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HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

- 7 What celebrations do these two groups of words refer to? Describe how these holidays are celebrated in Poland.

Do jakich świąt odnoszą się poniższe dwie grupy wyrazów? Opowiedz, jak obchodzi się te święta w Polsce.

- 1 the dropping ball, fireworks, sparkling wine, resolution
- 2 Holy Week, the Passion, incense, daffodils, lamb

- 8 Rearrange the letters to complete the Christmas to-do list.

Rozszyfruj wyrazy w nawiasach i uzupełnij listę rzeczy do załatwienia przed świętami.

	Mum	Dad	Katie
Household (oserch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do the (roiiing) shop for special (ofdo) (dnes tuo) cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (reacl tuo) the attic (xaw) the floors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do the (vangcuumi) change the (heetss) do the (unalarly)
Outdoor activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (yub) Christmas presents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ikcp pu) the Christmas tree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (tup tuo) the lights on the porch
Fun stuff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (dateecor) the tree visit our widowed, elderly neighbour with delicacies and best (wisesh) 		

- 9 Read the message board and match sentences a–e with gaps 1–5. Make sure the text is logically and stylistically coherent.

Przeczytaj tekst. Następnie wstaw zdania a–e w luki 1–5, tak by tekst był spójny i poprawny stylistycznie.

- Or else, what happens if they are left alone.
- We play chess (I never know how to move) or draughts (I never manage to have a king!).
- Take last Christmas.
- I don't understand how you can play games at Christmas.
- And we help each other to clean the house.



Do you like holidays? Before each Christmas or Easter, I always think, 'Oh no, not again...' I'm so busy every day working overtime and doing all the household chores that having any additional work to do seems a nightmare. (1) ... December is always a hot time in the office as it's the end of the year. Now: a few days before Christmas school holidays start, which means it's not 'who's going to collect the children from school'. It's 'who stays with them'. (2) ... Teens at home with friends coming round meant that ordinary cleaning, sweeping the floor or vacuuming was not enough. The mess was so bad that I had to take a day off work to tidy it all up. Then, on the 24th, I had to go to the office to finish everything. As a result, I had three hours to prepare dinner. The only thing I was dreaming about was taking a nap. I didn't even manage to do my hair! I was completely exhausted.

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Holidays, like alcohol, are for those who can use them wisely. In our family, everybody does something, so you still have plenty of time to relax! I've got a huge, multigenerational family and we divide work between ourselves to make sure nobody becomes a 'slave' at Christmas. For example, for dinner, everybody brings one dish. (3) ... In fact, it seems that the celebrations start much earlier, when my granddad prepares his famous punch and, drinking from huge glasses, we divide the chores. After a few hours, everything is done – we are only a bit tipsy! Next day, we meet for dinner, everybody with their own pot or jar with something tasty inside. I love Christmas and Easter!

lucasx

For me, Christmas and other holidays have always been associated with games. My family loves both card and board games. (4) ... We play cards (although I can never distinguish between clubs and spades). When I was a little girl, I loved shuffling and cutting the deck and I still love cards, even if I am hopeless at any game which requires any complicated rules. Still, this is a time when my family, some middle-aged, some ageing, with teenagers and toddlers, gather around the big table in my grandma's house to play games and spend time together.

cinderella

(5) ... As we all know, it's a religious holiday and should not be celebrated with gambling, but with calm reflection about life. The essence of Christmas is not spending money on gadgets, but going to church and helping the poor. We never neglect the spiritual part of religious holidays in our family and we are proud of it.

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