over a drink discuss Christmas markets. Which are your favourite? Why? What did you buy? Which you would like to visit? Try to make it light hearted. 5-minutes.

10. Let's debate: In pairs. Students A think Christmas is fun. Students B think otherwise. Explain why.

11. Let's think! Christmas markets: Think of 5 different Christmas market gifts. Add 5 different foods and drinks. Write them below. Discuss them and compare lists with your partner. Which do you like to buy? Which do you like to eat and drink?

5 Christmas market gifts	5 Christmas market foods/drinks
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

12. Let's think! Christmas markets: Swap partners. With your new partner on the board write as many words to do with **Christmas markets** as you can. One-two minutes. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

13. Let's compile! Sentences: Choose six/nine of the words from No 12. Write two/three sentences using two/three words in each. Underline your chosen words. The teacher will if necessary correct your work. Students might be asked to read their sentences aloud.

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14. Sentence starters: Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) Christmas markets _____
- b) Wooden chalets _____
- c) Victorian _____
- d) Medieval _____
- e) Continental Europe _____

15. Presentation: In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a 2 minute presentation on **Christmas markets**. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the strong and weak points on each presentation. Learn from the results.

16. Let's unscramble: Try to unscramble the following sentences:

- 1) The jolly season be year of to the 'tis
- 2) Swing why get Christmas into not of so the
- 3) Find over them Europe you'll all continental
- 4) And recent more popular have they become more in years
- 5) Markets England mushroomed Christmas have in

(answers are on page 15)

17. Let's talk! At a Christmas market: *In pairs/groups/as a class.* Imagine you are at a Christmas market. One of you is **either** buying some gifts for Christmas **or** is buying some food and drink to consume. The other is the market trader selling them. The buyer should barter. Maybe haggle over the price. The seller should give some traditional market sales talk. Swap roles! The buyer should then move round to another Christmas market stall. Find yourself something new. Try to add some fun into the situation. *5-10 minutes.*

18. Let's chat! In pairs: One of you is speaking on your mobile **or** computer to your friend on Skype in another country. You are telling them all about the Christmas markets near you. The other then chats about the ones near them. How do they compare?

19. Let's compare! In a group in a circle. A quick fire session. The teacher asks the class, **"I love Christmas because..."**

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: After reading the article guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. German Christmas markets include Berlin, Trier and Strasbourg | T / F |
| b. Caerphilly in Wales hosts a medieval Christmas market | T / F |
| c. Victorian Christmas markets in England are now popular | T / F |
| d. Heart of Europe Christmas markets include Vienna, Prague & Oslo | T / F |
| e. Continental xmas markets include Metz, Brussels and Bern | T / F |
| f. In France Christmas markets are known as <i>Marché de Noël</i> | T / F |
| g. Visitors to German xmas markets can buy toys, mugs and hot cats | T / F |
| h. Christmas markets originate from Germany | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| a. jolly | special |
| b. swing | hail from |
| c. Magic | other |
| d. Evoke | a little |
| e. Popular | fascination |
| f. originate | centre |
| g. unique | spirit |
| h. similar | well-liked |
| i. heart | festive |
| j. some | arouse |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| a. 'Tis the season of the year | under their spell. |
| b. Christmas | you'll find them. |
| c. So why not | and grilled bratwurst sausages |
| d. The magic of them will soon put you | have mushroomed. |
| e. All over continental Europe | <i>Marché de Noël.</i> |
| f. They offer visitors the chance to buy | get into the swing of Christmas |
| g. Visitors can enjoy roast chestnuts | have also become popular. |
| h. In France Christmas markets are known as | is on its way |
| i. In England Christmas markets | many different forms of merchandise |
| j. Victorian Christmas markets | to be jolly. |

GAP FILL: READING

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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'Tis the season of the year to be _____. Christmas is on its way. So why not get into the swing of _____ and visit a traditional Christmas market? The magic of them will soon put you under their spell. All over _____ Europe you'll find them. In recent years they have become more and more popular, probably because of the _____ season atmosphere they evoke. Their traditional wooden _____ are full of everything you'll need to prepare for the perfect Christmas. Christmas _____ originate from what is Germany today. Here they are unique. They offer visitors the chance to buy many different forms of merchandise including wooden carvings, toys, candles, decorated _____ and Christmas decorations. Visitors can enjoy roast chestnuts and grilled bratwurst sausages or _____ some gingerbread biscuits (Lebkuchen), marzipan figures and other such sweets. One can even try some German hot mulled wine (Glühwein).

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

'Tis the season of Christmas markets!

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DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. What is your favourite Christmas market?
- c. What advice would you give anyone visiting a Christmas market for the first time?
- d. Why are Christmas markets so popular?
- e. Why do you like Christmas markets?
- f. Why are continental Christmas markets so popular now in mainland Britain?
- g. Why are Victorian Christmas markets so popular now in England?
- h. Why are Christmas markets in Britain called Dickensian?
- i. Will you experience a white Christmas?
- j. What do you want for Christmas?



STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. What do you think about what you read?
- b. What do you think of Christmas markets?
- c. What might you buy your family as a gift at a Christmas market?
- d. What is the most unusual gift you might buy at a Christmas market?
- e. Where is the biggest Christmas market?
- f. Which is the best Christmas market?
- g. Who do you go to the Christmas market with?
- h. Would you consider going on a Christmas market weekend away?
- i. What do you like to eat at a Christmas market?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

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SPEAKING

Let's play a game! Christmas markets:

Allow 10 minutes

Form a circle or go round the room in a clockwise direction.

"I went to a Christmas market and I bought ...

The idea of the game is that each person has to remember what was previously said then add one more gift, drink or food product. The list will therefore get longer and longer.

When a student cannot remember the order or cannot think of a gift, drink or food product they are 'eliminated'!

The winner is the one at the end not eliminated!

The teacher can moderate the session.

PUT THE ARTICLE BACK TOGETHER

Put the article back together

- () Wrexham. Caerphilly in Wales hosts a medieval Christmas market! Enjoy. Happy Christmas!
- () for the perfect Christmas. Christmas markets originate from what is Germany today. Here they are unique. They offer visitors the chance to buy many different forms of merchandise including wooden carvings, toys,
- () Cologne Christmas Market at the Southbank Centre or the Hyde Park Winter Wonderland. Similar Christmas markets include the Birmingham Frankfurt Christmas market, the Canterbury Traditional Christmas Market or the
- () Bratislava and Budapest. In Northern Europe Tallinn in Estonia, Oslo in Norway or Stockholm in Sweden. In England Christmas markets have mushroomed. Popular ones with a continental feel include in London; the
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LANGUAGE: Choose the correct words from a–d below and write them in the article.

'Tis the season of the year to be (1)__. Christmas is on its (2)__. So why not get into the (3)__ of Christmas and visit a traditional Christmas market? The magic of them will soon put you under (4)__ spell. All over continental Europe you'll find them. In recent years they have become more and more popular, (5)__ because of the festive season atmosphere they (6)__. Their traditional wooden chalets are full of everything you'll need to prepare for the perfect Christmas. Christmas markets originate from what is Germany today. Here they are unique. They offer visitors the chance to buy many different forms of merchandise including wooden carvings, toys, candles, decorated (7)__ and Christmas decorations. Visitors can enjoy (8)__ chestnuts and grilled bratwurst sausages or munch some gingerbread biscuits (Lebkuchen), marzipan figures and other such sweets. One can even try some German hot mulled wine (Glühwein). Christmas markets to visit in Germany include Berlin, Trier, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf and Köln. Other continental Christmas markets include Brussels, Luxembourg, Metz and Strasbourg. In France Christmas markets are known as *Marché de Noël*. Traditional Swiss Christmas markets include Bern, Zurich and Basel. In the heart of Europe Christmas markets can be found in Vienna, Prague, Bratislava and Budapest. In Northern Europe Tallinn in Estonia, Oslo in Norway or Stockholm in Sweden. In England Christmas markets have mushroomed. Popular ones with a continental (9)__ include in London; the Cologne Christmas Market at the Southbank Centre or the Hyde Park (10)__ Wonderland. Similar Christmas markets include the Birmingham Frankfurt Christmas market, the Canterbury Traditional Christmas Market or the Leeds Christkindelmarkt Traditional Christmas market. (11)__ Christmas markets have also become popular. Also known as (12)__ markets these can be seen in Portsmouth, Ripon, Bury St Edmunds, and Wrexham. Caerphilly in Wales hosts a medieval Christmas market! Enjoy. Happy Christmas!

1.	(a)	molly	(b)	jolly	(c)	golly	(d)	polly
2.	(a)	pay	(b)	may	(c)	way	(d)	bay
3.	(a)	swung	(b)	swing	(c)	sting	(d)	stung
4.	(a)	them	(b)	these	(c)	there	(d)	their
5.	(a)	probate	(b)	probable	(c)	probed	(d)	probably
6.	(a)	evoked	(b)	evoking	(c)	evoke	(d)	evoker
7.	(a)	mugs	(b)	tugs	(c)	bugs	(d)	jugs
8.	(a)	roast	(b)	post	(c)	most	(d)	toast
9.	(a)	feel	(b)	peel	(c)	meal	(d)	keel
10.	(a)	Spring	(b)	Summer	(c)	Autumn	(d)	Winter
11.	(a)	Victory	(b)	Victoria	(c)	Victorian	(d)	Victorious
12.	(a)	Dick	(b)	Dickensian	(c)	Dickens	(d)	Dickey

GRAMMAR 1: MIDWAY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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GRAMMAR 2: EASY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

'Tis the season of Christmas markets!

'Tis (1)___ season of the year to be jolly. Christmas is on (2)___ way. (3)___ why not get into the swing of Christmas and visit a traditional Christmas market? The magic (4)___ them will soon put you under their spell. All over continental Europe you'll find them. (5)___ recent years they have become more and more popular, probably because of the festive season atmosphere they evoke. Their traditional wooden chalets are full of everything you'll need to prepare (6)___ the perfect Christmas. Christmas markets originate from what is Germany today. Here they are unique. They offer visitors the chance to buy many different forms of merchandise including wooden carvings, toys, candles, decorated mugs (7)___ Christmas decorations. Visitors can enjoy roast chestnuts and grilled bratwurst sausages (8)___ munch some gingerbread biscuits (Lebkuchen), marzipan figures and other such sweets. One can even try some German hot mulled wine (Glühwein).

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	traditional	11	'Tis
2	popular	12	originate
3	Victorian	13	merchandise
4	Dickensian	14	decorations
5	similar	15	gingerbread
6	medieval	16	marzipan
7	continental	17	atmosphere
8	chalet	18	evoke
9	unique	19	Christmas
10	jolly	20	Tallinn

HOMEWORK

Newspaper article: Write an article between 200 and 500 words on **Christmas markets**. Read your article to your classmates and discuss them in the next lesson.

WRITING: In class:

Five-minute article: Write an article on **Christmas markets**. You have five minutes. The teacher will select some students to read out their work.

ANSWERS – 2 – UNSCRAMBLED

- 1) 'Tis the season of the year to be jolly
- 2) So why not get into the swing of Christmas
- 3) All over continental Europe you'll find them.
- 4) In recent years they have become more and more popular
- 5) In England Christmas markets have mushroomed

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ANSWERS - 1

TRUE / FALSE:

a. F b. T c. T d. F e. F f. T g. F h. T

SYNONYM MATCH:

a. jolly	festive
b. swing	spirit
c. Magic	fascination
d. Evoke	arouse
e. Popular	well-liked
f. originate	hail from
g. unique	special
h. similar	other
i. heart	centre
j. some	a little

PHRASE MATCH:

a. 'Tis the season of the year	to be jolly.
b. Christmas	is on its way
c. So why not	get into the swing of Christmas
d. The magic of them will soon put you	under their spell.
e. All over continental Europe	you'll find them.
f. They offer visitors the chance to buy	many different forms of merchandise
g. Visitors can enjoy roast chestnuts	and grilled bratwurst sausages
h. In France Christmas markets are known as	<i>Marché de Noël</i> .
i. In England Christmas markets	have mushroomed.
j. Victorian Christmas markets	have also become popular.

GAP FILL: 'Tis the season of Christmas markets! 'Tis the season of the year to be **jolly**. Christmas is on its way. So why not get into the swing of **Christmas** and visit a traditional Christmas market? The magic of them will soon put you under their spell. All over **continental** Europe you'll find them. In recent years they have become more and more popular, probably because of the **festive** season atmosphere they evoke. Their traditional wooden **chalets** are full of everything you'll need to prepare for the perfect Christmas. Christmas **markets** originate from what is Germany today. Here they are unique. They offer visitors the chance to buy many different forms of merchandise including wooden carvings, toys, candles, decorated **mugs** and Christmas decorations. Visitors can enjoy roast chestnuts and grilled bratwurst sausages or **munch** some gingerbread biscuits (Lebkuchen), marzipan figures and other such sweets. One can even try some German hot mulled wine (Glühwein). Christmas markets to visit in Germany include Berlin, Trier, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf and Köln. Other continental Christmas markets include Brussels, Luxembourg, Metz and Strasbourg. In France Christmas markets are known as *Marché de Noël*. Traditional Swiss Christmas markets include Bern, Zurich and Basel. In the heart of Europe Christmas markets can be found in Vienna, Prague, Bratislava and Budapest. In Northern Europe Tallinn in Estonia, Oslo in Norway or Stockholm in Sweden. In England Christmas markets have **mushroomed**. Popular ones with a continental feel include in London; the Cologne Christmas Market at the Southbank Centre or the Hyde Park **Winter** Wonderland. **Similar** Christmas markets include the Birmingham Frankfurt Christmas market, the Canterbury Traditional Christmas Market or the Leeds Christkindelmarkt **Traditional** Christmas market. **Victorian** Christmas markets have also become **popular**. Also known as **Dickensian** markets these can be seen in Portsmouth, Ripon, Bury St Edmunds, and Wrexham. Caerphilly in Wales hosts a **medieval** Christmas market! Enjoy. Happy Christmas!

LANGUAGE WORK:

1 - b 2 - c 3 - b 4 - d 5 - d 6 - c 7 - a 8 - a 9 - a 10 - d 11 - c 12 - b

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