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### Fun for the Workers 打工仔的乐趣

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Workplaces all over the UK are **gearing up** for the **festive period** and all the traditions and customs that come with it. But will this Christmas be a cause for happiness and celebration or disappointment and **embarrassment**?

One way that **colleagues** in Britain show their appreciation of each other at this time of year is by doing a 'Secret Santa' present giving. Secret Santa is when people who work together buy each other gifts without saying who they are from.

**Co-workers** all write their name on a piece of paper and then stage a **lottery** in which each **workmate** takes another colleague's name at **random**. Each person then has to buy a present for the colleague whose name they have picked, usually with an agreed **budget** set at a small amount of money such as five or ten pounds (50 or 100 Yuan).

As the gifts are given **anonymously**, the quality of presents can vary greatly; in an internet survey of Secret Santa presents, gifts that people received ranged from tickets to the **opera** to an **air-freshener hanger** for a car.

Another common seasonal workplace tradition is the office Christmas party, when workmates put on their most **glamorous outfits** and take advantage of a plentiful supply of free **booze**.

While most parties **go off without a hitch**, sometimes the effects of alcohol cause party-goers to regret their **drunken antics**.

The BBC invited people to share their most embarrassing Christmas office party stories, and received hundreds of funny stories, such as the man who split his trousers back to front with his extravagant dance moves or the **tipsy** lady who spent the entire night with back of her dress **tucked into** her pants and saw the photos that proved it.

But the worst story must surely come from Stuart Vaines, who got so drunk he **dunked** his boss's head down the toilet. Unsurprisingly, he was **fired** the very next day.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>gearing up</b> – 张罗着	<b>festive period</b> – 节庆时期
<b>embarrassment</b> – 尴尬	<b>colleagues</b> – 同事
<b>co-workers</b> – 工友们	<b>lottery</b> – 六合彩
<b>workmate</b> – 工友; 同事	<b>random</b> – 随意的
<b>budget</b> – 预算	<b>anonymously</b> – 匿名的
<b>opera</b> – 歌剧	<b>air-freshener hanger</b> – 吊挂空气清新香水的钩子
<b>glamorous outfits</b> – 华丽的套装	<b>booze</b> – 酒水
<b>go off without a hitch</b> – 顺利无误	<b>drunken antics</b> – 醉酒后的胡闹行为
<b>tipsy</b> – 稍有醉意	<b>tucked into</b> – 塞进
<b>dunked</b> – 浸入液体 (此文意思是把一个人的头按倒马桶的水里)	<b>fired</b> – 解雇

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. In a Secret Santa bosses buy presents for their employees. **True / False**
2. You are only allowed to spend a pre-agreed amount of money on the present. **True / False**
3. An office Christmas Party is usually a meal in the work canteen. **True / False**
4. Sometimes people drink too much and make fools of themselves at the party. **True / False**
5. One man who told his embarrassing Christmas party story to the BBC actually lost his job for behaving badly. **True / False**

## 2. Vocabulary for Parties and Socialising 聚会和社交词语

**Match the words and phrases below to their definitions/explanations.**  
把下列词语和对应的定义配对

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Cheers!                     | a. What the bar person says when about to close the bar    |
| 2. It's my round!              | b. It's my turn to buy everyone a drink                    |
| 3. It's your shout!            | c. A word or phrase used when drinking with another person |
| 4. Time, ladies and gentlemen! | d. You should buy everyone a drink                         |

**Now complete the sentences below using words or phrases from above.**

用以上词语完成下列句子填空练习：

1. " \_\_\_\_\_! Last orders at the bar."
2. "You got the last one in so \_\_\_\_\_. What's everybody having?"
3. "Here's to you, bottoms up!"  
"And the same to you, \_\_\_\_\_!"
4. "Everybody else has got a round in so \_\_\_\_\_. And mine's a pint, please".

3. Label the Pictures 标注图片

Look at the pictures below. Do you know what these items are? Write the name of the object underneath the picture.

请看下列图片。你知道这些是什么物品吗？请将物品名称写在图片下面。



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



8. \_\_\_\_\_

decoration  
mistletoe

Christmas tree  
cracker

stocking  
party hat

bow  
turkey

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Christmas parties in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与圣诞聚会有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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e	x	s	a	s	r	t	d	u	t	o	s
s	g	y	h	u	n	a	r	d	i	i	t
s	r	e	s	v	t	f	u	n	t	a	l
u	k	t	c	d	r	n	n	y	g	e	e
p	k	c	x	e	r	t	k	l	o	n	t
l	u	g	s	a	x	b	g	t	j	u	o
k	c	h	e	e	r	s	b	y	t	f	e
w	e	r	t	e	t	y	b	h	i	b	e
b	o	o	z	e	t	s	a	n	t	a	f

fun	drink	cheers	gift	santa
booze	dress up	mistletoe	kiss	drunk

# Answers 答案

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1. cracker



2. party hat



3. stocking



4. Christmas tree



5. bow



6. decoration



7. turkey



8. mistletoe

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- c
- b
- d
- a

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b	o	o	z	e		s	a	n	t	a