

ADVICE COLUMN

problems about Christmas

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



Ask Santa

Dear Santa,

Please don't laugh at me or think I'm strange, but I have an unusual problem. Christmas is still three weeks away, but I'm so excited that I can't think about anything else – including my school homework and studying for tests! In just a few more weeks my grandparents will be visiting, my mom will be cooking delicious food, there will be and there will be candy canes, and best of all ... lots of presents under the tree. How can I think about anything else, like school? All the Christmas decorations remind me that my favorite time of year is coming soon!

Tommy

Dear Santa,

Help, Christmas will soon be here, but I have no idea what to buy for my wife, Julia. I bought her a necklace last year – unfortunately I had forgotten that I bought her the same necklace the year before, as well. Wow ... I can't make that same mistake again! Please help me Santa. Can you suggest any suitable gift ideas for her?

Stewart

Dear Santa,

People in many countries all around the world celebrate Christmas and enjoy all the wonderful traditions that go with it. Everyone is happy, it seems. Then why do I feel so depressed? I can only think about negative things. My son, for example, is doing poorly in school recently. His teachers say that he isn't doing his homework or studying much for tests. And last year, when I unwrapped a gift from my husband (whom I love very much), I discovered a necklace – the same gift that he had given me for Christmas the year before! Will my husband make the same mistake this year, I wonder? The Christmas season should be a happy time of year – what can I do to feel happier?

Julia



- Compare your solutions with your other classmates. Do you have the same or different ideas? Who do you think has the best advice?