



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 country?" "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:

1. **Canadians celebrate two national holidays in winter - Christmas and New Year's Day.**
2. **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.

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| 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/51bO1CVPWRA>. 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  
with lights**



**Send Greeting Cards**



**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

<p><b>Party on New Year's Eve</b></p> 	<p><b>Take a vacation</b></p> 	<p><b>Decorate their house with lights</b></p> 
<p><b>Exchange gifts</b></p> 	<p><b>Visit friends and family members</b></p> 	<p><b>Party on New Year's Eve</b></p> 
<p><b>Wrap gifts</b></p> 	<p><b>Send Greeting Cards</b></p> 	<p><b>Eat a special dinner</b></p> 

## BINGO Player's Card#1

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

**BINGO Player's Card #2**

		
<p><b>Exchange gifts</b></p>	 <small>www.shutterstock.com - 63741112</small>	<p><b>Party on New Year's Eve</b></p>
	<p><b>Send Greeting Cards</b></p>	



## BINGO Player's Card #3

	<p><b>Party on New Year's Eve</b></p>	
	<p><b>Visit friends and family members</b></p>	
 <small>www.shutterstock.com - 63741112</small>	<p><b>Send Greeting Cards</b></p>	

**BINGO Player's Card #4**

	<b>Take a vacation</b>	
	<b>Visit friends and family members</b>	
 <small>www.shutterstock.com - 63741112</small>	<b>Send Greeting Cards</b>	