

**5. a)** Read the story the teacher has given you. Get ready to tell this story to your classmates. Use the words and phrases from ex. 3 to make it clearer.

**b)** Go around the classroom. Tell your story to your classmates. Whose story do you think is the most interesting and unusual?

**6.** Write down your story.

## Lesson 8. MAGIC TIME

### COMMUNICATIVE AREA

talking about Christmas

**1. a)** Read the poem. Guess the name of the man.

While the kids were playing outside,  
Someone in red was taking a ride.  
Can you guess who the old man was?  
It was the kids' best friend ...!



**b)** Listen. Check your guess. Can you learn the poem by heart in one minute?



**2. a)** Nick's friends spoke about Christmas. Listen to what they said. Answer the questions below.



1. What is the best thing about Christmas for you?
2. What is a carol?
3. Is Christmas dinner unusual?
4. Why do you put a stocking at the end of the bed?
5. How do you decorate a Christmas tree?
6. Do you always buy Christmas cards?

**b) Listen again. Correct the mistakes in the following statements.**

1. On Christmas morning children can find their presents under the table.
2. At the end of the Christmas dinner people usually pull a Christmas cracker.
3. People don't like to make Christmas cards.
4. Children sing carols only at school.
5. Before Christmas children put out their shoes for presents.

**c) What Christmas symbols and traditions can you name?**

**3. Answer the questions about you and your country.**

1. Can you imagine Christmas or New Year without the Christmas tree and presents?
2. What do people eat for Christmas?
3. Do they sing carols?



**4. a) Read and listen to the Christmas story. Why was Christmas magic for Henry?**

It was cold in the village of Galgate. It was warm in the hearts of the people. Christmas was coming. The people of Galgate were getting Christmas cards, decorating the Christmas trees.

Naughty Elaine was walking home with her father. She wanted to have the best Christmas present in the village. Elaine closed her eyes. She imagined a new dress and pretty dolls under the Christmas tree.

Henry, the shoemaker, was sitting by the window. He was sad. "People are so happy at Christmas. They get presents. I won't get any presents. I haven't got any family or friends," he told his bird.

Then Maureen, the poor farmer, came to his shop and asked him to fix an old pair of shoes. She was crying when she said, "Please, help me. My little granddaughter Pat has no other shoes."

That night, when Henry was sleeping, he had a dream. An angel told him, "Christmas is magic. But good people can make magic too. Don't give rich presents. Be kind to people. What goes around comes around." Now Henry knew what to do.

Next morning he got up very early and started making boots. They were beautiful warm boots, good for a princess. The boots were ready in four hours. He put them in the window and people went by and said, "These boots would be the finest present for any girl."

Elaine wanted to have the boots, but they were not for her. They were for the poor girl who was sitting at home and looking at the children playing in the snow. Henry ran to Maureen's house and gave little Pat the boots. He saw her happy eyes and he understood that he had the best Christmas present — a friend. Now he believed in Christmas magic.

**b) In groups of four, tell the story. You are Henry, Elaine, Pat or Maureen.**

**c) What good things can you do to people around you?**



**5. Sing *We wish you a Merry Christmas*.**