

Word on the Street Christmas Scene 1 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Put the letters in brackets () in the correct order to complete the Christmas expressions in **bold**.

- 25th December is **Christmas** _____ (aDy) ...
- ... and 24th December is **Christmas** _____ (eEv).
- If there's snow on 25th December, we call this a (eihtw) _____ **Christmas**.
- Another name for Santa Claus is (aeFhrt) _____ **Christmas**.
- At Christmas time, many people have a **Christmas** _____ (eert) in their homes ...
- ... and they cover the walls and ceilings with colourful **Christmas** _____ (acdeinoorst).
- People give each other their best wishes by posting **Christmas** _____ (acdrs).
- They eat and drink a lot at a big **Christmas** _____ (nnrdei) ...
- ... and they give **Christmas** _____ (eenprsst) to close

friends and family.

- Sometimes people also sing traditional Christmas songs called **Christmas** _____ (aclors).

Activity 2

Complete each sentence so it means the same as the sentence above it. Use '(not) as ... as ...'.

- My hands are so cold, they feel like ice.
My hands are _____ ice.
- My old shoes were more comfortable than my new ones.
My new shoes are _____ my old ones.
- These days Caroline and her mother are both 170cm tall.
These days Caroline is _____ her mother.
- Christmas is always expensive and this year was the same.
This year's Christmas was _____ always.
- Ian's health problems are serious but they're better now than in the past.
Ian's health problems are _____ they used to be.
- Today is windy but yesterday was windier.
Today is _____ yesterday.

Activity 3

Match the expressions to make the six most likely sentences.

as long as we leave right now. / as long as

you promise to keep it secret. / as long as
you don't have too much. / as long as you
take good care of it. / as long as my ex-
boyfriend isn't there. / as long as you do it
next time.

1. We can still catch the train _____

2. I'll give you the password _____

3. All right, you can borrow my laptop

4. I'll come to the party _____

5. It's OK to eat chocolate _____

6. I don't mind cleaning the windows

Answers

Activity 1

1. 25th December is Christmas Day/day ...
2. ... and 24th December is Christmas Eve/eve.
3. If there's snow on 25th December, we call this a white/White Christmas.
4. Another name for Santa Clause is Father /father Christmas.
5. At Christmas time, many people have a Christmas tree/Tree in their homes ...
6. ... and they cover the walls and ceilings with colourful Christmas decorations.
7. People give each other their best wishes by posting Christmas cards.
8. They eat and drink a lot at a big Christmas dinner ...
9. ... and they give Christmas presents to close friends and family.
10. Sometimes people also sing traditional Christmas songs called Christmas carols.

Activity 2

1. My hands are as cold as ice.
2. My new shoes are not as comfortable as/aren't as comfortable as my old ones.
3. These days Caroline is as tall as her mother.
4. This year's Christmas was as expensive as always.
5. Ian's health problems are not as serious as/aren't as serious as they used to be.
6. Today is not as windy as/isn't as windy as yesterday.

Activity 3

1. We can still catch the train as long as we leave right now.
2. I'll give you the password as long as you promise to keep it secret.
3. All right, you can borrow my laptop as long as you take good care of it.
4. I'll come to the party as long as my ex-boyfriend isn't there.
5. It's OK to eat chocolate as long as you don't have too much.
6. I don't mind cleaning the windows as long as you do it next time.