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CHRISTMAS

Sarah: Wentworth, what are you going to do for Christmas?

Wentworth: For Christmas? I'm going to visit my sisters in England. We are going to celebrate Xmas on December 25 or 26. The 26th is called Boxing Day, they start the sales period. My wife, as well as my sisters are going to shop until they drop! But Christmas will be special this year because we are going to celebrate it for the first time in England. My sisters love Xmas there. They eat a special cake there, the Xmas pudding: it is made months in advance. You have fruit, raisins, and spices in it. Christmas in England is very different from Xmas in Australia.

Sarah: What is the difference?

Wentworth: In Australia, Christmas comes during the summer. People usually decorate their houses with palm leaves, fake snow, snowmen, sleighs with kangaroos and flowers. A lot of them celebrate it on the beach.

Sarah: How is Christmas in the States?

Wentworth: In the states, everyone put decorations inside and outside the house. They put a lot of electrical lights of different colors; they also put decorations on trees. They put stockings by the fireplace for Santa. You know Santa Claus, the equivalent for Father Christmas.

Sarah: I think I would like to spend Christmas in Australia one day. It must be nice to spend winter on the beach!

Wentworth: I guess so. What about you? What are your plans for Christmas?

Sarah: All the usual. I'm going to visit my family, eat Christmas meal: turkey with chestnuts. Then I am going to exchange gifts with everyone.



CHRISTMAS	A palm leaf/2 palm leaves
BE GOING TO (do)	fake
To visit	snow
A sister	A snowman
England	
To celebrate	A sleigh
Xmas (short form)	A kangaroo
Boxing Day	A flower
To start	On the beach
The sales period	The States
A wife	everyone
As well as	put
To shop	A decoration
until	Inside
To drop	outside
but	Electrical light
special	also
This year	A tree
'for the first time'	stockings
To love	By the fireplace
there	Santa/Santa Claus (US, Canada and Australia) / Father Christmas (UK)
To eat	I would like (to v)
The Xmas pudding	To spend
Made (past participle of the verb make)	To spend winter
A month	I guess so
In advance	What about you ?
fruit	A plan
raisins	A meal
spices	A turkey
To come	A chestnut
during	then
summer	To exchange
usually	A gift
To decorate	with

Grammar: Near future

1/ BE GOING TO

In English we use BE GOING TO when we talk about plans or intentions.

You use this form when the decision is planned.



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The pattern is:

BE + GOING TO + V

At the present tense

Bare infinitive (dictionary form)

Example: I am going to visit my parents for Xmas