

A SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR



CODE 298

Fertigkeit	Hören
Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	Deskriptor 4: Kann in Texten (Audio- und Videoaufnahmen) über vertraute Themen die Hauptpunkte verstehen, wenn deutlich gesprochen wird. (B1)
Themenbereich(e)	Feste und Feiern Einstellungen und Werte
Zeitbedarf	12 Minuten (Vorbereitung, zweimaliges Vorspielen, Bearbeitung)
Länge des Hörtexts	3:15 Minuten
Material- und Medienbedarf	Abspielmöglichkeit für Hörtext Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	1. Vorspielen: Nach dem ersten Erzähler (Dennis) sollte die CD kurz gestoppt werden, damit die Schülerinnen und Schüler Zeit haben, den Arbeitsauftrag zu erfüllen. 2. Vorspielen: Dieses Mal wird der Hörtext ohne Pausen vorgespielt.
Quelle	---



TAPE SCRIPT

Dennis from Australia is talking about Christmas in his country

Well, the first thing you must know is that our Christmas is a really hot one. Usually temperatures are round 35 degrees Celsius or even more. That means lots of Australians enjoy their Christmas dinner on a beach or at their swimming pools. However, don't forget that for Australian school kids the time before Christmas is exam time because their "summer" holidays begin after Christmas and so for them it's double stress – finding the right presents and getting good marks in their final tests.

Another thing – Australia has a population of 18 million people, and many of them have come to Australia from different countries, so there are in fact many different Christmas traditions. Today a lot of Australians don't have traditional Christmas dinners but meet friends and relatives in their gardens, in parks or even on the beach for a picnic or a barbecue. If people want to have a traditional Christmas dinner at their homes they prefer cold turkey – it's much too hot for roast turkey! There is also a lot of seafood served – remember there's sea all round Australia – or people could have ham or even pasta dishes, and there is always loads of ice cream and delicious sweets and desserts to finish the meal with.

The time before Christmas there are Santas everywhere, but they don't come on sleighs pulled by reindeer. Where I live the local fire fighters drive a Santa Claus round town on an old fire engine! Often Santa Claus arrives on a surf board or on a life-saving boat on the beach.

Hanifa from New York is talking about Ramadan in her town

When the month of Ramadan begins, my family and I wake up before sunrise, we have breakfast together and pray. We are not allowed to eat till after the sun has gone down again.

Why is Ramadan important for me? First of all for me it brings our family closer together because outside Ramadan we all eat at different times and don't see much of one another. Secondly Ramadan teaches you to control yourself, your wishes and your body. I don't find it hard to fast for a day, although this means sitting in the school cafeteria watching the other kids enjoy their lunch. What is a problem for others but not for me is that smoking is not allowed either, and that is not easy for a heavy smoker as you can imagine.

In the evening when we sit together for our evening meal we often invite a poor neighbour family over because Ramadan should bring the whole community together and not just our family. In fact, as all Muslims in the world pray on the same day, I think this helps Muslims all over the world to feel as one.

In Pakistan where my family comes from women wear a traditional dress for Ramadan but for me it's okay to wear everyday clothes, that is jeans and a hijab – that is a head scarf.



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You will hear a boy from Australia and a girl from New York. They talk about special times in the year – Christmas and Ramadan.

You will hear the text twice.

Vocabulary: *to fast* – fasten
a head scarf – ein Kopftuch

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

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