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Zero Waste Christmas



Skills:

Can give or seek personal views and opinions
in discussing topics of interest.

Adults/teens

Group



3 Fill in the gaps with the phrases below:

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Maggie: "I think wrapping presents with eco-friendly materials _____(1). Last year, I used cloth bags to wrap my presents."

Peter: "Honestly, _____(2). It's great for the environment... but wrapping gifts in paper is a tradition that reminds me of childhood."

Alexis: "I can't _____(3)! Using eco-friendly materials is important, but.... :)"

Jake: "_____ (4) using eco-friendly materials! We need to take care of our planet."

Angie: "I _____(5) the idea of wrapping presents with eco-friendly materials. I decorated my Christmas gifts last year using recycled fabric scraps and my family loved it!"

Julia: "I'm _____(6). I want to do my part in minimizing waste but I also enjoy the fun and excitement of opening gifts that are beautifully wrapped in shiny paper."

Liam: "I'm _____(7) because I think traditional wrapping paper is part of the holiday tradition."

Max: "I am _____(8) reducing waste and taking care of our planet. Wrapping presents in eco-friendly materials is just one small way we can make a difference."

1 Split into pairs. Come up with as many creative ways as possible to reuse wrapping paper instead of throwing it away. After 2 minutes, share your ideas with the class.

2 Watch the short video and fill in the gaps:

Zero waste wrapping paper ideas:

- Reuse _____(1) wrapping.
- Reuse _____(2) snack bags.
- Reuse packing paper.
- Reuse _____(3).
- Use things like towel _____(4) and bags that are _____(5) and double as a gift.
- Reuse boxes from online _____(6) versus buying new.
- Reuse _____(7) bags.
- Happy _____(8)!

4 In pairs, discuss these questions. Use phrases from exercise 3 and express your opinion:

Do you think using reusable gift wrapping materials is a practical idea? Why or why not?

Have you ever received a gift that was wrapped in an unconventional way? How did you feel about it?

Correct answers

1

Created in “Lead-in activities for a text”.

Teacher tip. It would be great if you could bring a couple of actual pieces of colorful wrapping paper to boost the Christmas spirits. Then students will be able to write or draw their ideas on the paper itself.

2

Created in “Convert Audio & Video to Text” and “Fill in the Gap”.

1. toilet paper
2. chip
3. newspaper
4. scarves
5. reusable
6. shopping
7. gift
8. eco-christmas

3

Created in “Four Opinions” and “Fill in the Gap”.

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4

Created in “Warm-Up Discussion Questions before Listening”.