Тема: **Talking turkey.** Рождество

1. Задание: Рождество в англо – говорящих странах. Прочитайте текст с полным пониманием содержания и перескажите его содержание.

**Christmas in Britain and America**

Christmas is a favourite time of the year for many Christian people. It is celebrated by many cultures and religions. This is the holiday when families come together and celebrate the birth of Jesus, love, peace and kindness. Catholic Christmas is celebrated in Europe, Australia and America on the 25th of December. However all preparations for this day start long before the date.

Christmas is rich in traditions which make this holiday very special for everyone. One of the most favourite traditions among children is decorating their houses, gardens and Christmas trees with colourful garlands, mistletoe wreaths, ornaments, gingerbread men, dazzling stars and artificial snow. Evergreen trees are symbols of eternal life, and mistletoe traditionally symbolizes love. The next tradition is writing a letter to Santa Claus and waiting for him and his reindeer with a bag full of presents in a sleigh. Children hang up stockings near their beds or by the fire-place hoping that Santa Claus will come at night and fill them with sweets, fruits and nuts.

On Christmas Eve people send holiday cards and visit their friends in order to exchange presents and good wishes. In the centre of London, in Trafalgar Square British people gather around the huge Christmas tree. Many of them attend church services on Christmas Eve. Singing Christmas carols to commemorate Christ’s birth is also one of the oldest Catholic traditions. In America the biggest Christmas tree is usually lit up in New York, at Rockefeller Centre.

A big festive dinner is the most delicious meal of a year. People enjoy traditional plum puddings, stuffed turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pies.

The warmth and joy of Christmas makes people much better. A lot of people help the poor, they organize festive dinners for the homeless.

1. Задание: Выполните упражнения.

*1) Раскройте скобки, употребляя в****Present Continuous****или****Past Continuous.***

1. I (to write) an English exercise now. 2. I (to write) an English exercise at this time yesterday. 3. My little sister (to sleep) now. 4. My little sister (to sleep) at this time yesterday. 5. My friends (not to do) their homework now. They (to play) volleyball. 6. My friends (not to do) their homework at seven o’clock yesterday. They (to play) volleyball. 7. She (to read) the whole evening yesterday. 8. She (not to read) now. 9. Now she (to go) to school. 10. What you (to do) now? – I (to drink) tea.

2) Заполните письмо Джейн глаголами в Present Perfect. Complete Jane's letter to her American friend. Use the Present Perfect Tense.

Dear Amy

I \_\_\_\_\_ (1 not have) a letter from you for a long time. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 you lose) my address? I bought the new Steps CD at the weekend. I \_\_\_\_\_ (3 already listen) to it. \_\_\_\_\_ (4 you hear) it yet? It’s brilliant. There’s a new video too, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (5 not see) it yet.

School is going OK. I \_\_\_\_\_ (6 just finish) some exams, but the holidays \_\_\_\_\_ (7 not start) yet. We’re going to Ireland. I \_\_\_\_\_ (8 never be) there.

Write soon with your news.

Love

Jane

*3) Вставьте глаголы в Past Perfect.*

1. I ... (to have) breakfast before I went to school.
2. He went to meet his friends after he ... (to do) his homework.
3. By 8 o’clock the rain ... (to stop).
4. Alice was late because she ... (to miss) the bus.
5. She went to the post-office after she ... (to write) the letter.
6. He ... (to work) at the factory before he entered the college.
7. He got a bad mark for his test because he ... (to make) a lot of mistakes in it.
8. I went to bed after I ... (to finish) reading the book.
9. The child ... (to fall) asleep before the parents came home.
10. They ... (to marry) before they bought this house.