

# TUTORS TALKING

Holiday Edition 2024

Dear Tutors,

As we head into the holiday season, I would like to wish you all and your loved ones a very **Merry Christmas!** I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time and dedication to tutoring, and for continually supporting your learners. I know that what you do is making a huge difference in their lives.

To tie in with an upcoming training session on the use of AI in tutoring adults, I tried a little experiment for this year's holiday edition. I asked ChatGPT to come up with a list of fun Christmas activities for your adult learners, and this is the result! The key is to make these activities lighthearted and interactive, ensuring they evoke the joy and warmth of the holiday season. Enjoy!

— Alison

## 1. Host a holiday-themed book club

- Pick a holiday classic like *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens or a cozy Christmas romance. Add festive snacks and beverages, like mulled wine or hot chocolate, to the meeting.
- Include a discussion about personal Christmas traditions or favourite seasonal reads.



## 2. Plan a Christmas reading challenge

- Create a festive reading Bingo card with prompts like "Read a book set during Christmas," "Read a book with snow on the cover," or "Read a book with red and green in the title."
- Offer a small prize, like a holiday mug or bookmark, for participants who complete the challenge.

## 3. Encourage DIY holiday crafts inspired by books

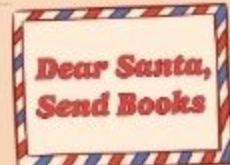
- Suggest making ornaments, bookmarks, or wreaths based on book themes.
- Share tutorials for crafting paper snowflakes out of old books (only ones destined for recycling!).

## 4. Organize a festive read-aloud event

- Host a storytelling night where participants read excerpts from Christmas classics, poetry, or personal holiday writings.
- Pair it with a cozy setting: soft lighting, a crackling fireplace, and warm drinks.

## 5. Write letters to Santa (or someone special)

- Inspire adults to revisit their childhood by writing letters to Santa, focusing on gratitude and wishes for the future.
- Alternatively, have them write a holiday letter to someone meaningful in their life.



## 6. Cook or bake from literary-inspired recipes

- Explore recipes featured in books, such as Christmas pudding from *A Christmas Carol* or butterbeer-inspired drinks from *Harry Potter*.
- Make it a potluck event where everyone brings a literary-inspired dish.

## 7. Curate a Christmas movie and book pairing night

- Pair books with their movie adaptations, like *The Polar Express* or *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Discuss differences while enjoying popcorn and festive treats.

