



# A Very Small Christmas Wish

A2+ Christmas reading



# Warm-up



- Do you usually spend Christmas with family, friends, or alone?
- What is the best thing about Christmas for you?
- Do you like a quiet Christmas or a busy one? Why?
- Have you ever spent Christmas away from home?
- What do you usually eat or cook at Christmas?



# Vocabulary match



1.to extend

2.ornament

3.snowed in

4.snowflake

5.snowplough

6.to freeze

7.to beat

A. a small decorative object, often used at Christmas

B. to become unable to move or react

C. to make something longer or last more time

D. a single small piece of falling snow

E. unable to leave a place because of heavy snow

F. a machine that clears snow from roads

G. to move regularly, like the heart does



# Vocabulary - let's talk!



1. What plans can **extend** because of bad weather?
2. What is your favourite Christmas **ornament**?
3. How would you feel if you were **snowed in** at Christmas?
4. Do you like watching **snowflakes** falling? Why / why not?
5. Have you ever seen a **snowplough** working in your town?
6. What makes you **freeze** for a moment — fear, surprise, or cold?
7. When does your heart **beat** faster — excitement, stress, or love?







## A Quiet Message



Snow was falling softly outside the window. The streets were white and silent, and Christmas lights were shining everywhere. Anna was standing in the kitchen when her phone buzzed. It was a message from her partner, Mark. He was on a business trip, and they had planned to spend Christmas together — just the two of them, at home.



But the message was not good news. Heavy snow had closed the roads and the airport. Mark's trip was extended, and he couldn't come back for Christmas. Anna sat down slowly. This year, she would be home alone. She looked at the snow again and took a deep breath. "It's only one Christmas," she thought, but her heart felt heavy.



## Let's talk!



- How do you think Anna feels at this moment?
- Have you ever had plans that suddenly changed?
- What would be the hardest part of spending Christmas alone?





## 2 Making the Best of It



The next morning, Anna decided not to feel sorry for herself. She turned on some Christmas music and started decorating the flat. She hung lights, put ornaments on the tree, and placed candles on the table. Then she cooked her favourite Christmas dishes and baked gingerbread cookies. The kitchen smelled sweet and warm.

Anna and Mark made a plan: they would have a long video call on Christmas Day and eat dinner together — even if they were far away. In the evening, Anna sat on the sofa with a cup of tea. She smiled a little and made a very small wish in her head.



## 2 Let's talk!



- What helped Anna feel better?
- Why is it important for her to prepare everything?
- What do you think her small wish is?





## 3

## Snow Everywhere



In the small town where Mark was staying, the snow was falling even harder. The streets were covered, and nothing was moving. Mark checked his phone again and again. No planes. No buses. No taxis. The town was completely snowed in. He walked to the window and watched the snowflakes fall. “I can’t miss Christmas,” he thought. Mark started looking for any possible way to get out of the town.



# 3

## Let's talk!

- How does Mark probably feel now?
- What would you do in his place?
- Do you think he will find a solution?





## 4

## An Unusual Idea



Suddenly, Mark had an idea. He went outside and spoke to a snowplough driver who was clearing the road. After a short conversation and a small payment, the driver agreed to help.

The snowplough took Mark out of the town, slowly but safely. After some time, they reached a bigger town where trains were running. Mark bought a ticket, smiled, and finally relaxed. Christmas was not over yet.





## Let's talk!

- Is this a risky or a brave decision?
- Would you do the same?
- Do you think he will arrive in time?





## 5 A Knock at the Door



At home, Anna finished setting the table. Everything was ready. She checked the time and picked up her phone to call Mark, just like they planned. Then she heard a knock on the door.

Anna froze. She wasn't expecting anyone. Her heart started beating faster. She walked to the door, opened it... and there he was, smiling, covered in snow.



Her very small Christmas wish came true.



## Let's talk!



- How does Anna feel at this moment?
- Do you like the ending? Why, why not?
- What does this story say about hope and effort?

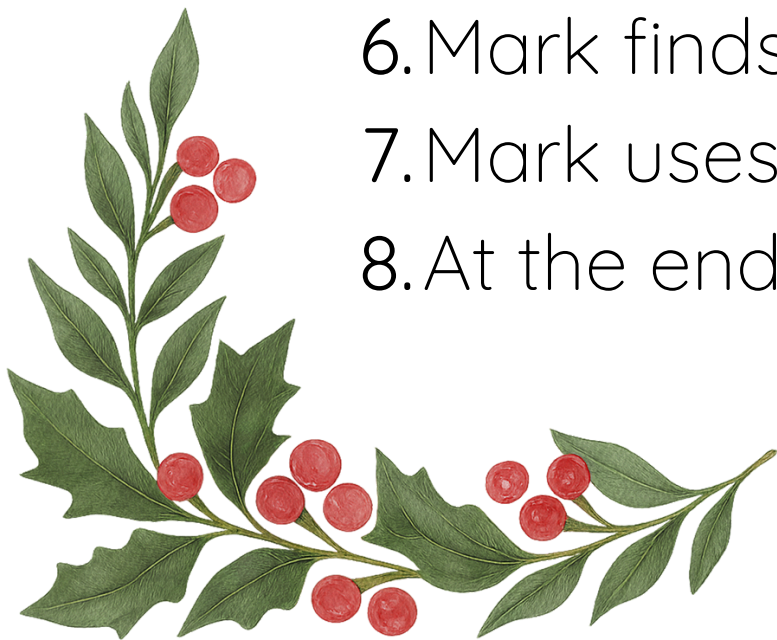


# True or false?



Read the story and decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1. Anna and her partner planned to spend Christmas with their families.
2. Mark's business trip was extended because of heavy snow.
3. Anna decides not to decorate or cook because she feels sad.
4. Anna and Mark plan to have a video call on Christmas Day.
5. The town where Mark is staying is completely snowed in.
6. Mark finds a plane that can take him home on Christmas Eve.
7. Mark uses a snowplough to leave the town and reach a bigger city.
8. At the end of the story, Anna hears a knock on the door.





# Let's talk



1. Do you have a favourite Christmas story or film? What is it about?
2. What is your favourite Christmas memory?
3. Did you like Christmas more as a child or as an adult? Why?
4. What is your favourite Christmas dish? How do you make this dish?
5. Do you usually cook, help in the kitchen, or just eat at Christmas?
6. What would your dream Christmas look like?
7. What is more important to you at Christmas: food, gifts, or people?
8. How can people make Christmas special without spending a lot of money?
9. What small wish would you make this Christmas?



# Answer key



Vocabulary match

1-C, 2-A, 3-E, 4-D, 5-F, 6-B, 7-G

True or false

1 - F, 2 - T, 3 - F, 4 - T, 5 - T, 6 - F, 7 - T, 8 - T





**Thank you!**

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