



CHRISTMAS



1. With a partner ask and answer the questions below.

- What's a Christmas card?
- What should it look like?
- Have you ever sent a Christmas card? (To whom? What did you write in it?)


2. ZNO task: USE OF ENGLISH

Read the text. For questions (1-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

The First Christmas Cards

The first recognised commercial Christmas card ¹⁾ _____ produced in England in 1843 by Henry Cole, the founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum. It was a hand coloured print ²⁾ _____ a family **scene** flanked by scenes of Christmas charity. This was inscribed ³⁾ _____ the words: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You" with space at the top to put the name of the **recipient** and at the bottom for the name of the sender.



 However, it was not until ⁴⁾ _____ that the Christmas card as we know it came ⁵⁾ _____ being. **Initially** these were small cards with a simple greeting set within an embossed border. ⁶⁾ _____, as the demand ⁷⁾ _____ Christmas cards grew, the cards became larger and more **elaborate**. Folded sheets of white paper were ornamented with borders of **overlapping** lace that lifted to form a raised framework for a central picture, and turkeys, fireside scenes, plum puddings etc. became popular themes.

The founder of the American Christmas card is said to be Louis Prang of Boston who printed a wide variety of album cards and visiting cards. In 1875, he issued seasonal greeting cards ⁸⁾ _____ were a(n) ⁹⁾ _____ success.

By 1880, the popularity of Christmas cards was such that many **prominent** artists of the time ¹⁰⁾ _____ their work reproduced in this form.

Since then Christmas cards have been sent all over the world.

1	A be	B were	C was	D is
2	A shown	B showing	C watching	D seeing
3	A with	B on	C in	D by

4	A 1860s	B the 1860s	C the 1860's	D 1860th
5	A into	B for	C to	D by
6	A Moreover	B By the way	C In addition	D However
7	A on	B for	C in	D at
8	A those	B who	C which	D when
9	A straight away	B soon	C fast	D immediate
10	A want	B get	C had	D made

3. Look up the words in bold in a dictionary. In your notebook, write example sentences with them.

4. Read the Christmas letter and answer the questions below.

- How many paragraphs does it consist of? What is the purpose of each paragraph?
- What's the style? Is it appropriate? Why?
- How many words are there?

Dear Ihor,

At this joyous time of the year, I'd like to thank you for being my pen-friend for almost two years. It's been a great pleasure exchanging letters with you and getting to know you and your country.

After reading your letters, I got interested in your country and would really like to visit it during the winter holidays. However, I'm not sure what to see, do and eat there. Do you think I should come? Will I enjoy it?

Anyway, I'd like to send you the warmest wishes for a merry Christmas. May the next year bring wealth, happiness, and peace in your family and country.

All the best,

James

5. ZNO task: WRITING

You have received a Christmas card from your pen-friend in another country in which he/she sends holiday wishes to you and says he/she would like to visit your country soon but isn't sure if he/she will enjoy it. Write him/her a letter in which you:

- thank him/her for the card and write your holiday wishes to him/her
- give your opinion whether he/she should visit your country and why
- tell him/her what your favourite traditions of Ukrainian Christmas celebration are and why

Write a letter of at least 100 words. Do not use personal information (e.g. names, dates, addresses, etc.). Start your letter in an appropriate way.