

Christmas Disasters

Oh No! You Shouldn't Have
Possible Solutions



Task: Look at the following Christmas mishaps, accidents, and things gone wrong. Work in pairs Student A and Student B. Tell your partner about these Christmas disasters as if they happened to you. You may embellish the stories creatively as you please. Your partner will then tell you what you should or what you shouldn't have done. Make it conversational!

Speaking pattern:

- Student A: *My cat and dog were playing near the Christmas tree and knocked it over. [Possible embellishment: All or newly bought stylish Christmas balls broke into bits and pieces.]*
- Student B: *Well, you shouldn't have let your pets play near the Christmas tree. You should have locked them in another room.*

Student A:

- 1 I tripped over some Christmas decoration on the staircase and fell down the stairs.
- 2 I roasted the Turkey stuffing in rubber tray. The rubber melted and dripped onto the roasties. I had to bin our Christmas dinner and we had breadsticks with hummus instead.
- 3 Ouch! I stapled my finger with a staple gun while I was hanging up the Christmas lights.
- 4 We bought a huge turkey. When we roasted it, it expanded and we had to take the door off the oven to get it out.
- 5 I got an electrical shock because of faulty wiring when I hung up the outdoor lights.
- 6 I was chatting in the kitchen with my brother while roasting the potatoes. I cremated them.
- 7 I fell through a hole in the attic ceiling, which hadn't been fixed, while looking for the Christmas decoration.
- 8 I cut my finger while picking up the broken Christmas glass ornaments without wearing gloves.

Student B

- 1 I trimmed branches off the Christmas tree with a kitchen knife. It slipped and I cut my hand.
- 2 We had pre-cooked, wrapped and stored some of the Christmas dishes in the pantry. Our dog must have sneaked in, ripped open the wrapping and polished off most of the dishes.
- 3 I burnt the wrapping paper in our fireplace in the lounge. It burnt so intensely that all our Christmas stockings above the fireplace were set on fire.
- 4 My mother cooked the turkey on Christmas Eve and let it out to cool. She had left a window open in the kitchen and there were 2 cats sitting either side of it happily eating away.
- 5 Our outside lights started a fire because the extension cord was not waterproof.
- 6 I was making roast potatoes and because there were so many people in the kitchen distracting me I grabbed the washing up liquid instead of the oil.
- 7 I opened my Christmas presents with a knife and cut the present in half.
- 8 I had a little bit too much mulled wine and later twisted my ankle while we were wildly dancing to 'Last Christmas'.