

## Mixed Feelings - Christmas Letter (Most common Emotion words)

- Read the letter that a son wrote to his mother in his home country.
- This task focuses on practicing the meaning of the words.
- Circle the correct word in the underlined pairs of feeling words.

December 25, 20\_\_

Dear Mother:

Today is Christmas Day in Canada. I was surprised/scared by so many beautiful lights outside and in many of the houses. In my landlord's house, there are lights on the Christmas tree and there are Christmas decorations everywhere. The greeting cards are on a string and hanging on the wall. I felt lonely/glad because I didn't have any cards to show anyone.

Today, all of the stores are closed, so I am bored/nervous. I really wanted to do some last-minute shopping, so I feel frustrated/homesick. I will eat dinner with my landlord tonight. I am confident/nervous because lots of people are coming over to their house for dinner and the evening. I will have to talk in English all the time.

At first, I was confused/proud because my friends opened their gifts on Christmas Eve (last night), but my landlord's family went to church and did not open their gifts. They told me that they open their gifts on Christmas morning and that each family celebrates Christmas in their own way. I couldn't believe the children were so embarrassed/ excited last night!

I was amused/worried this morning when we met by the Christmas tree to open gifts. I hoped my landlord's family would like the gifts I bought. I was relaxed/humiliated when they said they liked them. I was disgusted/glad to open the gifts they gave me.

I will be furious/lonely when the Christmas celebrations are all over. I will write again next year.

I miss you every day,

### Your Turn:

- Think about a celebration you experienced here in Canada.
- Think of all the emotions you felt.
- Tell your partner about it (or write a letter to the class leader about it).
- Use as many of the Most Common Emotion words as possible.