

Christmas and New Year past tenses mimes and speaking
Past Continuous, Past Simple and Present Perfect practice/ Cultural differences

Choose one of the actions below and mime it for your partner. Whenever they think they know which you're miming, you should stop and they will say what you were doing.

Continue the same game, but not looking at the list below, then with your own ideas.

Choose one of the things below and give your partner clues about which one you are thinking about by telling them about you and that thing in the past, e.g. "I have done this once or twice" "I didn't do this last Xmas" or "I last did this 3 weeks ago".

Continue, but with other things you typically do at Xmas and New Year.

Grammar presentation

Why did you use the Past Continuous (was/were + v+ing, e.g. "You were kissing people") for the mimes, but the Present Perfect (has/ have + past participle, e.g. "I have never kissed someone on Xmas Day") and the Past Simple (e.g. "I last kissed someone 10 minutes ago") for the other statements.

Which tense above is used with each of the following time clauses?

- two years ago
- twice (in my life)
- at this time last year
- when my mother came in and interrupted me
- on Xmas Day
- when the clock struck 12



<p>(When I said 'stop')</p>	<p>You were visiting people You were shopping You were doing a spring clean You were watching a movie You were skating You were skiing You were sledging You were cracking nuts You were carving meat You were eating sweets You were decorating your house You were opening a gift You were ripping the wrapping paper off a gift You were writing cards You were praying You were putting on a hat You were singing Xmas songs You were playing a musical instrument It was snowing You were opening a bottle of champagne You were cutting a cake into slices You were pouring gravy on your dinner You were putting some meat into the oven You were lighting a firework You were working You were travelling by train You were dressing up in a Santa Claus costume You were kissing someone on the cheek You were putting gifts into a stocking (= a sock) You were putting gifts into a shoe You were eating a fish You were lighting candles. You were putting decorations on a cake.</p>
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