

Christmas Activities

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1. Have the class brainstorm **Christmas vocabulary** and make a list on the board. (5min)

2. Make a **comparison chart** about Christmas in the US (or England/Ireland) and Spain (15min). Here's a quick example but have the students suggest ideas and topics and give you information to create your own chart adapted to their level. The information will change depending on the area of Spain you're in and where you're from.

	USA	SPAIN
Important Dates	24 th , 25 th December	24 th , 25 th , 31 st December, 1 st , 6 th January
Presents	From Santa Claus on the 25 th December	From 3 Wise Men on 6 th January
Typical Foods	Christmas cookies, candy canes, gingerbread houses, eggnog, fruitcake	Nougat, polvorones, sugared almonds, seafood soup
Activities	Christmas carolling, sledding, being with family and friends	Similar to in America (at least in the north of Spain)

3. **Christmas carol fill-in-the-blank.** Find the lyrics of a Christmas carol and replace some of the words with a blank. Then make copies for everyone and either play the Christmas carol or sing it while the students fill in the blanks. Check for correct answers and then for comprehension of the lyrics (15min)

Below I've included Frosty the Snowman, which I used with 2 ESO. Make sure to delete the answers from the bottom if you're going to use it with your class.

4. **12 Days of Christmas Sing-Along** Assign each children a day of Christmas, as in the song. I used Post-Its and wrote on them "A partridge in a pear tree," "2 turtle doves," "3 French hens," etc. and gave one to each student. Then the students had to line up numerically and I taught them the song. After going through the song once, we repeated it, but each person had to act out what was on their Post-It, for example leaping, milking, acting like a bird, etc. (15min)

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Frosty the snowman
Was a jolly _____ soul
With a corncob pipe
And a button nose
And two _____ made out of coal
Frosty the snowman
Is a fairy tale they say
He was made of snow
But the _____ know
How he came to life one day

There must have been some _____ in that
Old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to _____ around
O Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be
And the children say
He could _____ and play
Just the same as you and me

Thumpetty thump thump
Thumpety thump thump
_____ at Frosty go
Thumpetty thump thump
Thumpety thump thump
_____ the hills of snow

Frosty the snowman knew
The _____ was hot that day
So he said
"Let's run and
We'll have some _____
Now before I melt away"

Down to the village
With a broomstick in his hand
Running _____ and there all
Around the square saying
Catch me if you can
He led them _____ the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop
And he only paused a moment when
He heard him holler "_____!"

For Frosty the snow man
Had to hurry on _____ way
But he waved goodbye saying
"Don't you cry
I'll be _____ again some day"

Thumpetty thump thump
Thumpety thump thump
Look at Frosty go
Thumpetty thump thump
Thumpety thump thump
Over the hills of snow

Answers: happy, eyes, children, magic, dance, laugh, look, over, sun, fun, here, through, Stop, his, back

The 12 Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,

Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!