

## **Festivals and celebrations like and would like practice**

### **Part One: Xmas and New Year like and would Make me say Yes**

*Ask your partner questions about doing the things on the next page over the Xmas and New Year period. You get one point if they say "Yes, I do/ would", but no points for any other response, e.g. "No, I don't/ wouldn't" or "Actually..." You therefore need to think carefully about their likely experiences and feelings before asking each question.*

#### **Useful language for responding to like and would like questions**

Yes, I do. (I love it).

Yes, I would. (I would love to).

Yes, I think so./ Yes, I guess so./ Yes, I suppose so.

Hmmm, it's okay.

Hmmm, it sounds okay.

Well, I used to, but not anymore. (Nowadays I...)

No, I don't. (I...)

No, I wouldn't. (I...)

Actually, I've never...

Actually, I have... before./ Actually, I often...

### Things to make like and would like questions about

- buy really expensive Xmas presents
- cook your own Xmas cake
- count down to the New Year
- crack your own nuts with nutcrackers
- decorate a cake
- dress up as Santa
- drink brandy/ Cognac
- drink eggnog (an egg liqueur)
- drink rice wine
- drink/ make mulled wine (= hot wine with spices)
- eat (dried) dates
- eat (hot) Xmas pudding (with a little sugar sprinkled on top/ brandy sauce/ fresh cream/ spray cream/ vanilla ice cream)
- eat a fresh cream strawberry sponge cake for Xmas
- eat bamboo shoots
- eat black beans
- eat Brussel sprouts
- eat chewy rice cake
- eat dried figs
- eat goose
- eat hot red bean soup
- eat KFC during Xmas
- eat mashed chestnuts
- eat mince pies with fresh cream
- eat out on Xmas Day
- eat reindeer
- eat roast potatoes
- eat seaweed
- eat turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce
- fill someone's Xmas stocking
- find a coin in your Christmas pudding
- find out your fortune for the year
- get a real bargain in the January sales
- go away for Xmas/ New Year
- go clubbing on New Year's Eve
- go ice skating
- go skiing
- go to a football stadium in the winter
- go to midnight mass
- go to the theatre during the winter season (to see a panto = pantomime)
- have a party in your workplace (e.g. your office)
- have a romantic meal on Xmas Day
- have a vegetarian Xmas dinner
- have a winter sun holiday/ spend Xmas and New Year in a sunny country
- make homemade Xmas cards
- make homemade Xmas decorations (table decorations, wreath, etc)

- make mulled wine
- make roast turkey
- make your own chewy rice cake
- open the doors on an advent calendar
- overeat over the winter holidays
- play board games with your family
- play card games with your family
- pretend to be Santa
- pull Christmas crackers
- put up a Christmas stocking
- put up New Year decorations (pine cones, pine branches, chewy rice cakes, mandarin oranges/ tangerines, etc)
- put up Xmas decorations (Xmas tree, star, fairy lights, baubles, tinsel, etc)
- put Xmas decorations outside your house (a sleigh, life-sized Santa, fake snow, etc)
- queue up outside the shops before they open for the January sales
- receive cash for a present
- receive lots of Christmas cards
- receive Xmas presents from your children
- ring the temple bell
- see the Northern Lights (= aurora borealis)
- send New Year postcards
- set off party poppers
- set up a nativity scene (with models of a stable, manger, baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, cows, horses, donkeys, sheep, shepherds, the magi/ three wise men, star, hay, etc)
- sing English Xmas songs
- spend a lot of money on presents
- spray fake snow on your windows (through stencils)
- stay in an ice hotel
- stuff a chicken or turkey
- watch the Queen's/ King's/ Emperor's/ Empress's annual speech
- watch the sunrise
- watch TV until midnight on New Year's Eve
- watch Xmas movies

*Ask about anything above which you don't understand, trying to make a true "like" or "would like" sentence about your partner each time.*

*Play the same game, but this time asking about other festivals and celebrations such as those on the next page.*

### **Other festivals and celebrations to ask about**

- All Saints Day/ (Mexican) Day of the Dead
- April Fool's Day
- Armistice Day/ Remembrance Day/ War Memorial Day/ Poppy Day
- Bonfire Night/ Guy Fawkes Night
- Buddhist festivals
- Carnival/ Mardi Gras/ Pancake Day
- Cherry blossom viewing
- Children's Day
- Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year
- Coming of Age Day
- Constitution Day/ Independence Day
- Diwali
- Easter (Good Friday etc)/ Semana Santa
- Eid (ul Fitr)
- Emperor's birthday/ King's birthday/ Queen's birthday
- Firefighting festival
- Gay Pride
- Halloween
- Hanukkah
- Holi
- Japanese O-bon
- Lent
- May Day
- Mother's Day
- National holidays/ Bank holidays
- Oktoberfest
- Pocky Day/ Pepperoni Day
- Ramadan
- Running of the Bulls
- Saint Patrick's Day
- Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day
- Snow Festival
- Tanabata
- Teacher's Day
- Thanksgiving
- Tomato Throwing Festival
- Valentine's Day
- White Day