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今回は青森校の講師によるクリスマスにちなんだ2つのエッセイをお楽しみ下さい。前半は“Non-Traditional Greetings of December in America”後半は“Christmas Carols”です。

December in America brings around the holiday season with people wishing each other cheer in a variety of ways. You will definitely hear the “Seasons Greetings” that many people around the world already know. These include; “Merry Christmas,” “Happy New Year,” and “Happy Holidays.” Most of the common greetings in America are based on European heritage or Christianity.

There are other celebrations during the month of December, and you can hear people expressing greetings based on these celebrations in America as well. Some of these holidays come from ethnic groups other than European, and others come from religions other than Christianity.

African-Americans sometimes celebrate a holiday know as “Kwanza.” This is a celebration of life that is based on their African heritage. So, in December you may hear African-Americans wishing others “Happy Kwanza.” This is a way to bring African culture into the traditional American Christmas.

Jewish people celebrate a holiday called “Hanukkah” during December. This is based on their religious beliefs. This celebration lasts for eight days with candles being lit on a “menorah”. This “menorah” is a holiday symbol just like the “Christmas Tree.”

Whatever your beliefs are, the month of December and the New Year are a great time to wish others well, and for a “Happy New Year.” < **Non-Traditional Greetings of December in America** >

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< Christmas Carols >

The holiday season is a time when people get together and forget about the troubles of the world. Families reunite and have big holiday dinners together, friends reminisce about old times, and other people volunteer at retirement homes or homeless shelters so as to help people in need. It is a time of peace and joy.

One way all of these people celebrate the holidays and spread joy to others is by singing Christmas carols, or Christmas songs. Perhaps you know some of the more popular ones like “Jingle Bells” and “Silent Night.” Families, friends and volunteers at retirement homes often go out and sing these songs for people. In neighborhoods, someone in the group usually rings the doorbell, and then everyone starts singing when people come to answer the door. People singing at hospitals and retirement homes, meanwhile, go to each wing and sing for everyone staying there.

Many people also sing Christmas carols in order to raise money for various charities. Recently, raising money for AIDS research, tsunami relief, and hurricane relief have been popular causes for people.

Whether you are spreading joy to others through song, or just enjoying a quiet holiday at home with your family and friends, we at James wish you safe and happy holiday season.



Non-Traditional Greetings & Christmas Carol

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Sending Cards

~ wish / hope / may ~

気持ちを込めて親しい人にカードを送りましょう。使い方を基に、自分でオリジナルメッセージを書いてみるのもいいですね。



	Wish を使った表現	Hope を使った表現	May を使った表現
使い方	(主語) wish + 目的語1 + 目的2 (主語) wish + SV ~	hope to 動詞 hope (that) SV ~	May + 主語 + 動詞の原型 !
手紙	I wish you a Merry Christmas. (素敵なクリスマスになりますように) Wish you have a Merry Christmas. (素敵なクリスマスになりますように)	I hope you have a Happy Holidays!. (楽しい祝日を過ごされますように) I hope you have a Happy Holidays!. (楽しい祝日を過ごされますように)	May your holidays be happy days filled with love. (この休日が愛に満ちた楽しい日々でありますように) May the new year bring you happiness! (新しい年があなたに幸せをもたらしてくれますように)

上記以外の表現



- Season's Greetings and Best Wishes.
(年末のご挨拶を申し上げます)
- Christmas is a special time of year to remember those who are close to our hearts!
(私たちの心に近い人たちを思い出す一年の特別な時期、それがクリスマス)
- Laughter and friendship to you all year!
(あなたに変わらぬ笑いとう交情を！)

クリスマス クイズ

クリスマスカードに関するクイズです。思わず「？」と、考えてしまいましたか？



1 'Xmas' と 'X'mas' どちらが正しい？

2 カードを送るのに、喪中ってあるの？

3 クリスマスカードは誰にでも送っていいの？

答え 1: Xは“Christ”の略ではなく、キリストを表す記号です。省略をしていないわけですから、X'masという書き方は正しくありません。2: 喪中はありません。遠慮なくカードを送ってください。3: キリスト教徒でない方には“Happy holiday”や“Season's Greetings”などの表現を使い、挨拶状として送るのがいいでしょう。

http://allabout.co.jp/study/basic/english/clsoup/CU20041206A/index3.htm

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お薦めHP

~ サンタを追え！サンタ追跡プログラム ~



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NORAD -Tracks Santa-
<http://www.noradsanta.org/index.php>

軍隊組織がサンタを追跡！通常カナダ、米国に対してのミサイル攻撃や空襲の監視を任務としている軍隊組織ノーラッドが、そのハイテク装備を駆使してクリスマスイブの夜にサンタを追跡します。地図をWeb上に掲載し、リアルタイムでサンタの居場所を表示。今年のクリスマスはWeb上でサンタの行方の調査はいかが？

GLOBAL TALK 話題受付中！

Global Talk では皆様からの内容に関するご要望を受け付けております。取り上げて欲しい話題、ご意見、ご質問等ありましたら、下記のメールアドレスまでお知らせください。お待ちしております！

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