EPISODE 322

Christmas in Canada

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Merry Christmas, everyone!

✨**Christmas** in **Canada** 🎄✨

What are you planning to do for **Christmas** this year? If you want to try something special, consider visiting **Canada**! It's a magical place during the holiday season.

Canada is famous for its snowy landscapes, cozy traditions, and warm **hospitality**. Let's explore some **Christmas** highlights:

Christmas Lights Across Canada

If you visit Ottawa, you can enjoy a spectacular light display. Parliament Hill and nearby areas are illuminated every year with thousands of **dazzling** lights. It's an unforgettable sight, and it's free!

The Toronto **Christmas Market**

Toronto hosts one of the most popular Christmas markets in Canada. Located in the Distillery District, it's a charming place with **cobblestone** streets, carolers, and wooden stalls selling handmade crafts, gifts, and food. Don't forget to try the Canadian maple syrup treats!

Ice Skating in Montreal

Montreal transforms into a winter wonderland with its skating rinks. You can skate outdoors at the Old Port while enjoying the breathtaking view of the St. Lawrence River. Even if you're not good at skating, it's a fun activity to try.

Lobster **Feast** in Nova Scotia

While turkey is common for Christmas dinner, lobster is often the star of the meal in Nova Scotia. Imagine celebrating Christmas with a delicious seafood feast near the Atlantic Ocean.

Now, let's practice.

Mini-Story

Speaking Practice

Answer the questions aloud with short and quick responses. Repeat the Mini-Story several times to improve your speaking and listening.

After listening to Georgiana's podcast, Blake decided to spend Christmas in Canada.

Where did Blake decide to spend Christmas? In the United Kingdom?
No. No. Blake decided to spend Christmas in Canada.

Why did he go to Canada? For a business trip?
No, not for a business trip. He wanted to enjoy a magical Christmas in Canada.

Did Blake go alone?
Yes, he traveled alone to explore Canadian Christmas traditions.

When Blake arrived in Ottawa, he was amazed by the Christmas Lights Across Canada display. He took many pictures and sent them to his family.

Where did Blake go first in Canada?
Ottawa. Blake went to Ottawa first.

What did he see in Ottawa?
The Christmas Lights Across Canada display.

Did Blake take any pictures?
Yes, he took many pictures and sent them to his family.

Why did he send pictures to his family?
To show them the beautiful Christmas lights.

After Ottawa, Blake traveled to Toronto and visited the famous Christmas Market in the Distillery District. He bought a handmade scarf for his mom and enjoyed maple syrup candy.

Did Blake stay in Ottawa for his whole trip?
No, he didn't stay in Ottawa. He went to Toronto next.

What did he visit in Toronto?
He visited the Christmas Market in the Distillery District.

Did he buy anything?
Yes, he bought a handmade scarf for his mom.

What did Blake eat at the market?
He ate maple syrup candy.

In Montreal, Blake tried ice skating at the Old Port. While skating, he slipped and fell, but a friendly Canadian helped him get back on his feet.

Where did Blake go ice skating?
In Montreal, at the Old Port.

Did he skate perfectly?
No, he slipped and fell while skating.

Who helped him?
A friendly Canadian helped him get back on his feet.

After Montreal, Blake traveled to Nova Scotia to experience a traditional lobster feast. He sat next to a girl named Rebecca, and they started chatting.

Did Blake stay in Montreal?
No, after Montreal, he traveled to Nova Scotia.

Why did he go to Nova Scotia?
To experience a traditional lobster feast.

Did Blake eat lobster alone?
No, he sat next to Rebecca and started chatting with her.

Who was Rebecca? His girlfriend?
No. Rebecca was a girl he met at the lobster feast.

Rebecca told Blake she was also in Canada because of Georgiana's podcast. They laughed about the coincidence and decided to explore the Christmas markets together.

Why was Rebecca in Canada?
Because she listened to Georgiana's podcast and wanted to explore Christmas markets.

Did Blake and Rebecca travel separately?
Yes, they traveled separately but met in Nova Scotia.

What did they decide to do together?
They decided to explore the Christmas markets together.

On Christmas Day, Blake and Rebecca exchanged small gifts. Rebecca gave Blake a book about Canadian traditions, and Blake gave Rebecca a maple leaf pendant.

Did Blake and Rebecca exchange gifts?
Yes, they exchanged small gifts on Christmas Day.

What did Rebecca give Blake?
A book about Canadian traditions.

What did Blake give Rebecca?
A maple leaf pendant.

Did they enjoy their Christmas Day?
Yes, they had a wonderful time celebrating together.

That's the end of today's Christmas story!

I hope you enjoyed practicing your speaking. Do you have a special place you'd like to visit during Christmas? Let me know!

Thanks for listening, and I'll see you in the next episode.

Review

Vocabulary from This Episode

Review the most useful words and expressions before listening again.

01 **dazzling** extremely bright, beautiful, or impressive.	05 **stall** a small stand or booth where goods are sold.
02 **Christmas market** a seasonal market selling food, gifts, and decorations.	06 **ice-skating rink** a prepared area of ice for skating.
03 **cobblestone** a rounded stone traditionally used to pave streets.	07 **hospitality** friendly and generous treatment of visitors.
04 **caroler** a person who sings Christmas songs.	08 **feast** a large special meal.

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