

Snap Shot | Answer key

4 Christmas dilemmas

4 c

Vocabulary

Loneliness at Christmas

spend¹, seem², consider³, handpick⁴, locked down⁵, work⁶, opted⁷, brought⁸, create⁹

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Lead-in

Food banks

Teaching tip: Ask your students this: Do you think your classmates would tell you right now if they've used a food bank before? Why / why not?

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Reading

Helping out at a food bank 

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	C	D	J	H	F	I	K

not used: B, E

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Writing

Ending an article

This is the final paragraph from the original text:

I leave Hailsham with mixed feelings: I am shocked by the levels of need I've heard about, but I also feel humbled by the generosity of those who donate and the kindness shown by the volunteers. The next time I get my weekly shop, I seek out the collection point in the supermarket and drop in a bag of pasta and tins, as well as Advent calendars, cheese straws and Christmas pudding. I am looking forward to having those things with my family. It feels right that other people should, too.

Source: *Good Housekeeping* (December 2019, Hearst), p. 76

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Vocabulary

Read for the underlined words

to abide (by sth): to stick to sth, to follow sth

soggy: wet, full of water

gratuitously: unnecessarily

frugality: living without spending more money than is necessary

to be delighted: to be very pleased

garish: very brightly and unpleasantly coloured

to produce: to bring out, to show

varnish: liquid used to paint wood forming a hard shiny surface you can see through

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Reading

Rules for Christmas prezies 

1	thoughtless presents; presents nobody wants
2	home-made and unwrapped
3	didn't immediately get responses; no immediate responses
4	forget and buy gift; forget about rule
5	Campbell's soup
6	ugly, but cute / lovely reminder of him; makes her smile daily
7	wine corks, beer mat
8	excuse to drink wine; good reason to drink; likes the wine