

## Word on the Street Christmas Shopping

### Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

#### Activity 1

Watch the video. Put the parts of the documentary in order.

- Christmas in London: lights and window displays.
- An interview with Paul Symes about the window display.
- An interview with Dr Andrea Tanner about Christmas traditions.
- Fortnum and Mason, a famous London shop.
- The presenter goes to do some Christmas shopping.
- Members of the public say what they think about the window display.

#### Activity 2

Watch the documentary again. Complete each sentence with a word or number.

- Fortnum and Mason has been open for more than \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- Their Christmas display takes up \_\_\_\_\_ windows.
- Paul says he starts to get nervous about a \_\_\_\_\_ before the

display is made public.

- The Christmas story is about \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- Christmas shopping became an important tradition in the time of Queen \_\_\_\_\_.
- Fortnum and Mason expect to sell about \_\_\_\_\_ hampers this year.

#### Activity 3

Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets ( ).

- Our family \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in this village for nearly 200 years.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (work) non-stop since six o'clock. It's time for a break.
- The turkey \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) for three hours. I think it must be ready by now.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (peel) potatoes for half an hour and I've still only done half of them!
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television for hours. Why don't we do something else?
- Celia \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) her flat all morning. She should be finished soon.

#### Discussion

- What do shops in your country put in their windows?

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/word-street/christmas-shopping>

- Have you heard of any British shops?
- Where do British Christmas traditions come from?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

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## Answers

### Activity 1

1. A. Christmas in London: lights and window displays.
2. D. Fortnum and Mason, a famous London shop.
3. B. An interview with Paul Symes about the window display.
4. C. An interview with Dr Andrea Tanner about Christmas traditions.
5. F. Members of the public say what they think about the window display.
6. E. The presenter goes to do some Christmas shopping.

### Activity 2

1. Fortnum and Mason has been open for more than 300/three hundred years.
2. Their Christmas display takes up 7/seven windows.
3. Paul says he starts to get nervous about a week before the display is made public.
4. The Christmas story is about 2000/2,000/two thousand years old.
5. Christmas shopping became an important tradition in the time of Queen Victoria.
6. Fortnum and Mason expect to sell about 7500/7,500/seven thousand five hundred/seven and a half thousand hampers this year.

### Activity 3

1. Our family has been living/'s been living/have been living/'ve been living (live) in this village for nearly 200 years.
2. You have been working/'ve been working (work) non-stop since six o'clock. It's time for a break.
3. The turkey has been cooking/'s been cooking (cook) for three hours. I think it must be ready by now.
4. I have been peeling/'ve been peeling (peel) potatoes for half an hour and I've still only done half of them!
5. We have been watching/'ve been watching (watch) television for hours. Why don't we do something else?
6. Celia has been cleaning/'s been cleaning (clean) her flat all morning. She should be finished soon.