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## The English We Speak

### To have all your Christmases come at once



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**Feifei**

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei...

**Rob**

And I'm Rob. And I am so excited.

**Feifei**

Oh yeah? Why's that, Rob?

**Rob**

You know, Feifei – it's that festive time of year – presents, parties, time with the family, snow... did I mention presents?

**Feifei**

Yes, Rob. It's Christmas time.

**Rob**

Come on, Feifei – aren't you excited? Imagine if we had lots of Christmases all at the same time!

**Feifei**

Oh no, think of the cost of buying all those presents.

**Rob**

But hopefully you'd receive lots of presents too! Anyway, do you know that for some people, all their Christmases can come at once?

**Feifei**

I don't think so!

**Rob**

OK, they're not really Christmases, but if someone has extreme good fortune, it's like the feeling of having lots of Christmases all at the same time.

**Feifei**

Got it. Having all your Christmases come at once just means 'having lots of good luck'.

**Rob**

Yes! Let's hear from some people who've had all their Christmases come at once – lucky them!

**Examples**

Yeah! I got a pay rise and I'm off on holiday tomorrow, and I've won the lottery – it seems like all my Christmases have come at once!

The day I got married, I heard I'd passed my exams and got a promotion, so it felt like all my Christmases had come at once.

All my Christmases have come at once: my parents bought me a new car, I got a place at university and I've got a new girlfriend!

**Feifei**

This is The English We Speak from BBC Learning English and we're learning about the phrase 'to have all your Christmases come at once' – which means 'to have extreme good fortune'. Did you know, Rob, that I've had lots of good luck?

**Rob**

No, what's happened?

**Feifei**

Well, I've been invited to a big swanky Christmas party tonight, I'm going skiing at the weekend and you've bought me an amazing Christmas present.

**Rob**

Have I?

**Feifei**

Yes, in that box over there.

**Rob**

Oh, that's not for you. Sorry. It looks like not all of your Christmases have arrived!

**Feifei**

Oh well, you may as well have your present now.

**Rob**

Hmm, a book of English phrases – how useful!

**Feifei**

It will be. Happy Christmas, Rob!

**Rob**

Same to you, Feifei.