



Money

Task 2: Buying Christmas Gifts

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the ISE I.

You are going to hear a talk about **buying Christmas gifts**. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about **buying Christmas gifts**. Are you ready?

The task will play once

Now tell me in a few words what the talk was about.

Give the candidate some blank paper

Now listen to the talk again. Write down some notes about what you hear if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me six pieces of information about **buying Christmas gifts**. Now tell six pieces of information about **buying Christmas gifts**.

Now let's go over the potential questions. Remember, the examiner can ask you up to 4 additional questions after you say the six pieces of information that you heard.

This is the end of listening task 2.

Audio Script

Most people love to give and receive gifts at Christmas. However, not everybody has the same budget in order to buy gifts. Some people have more money and others less money. So, what can you do if you have a tight budget? One of the best things to do is to plan ahead of time how much money you will probably have to spend and how much of it will go to each person. That way you don't overspend. Something else you might be able to do is to start buying early because then you can get good deals. Also, if you like to make things, it is a good concept to make your own Christmas gifts. Some people are going to do this for their next Christmas gifts and they can save up to half of the money than what they would have bought in a shop or online. Make sure to compare if it is cheaper to make it or not first. Something smart to do is to only pay in cash, that way you don't accidentally spend more than what you wanted to. Another thing that you can do is buy in bulk because of the money you can save. If you buy in quantity, you will be able to make some really special and personal gift baskets as presents. Moreover, you can choose to buy a smaller gift or buy a combined gift that is more expensive with other people, and perhaps save money too! Furthermore, you don't have to buy a lot of gifts. Just make sure that if you buy one or two gifts it is a good quality gift. Finally, you mustn't just buy the first thing you see. Hunt around because you might find it cheaper in another place, which will help you save money too.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

This is the end of the listening task.

Questions & Answers:

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| 1 | What is the best thing to do? | plan ahead of time (how much money you will probably have to spend) |
| 2 | If you start buying early, what can you get? | good deals? |
| 3 | How much money can people save if they make their own gifts? | (upto) half of the money |
| 4 | What do you need to make sure about making your own gifts? | if it is cheaper to make it (or not) |
| 5 | What is something smart to do? | only pay in cash |
| 6 | Which is a good way to save money | buy in bulk |
| 7 | What can you make if you buy in quantity? | gift baskets |
| 8 | What can you buy with other people? | a combined gift / a more expensive gift |
| 9 | What could you do if you don't buy a lot of gifts? | buy (one or two) good quality gifts. |
| 10 | Why should you hunt around before buying a gift? | find it cheaper (in another place) |

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