

# Last Christmas

Week 7

# Listening homework

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1. The video begins by telling us that Bernadine Evaristo is the *only*.....
2. How many characters are there in the book?
3. What term does Evaristo use to describe the **form** of her novel.
4. Does she consider the novel to be a stream of consciousness?
5. Give three examples of fluidity mentioned in the novel.
6. What period of time does the novel cover?
7. Why does Evaristo say she couldn't have written the novel when she was 22?
8. How does the author describe our society?
9. There was one group of readers that surprised Evaristo with their enthusiasm. Which group?
10. What word does Evaristo use to describe how she feels after winning the prize?

# In this lesson

- To practice our understanding of past simple and present perfect
- Using 'used to' and 'would'
- Storytelling in the past
- Past experiences and traditions
- Christmas celebrations and traditions

# Last Christmas

- How did you celebrate Christmas last year?
- Have you ever celebrated Christmas abroad?
- Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?
- How have you been celebrating so far?

past simple

present perfect

present perfect

present perfect continuous

# Last Christmas

Fill in the gaps. Identify the past tenses.

Last Christmas, I \_\_\_\_\_ you my heart

But the very next day, you \_\_\_\_\_ it  
away

This year, to save me from tears

I'll give it to someone special

(Repeat x2)

## Once bitten and twice shy

I keep my distance, but you still **catch my eye**

Tell me, baby, do you recognise me?

Well, \_\_\_\_\_ a year, it doesn't surprise me.

"Happy Christmas," I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it

With a note saying, "I love you," I \_\_\_\_\_ it

Now I know what a fool \_\_\_\_\_

But if you kissed me now, I know you'd fool me  
again

# Last Christmas

1. Last Christmas, I gave you my heart.

past simple

Specific time in the past  
Completed action

2. Now I know what a fool I've been,  
But if you kissed me now,  
I know you'd fool me again

present perfect

Ongoing situation / action

*Now I know what a fool I was  
But if you kissed me now,  
I know you'd fool me again*

# Present perfect

We use the present perfect when an action or situation is **unfinished** or when there is some sort of **link to the present**.

subj + have / has + past participle

Have you ever spent Christmas abroad?

Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?

Well, it's been a year it doesn't surprise me

I've not had turkey since I turned vegetarian!

experience

unfinished time period

link to present / present result

on-going situation / action



# Past simple / present perfect

Complete the sentences with the present perfect or past simple.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (never/see) a white Christmas.
2. When I was a child, we \_\_\_\_\_ (decorate) the tree on Christmas Eve.
3. Last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a great time with my friends at Christmas.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get used to) celebrating Christmas abroad now.
5. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) to bed last Christmas Eve?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate / you) New Year's Eve last year?
7. Usually I love Christmas time, but this year \_\_\_\_\_ (be) awful!
8. Last year I \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas shopping, but this year I \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to buy my gifts on Vinted.

# Adverbs often used with present perfect

- We often use: already, always, ever, never, often, recently, seldom, still, yet
- Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?
- No! I still haven't even started and my sister has already finished.
- Have you ever spent Christmas abroad?
- I've never spent Christmas abroad.
- We've often spent Christmas at my mother-in-law's in the past.
- I've rarely seen my niece so excited!

# Used to / Would

1. When I was little, we would leave a mince pie out for Santa on Christmas Eve.
2. When I was little, we used to leave a mince pie out for Santa on Christmas Eve.
3. There used to be a Christmas market in my hometown.
4. There would be a Christmas market in my hometown.
5. We used to have a plastic tree, but now we get a real one.
6. We would have a plastic tree, but now we get a real one.
7. We used to go to my Grandma's for Christmas for six years.
8. We would go to my Grandma's for Christmas for six years.

Look at the following sentences. Which ones are ok?

When do I use 'would' and 'used to'?

# Used to / would

- I 'used to' and 'would' to describe actions which happened regularly in the past that have changed.
- 'would' is used with nostalgic situations.
- We can't use 'would' with stative verbs (to be, to have for possession, to like, to feel, to contain, etc.)
- We don't use 'used to' / 'would' to talk about periods of time (eg. for six years) or number of times (eg. three times).

# Used to / would / past simple

Fill in the gaps with 'used to' / 'would' or the past simple. Watch out for stative verbs!

1. When I was little, I \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) in Santa Claus.
2. We always \_\_\_\_\_ (have) Christmas dinner as a family.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) Christmas with my friends for five years.
4. My Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (pour) the brandy over the Christmas pudding.
5. My Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) ten pence pieces in the Christmas pudding.
6. There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a carol service in my village.

# A Christmas conversation

- Are you celebrating Christmas this year? Who with?
- Have you done your shopping yet?
- What did you do last year in the winter break?
- What did you used to do in the holidays as a child?

# Christmas Quiz

# Vocabulary



Name this Christmas plant







What would you call  
this in English?

# Phrasal verbs

# Culture

Name the Christmas film





# Pointless

In this round, you only get a point if no one else comes up with the same answer as you.