

'Twas the night **AFTER** Christmas¹!

Christmas is fun – but after there is a LOT of rubbish*!
What should we do?

We decorated our Christmas tree.
We looked at our Christmas cards.
We opened our Christmas presents.
We enjoyed our Christmas dinner.

But what is there now?
A lot of rubbish!

1 billion

The UK throws away* ...

Finish the facts with the correct words:

- wrapping paper
- boxes and packaging
- Christmas cards
- sticky tape
- Christmas trees
- turkeys
- mince pies

114,000
tonnes

of _____

2 million

365,000 km

of _____

6 million

40 million

rolls of _____

74 million

There is 30% more rubbish at Christmas time in the UK. In the UK we throw away enough wrapping paper to go around the world nine times!

Of course, people can recycle* lots of this rubbish, but you can't recycle sticky tape or anything with glitter* – and there is a lot of glitter at Christmas! This rubbish goes into landfill* and it can harm* birds and animals.

Another problem is that when people are having fun, eating, drinking and having parties, they can be lazy* about recycling. Twenty-three per cent of people in the UK said they don't recycle their rubbish at Christmas because they are too busy! The Kay family decided to save their rubbish from Christmas. It filled their living room! Said Mum, Katherine: "I'm shocked about it!"

ROOM OF RUBBISH:
The Kay family were shocked about their Christmas rubbish!



THE CROWN QUIZ

Cut your Christmas rubbish!

What should you do?
Read the situations and choose the best advice. Circle a or b.



1. You received a present you didn't like.

- a. You should take it to the charity shop.
- b. You should throw it away.



2. You didn't eat all of the turkey at Christmas dinner.

- a. Why don't you hide it under the table?
- b. Why don't you make turkey sandwiches with it tomorrow?



3. You received 52 Christmas cards.

- a. You should make gift tags* with them for next Christmas.
- b. You should cross out* the writing and use them again next Christmas.

4. You want to use less wrapping paper.

- a. Why don't you stop giving Christmas presents?
- b. Why don't you give your presents in a bag that you can use every Christmas?



5. You don't want to throw away Christmas tree every year.

- a. You should buy a living Christmas tree that you can plant in your garden and use every Christmas.
- b. You shouldn't buy a plastic Christmas tree.



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English rubbish to throw away to recycle glitter landfill to harm lazy gift tag to cross out	French les déchets jeter récycler les paillettes l'enfouissement (m) des déchets faire du mal à quelqu'un paresseux/paresseuse une étiquette-cadeau rayer	Italian spazzatura gettare via riciclare paillettes discarica ferire pigro bigliettino da regalo deppennare	German Müll wegwerfen recyclen Glitzer Mülldeponie schaden faul Geschenkanhänger durchstreichen	Dutch afval weggooien recycleren glitter stortplaats kwetsen lui klein kaartje aan een geschen doorstrepen	Spanish la basura tirar reciclar la brillantina el basurero dañar perezoso la etiqueta de un regalo tachar
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1 'Twas = It was = This is a play on words of the famous Christmas poem by Clement Clarke Moore. 'Twas the Night before Christmas.