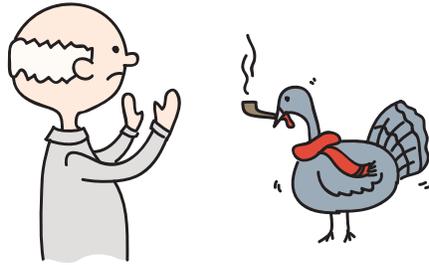


Holiday Idioms & Expressions



trim the tree



quit cold turkey



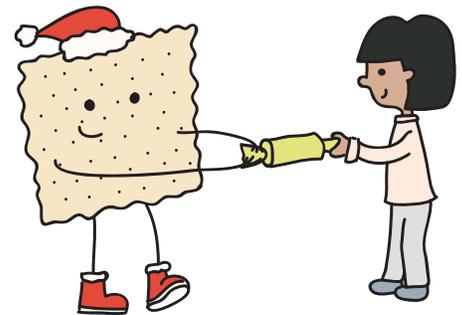
Bah, humbug!



the holiday spirit



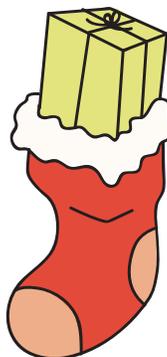
don't look a gift horse in the mouth



Christmas cracker



feel stuffed



stocking stuffer



white Christmas

Reference

Idiom/Expression	Definition	Example
trim the tree	to decorate a Christmas tree with ornaments and lights	A: Can you get the ornaments down from the attic? B: Okay. I guess it's time to trim the tree .
quit cold turkey	to quit a bad habit all at once (not over time)	A: Who wants a glass of wine with dinner? B: Not me. I quit cold turkey . I haven't had a drink since last New Year's Eve.
"Bah, humbug!"	something people say when they are feeling grumpy about the Christmas holidays	A: It's time to put up the Christmas lights! B: Bah, humbug! The hockey game is on.
Scrooge	a person who is cheap or unkind at Christmastime	A: Don't be a Scrooge! Put your coins in the jar for the homeless. B: I need this for coffee money tomorrow.
the holiday spirit	a positive feeling that people have during the Christmas season	A: How is the Christmas shopping going? B: Not good. I can't get into the holiday spirit this year.
don't look a gift horse in the mouth	to not point out flaws about a gift or free item	A: This box of candy the neighbors gave us has too much dark chocolate. B: Don't look a gift horse in the mouth!
Christmas cracker	a tube wrapped in decorative paper with party favors inside (small toy, tissue paper crown, joke); two people at the dinner table pull the paper strip at each end to set off a tiny firecracker	A: I'm going to take a picture of you all at the dinner table. B: Wait! Let's do/pull our Christmas crackers first and put on our crowns.



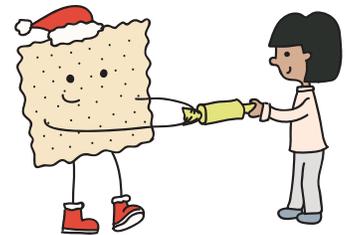
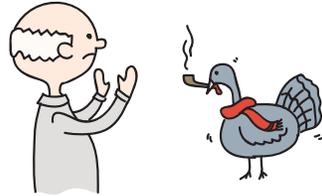
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Idiom/Expression	Definition	Example
feel/be stuffed	to have a full feeling inside your body after you eat a large meal	A: Would you like some more turkey? B: No thanks, I'm stuffed .
stocking stuffer	a small gift or treat placed inside a Christmas stocking (large sock) on Christmas Eve	A: I like your keychain. B: Thanks, it was a stocking stuffer .
white Christmas	a Christmas Day or season when there is snow on the ground or snow falling	A: I hope we have a white Christmas this year. B: Me too! Last year it rained during the Christmas holidays.
snowed in	to be unable to leave a building due to a snowstorm/blizzard	A: I'm afraid we won't be able to come to the party tonight. B: Don't worry. We're going to cancel it. Everyone is snowed in .
the more the merrier	everyone is welcome; the more people who come, the better it will be	A: Can Ella and Josiah come for dinner on Christmas Eve? B: Sure. The more the merrier .

Vocabulary Review

A. What's the Idiom?

Write the correct idiom below each picture.



B. Draw an Idiom

Now choose one of the expressions you learned on pages 2-3 and draw your own visual definition. Challenge a classmate to guess which expression you drew.