

Access English Centre Immigrant Centre Manitoba Activity Plan - Beginner Canadian Winter Holidays 90 minutes



Objective/Goal:

This activity requires the participants to work together to learn about Canadian Winter holidays: Christmas and New Year's Day. Culture sharing is a great way to get the group talking.

Materials:

Participants need: a worksheet of new words and pictures, a matching game sheet, flash cards, and two sets of playing cards.

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard
- whiteboard markers

Procedure: Warm-up 15 min Work-out 60 min Cool-down 15 min

Brainstorm and get the group's attention by asking the following questions: "What holidays do you celebrate in your home countryr?" "Do you know what holidays Canadians celebrate in winter?" After the group sharing, introduce the topic of the day - Winter Holidays. The key frame sentences are:

- Canadians celebrate two national holidays in winter Christmas and New Year's Day.
- Do you celebrate any winter National Holidays in your country?
- 3. What are the names of your holidays?
- 4. How do you celebrate your national holidays in your home country?"
- 1. Warm- up Activity

Introduce the holidays by writing the following words on the board. Define

unfamiliar words. Read the words and phrases. Have the group repeat after you several times.

1. take a vacation 2. decorate the house

3. send holiday greeting cards 4. wrap holiday presents

5. exchange presents 6. eat a special dinner

7. visit family members or friends 8. celebrate on New Year's Eve

After your introduction on winter holidays and practice on new words and phrases, play a short video on Christmas by clicking the link http://youtu.be/51b01CVPWRA. Discuss the video with the group.

2. Work-out Activity:

Activity 1 - Whole class Practice Drill #1: Have participants repeat the verbal phrases, vocabulary and the sentences.

Review winter holidays activity and vocabulary by holding up the pictures and words, and then asking the whole group to repeat the prompts.

A: "On winter holidays, people decorate their houses."

B: "People take a vacation."

Activity 2 - Whole class Practice Drill #2: Have participants say the correct sentence that matches the picture prompt.

This is how it works: Hold up one of the pictures, for example, "send holidays greeting cards" and ask the whole group: "What do people do on winter holidays?" so that they will reply "send holidays greeting cards." Continue with the other pictures.

Alternate between asking the whole group and individual participants.

 Model all of the partner activities before doing Drill 2, and make sure the participants understand your instructions.

Activity 3 - Partner Practice Drill: Give each pair of participants a set of the words and pictures. Ask them to work with their partner to practice the frame sentence "How do people celebrate New Year's Eve?" They then get a picture or word card from the pile and answer using the

sample frame sentence "They have a party on New Year's Eve."
3. Cool Down - Play the memory game with the whole group by saying one word and calling on a volunteer to use the word in a sentence. Then have the group repeat the sentence aloud.

"How do people celebrate winter holidays?" "They"

Decorate their house **Send Greeting Cards** with lights Wrap gifts **Exchange gifts**

Take a vacation

Eat a special holiday dinner





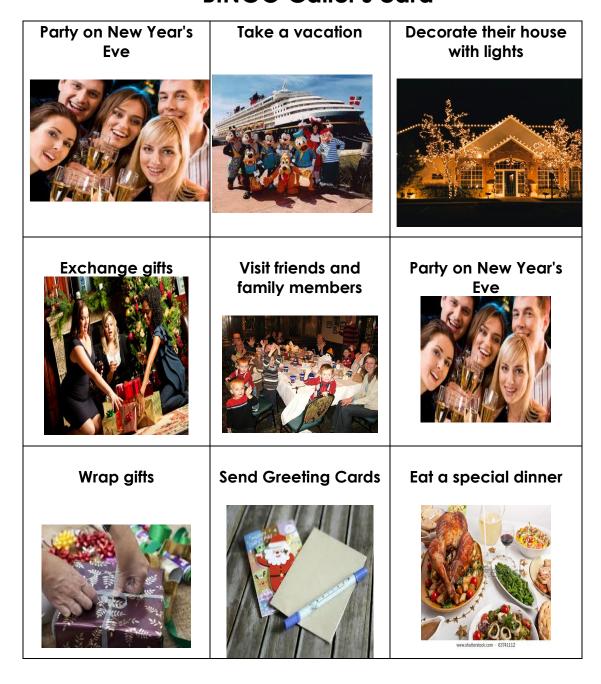
Party on New Year's Eve

Visit family members and friends





BINGO Caller's card



BINGO Player's Card#1

Party on New Year's Decorate their house Eve with lights Visit friends and family members Wrap gifts Eat a special dinner

BINGO Player's Card #2



BINGO Player's Card #3



BINGO Player's Card #4

