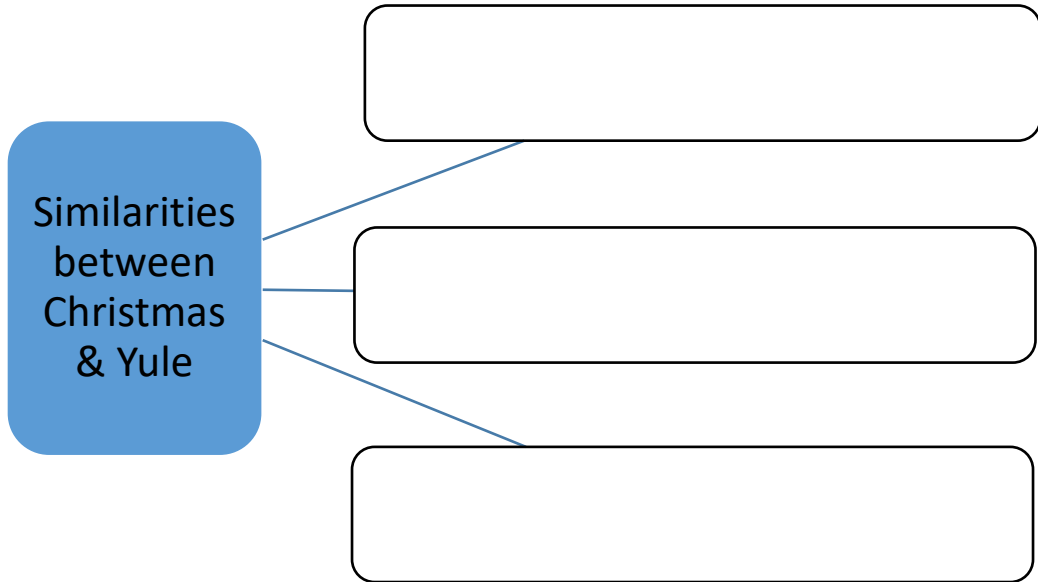




Stages	Procedure	Time
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To practice               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. scanning skills</li> <li>b. looking for implicit ideas</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
<b>Warmer</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teachers asks students for festivals celebrated in the country.</li> <li>2. Teacher leads into the topic of the day.</li> </ol>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>Pre-reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher asks students what they know about Christmas and how it is celebrated.</li> </ol>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>While-Reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher distributes <b>Task 1</b>.</li> <li>2. Students read the article on pages 16 – 19 and complete Task 1.</li> </ol>	<b>10 mins</b>
<b>Post-reading</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher elicits answers to Task 1.</li> <li>2. Teacher assigns <b>Task 2</b>.</li> <li>3. In pairs, students complete the task.</li> <li>4. Teacher discusses the answers.</li> <li>5. Teacher assigns <b>Task 3</b>.</li> <li>6. Teacher discusses answers.</li> </ol>	<b>15 mins</b>
<b>Wrap</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher does a concept check of the lesson</li> </ol>	<b>5 mins</b>

## TASK 1

List the similarities between Christmas and the Yule festival.



## TASK 2

Match the statements to the paragraph.

Statements	Paragraph
1. Decorating evergreen trees	
2. The significance of mistletoe	
3. Celebrating Yule today in Eastern Europe	
4. The significance of lights to different festivals	
5. Paganism and ancient beliefs	

### TASK 3

**Answer the questions.**

1. What is Paganism?

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2. What are the festivals that are celebrated with lights and candles?

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3. What is the significance of the mistletoe in Christmas as compared to the Yule festival?

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4. Why did the pagans select 21<sup>st</sup> of December to celebrate the Yule festival?

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5. Where is the Yule festival celebrated today and what does it celebrate?

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## ANSWERS

### Task 1

1. Celebrated towards end of December
2. Evergreen trees are decorated
3. Lights and candles are used to light up the place
4. Mistletoe is significant to both festivals

### Task 2

1. Decorating evergreen trees	5
2. The significance of mistletoe	7
3. Celebrating Yule today in Eastern Europe	10
4. The significance of lights to different festivals	6
5. Paganism and ancient beliefs	2

### Task 3

1. Paganism is an ancient religion which is animistic and holds spiritual beliefs in the natural and supernatural world.
2. Festivals celebrated with lights are Christmas, the Yule festival, Jewish Hanukkah and the Hindu Deepavali.
3. At Christmas, mistletoe is placed at the entrance of the house and standing below the mistletoe is lucky. In the Yule festival mistletoe is offered as a blessing by the priests to the people.
4. The date 21<sup>st</sup> December is the winter solstice and is significant as it is the shortest day in the northern hemisphere.
5. The Yule festival is celebrated in the Slavic countries like Ukraine, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. It celebrates the rebirth of the sun.