

## CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE



- In this unit:**
- ✓ We read about the way dolphins can help children with special needs
  - ✓ We write about our holiday abroad
  - ✓ We listen to children making Christmas preparations
  - ✓ We sing Christmas songs

*Children have fun at Christmas. Why?*



## Lesson 1 GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

### A LEAD-IN ►►

What do you need to make Christmas decorations? Put the correct words in the right spaces. Ask your teacher to help you. Can you guess why Nadine needs these things?

a. glue

b. scissors

c. card

d. string



1. .... 2. .... 3. .... 4. ....

### B LISTENING

Susan from England is staying with her friend Nadine in Marseilles, France.

With your books closed listen to what Nadine and Susan say about what they usually do and what they are doing this year for Christmas.

Decide whether the following statements are True (✓) or False (✗). Use the text to justify your choices.


Discuss with your classmates before making a decision.

1. Jacques is helping Nadine with the Christmas decorations. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Nadine usually buys her decorations at the supermarket. \_\_\_\_\_
3. This year Nadine is buying her decorations at the stores. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Christmas decorations at the supermarket are expensive. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Susan always makes her own decorations. \_\_\_\_\_




## C READING COMPREHENSION

Susan and Nadine both love dolphins. They are finding out more about them. Susan is reading a book about dolphins. It has a lot of interesting information. She shows Nadine one of the pages.




### Dolphin Therapy for Persons with Special Needs



Dolphins have a special way of making people feel more positive about life. There are several organisations which help people with special needs by getting them to play with dolphins.

People with special needs often live routine lives in hospitals or day centres where they follow set programmes. Depending on their illnesses they get up at fixed times, eat at fixed times, do physical exercise at regular times throughout the day and go to bed at the same time. They lead very regular lives.

What are some of these people with special needs doing today? They're in Florida and they're playing with dolphins. A charity association has organised this day as a Christmas present for them. The children are having fun swimming with the dolphins. They are holding onto the dolphins and the dolphins are pulling the children along. They are all enjoying every moment. These are people who don't always smile but who are smiling today.



The above text has been adapted from the following sites. For more information about how dolphins help people with special needs you can look them up.

[www.dolphins.org](http://www.dolphins.org)

[www.dolphinhumantherapy.com](http://www.dolphinhumantherapy.com)

*Using the information in the text above, write how a dolphin can help young people be happy.*

Special Needs Day to Day	Special Needs Dolphin Programme



Study the following table to see how English people talk about **facts** and **habits** vs **actions happening now** or “**around now**”.

Nadine and Jacques usually **buy** their Christmas decorations at the supermarket, but this year they **are making** them themselves.

We often **go** abroad for our Christmas holidays, but this year we **are spending** it with Maria's parents.

Nick and Mary sometimes **sing** carols on Christmas Eve, but this year they **are helping** Mum with the Christmas dinner.

## D WEEKENDS DURING THE YEAR AND A SPECIAL ONE IN LONDON



Look at the photo album of Nadine and her family and see what she usually does at weekends. This year for Christmas she is in London for three days enjoying the Christmas atmosphere with her family. Use the pictures given to talk about Nadine and her family.

Work in pairs: e.g. **Pupil A:** Nadine reads at the weekends.

**Pupil B:** But today she is in London enjoying the Christmas lights in Trafalgar square.

### Pupil A

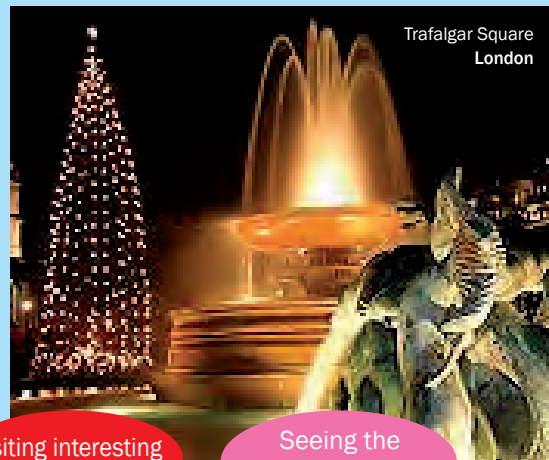
On a typical weekend during the year



(read/book, light/fire, sew, watch/TV)

### Pupil B

During the Christmas period this year



Trafalgar Square  
London

Visiting interesting  
places

Buying  
presents/gifts

Seeing the  
Christmas lights

Carol singing



mother



father



Nadine



brother

