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You have found a short story about Christmas. Read the short story.

**Text 3 Short story**

1 Samantha looked out of the window and sighed. There was still no snow. She wished for a white Christmas because her children  
5 loved to play with snow.

2 There was a box of Christmas biscuits and a Christmas pudding in the dining room. A big fat turkey was on the kitchen table.

10 3 Samantha picked up the turkey she bought from the meat shop. She started cleaning it, but she felt something inside the bird. She pulled it out carefully. It was a small bag of white powder!

4 'Oh no, could this be drugs?' Samantha thought. Just then, the doorbell rang. Samantha walked to the door. Jimmy the butcher was  
15 standing outside.

5 'Hi Mrs Taylor, I'm sorry but I gave you the wrong turkey! I wanted to surprise my wife. I put a diamond ring in a tiny bag of flour and hid it inside her turkey but ...'

6 Samantha opened the little bag, and it was true! She gave the ring  
20 back to Jimmy. Then it began to snow.



## Simplified reading and comprehension

## Unit 6

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**Comprehension 3** *Your classmate wants to know about the short story. Answer his questions using information from the short story. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 How did Samantha feel at the beginning of the story?

A bored

C sad

A B C D

B happy

D surprised

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2 What does 'the bird' (line 11) refer to? \_\_\_\_\_

3 What did Samantha think the bag of white powder was?

A flour

C snow

A B C D

B drugs

D salt

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4 Which word in paragraph 5 means the same as 'incorrect'? \_\_\_\_\_

5 Why did the butcher put the ring inside the turkey?

A He wanted to surprise his wife.

B He wanted to use it to buy drugs.

C He wanted to surprise Samantha.

A B C D

D He wanted to make the turkey more delicious.

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6 Match the main points (A–D) with one of the paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letter (A–D) on the line next to the paragraph number.

Paragraph no.	Main point
i) Paragraph 1 _____	A Explaining why there was a little bag inside the turkey
ii) Paragraph 3 _____	B Introducing the setting of the story
iii) Paragraph 5 _____	C Explaining how the characters solved their problems
iv) Paragraph 6 _____	D Describing how Samantha found the little bag

7 Which of the following is the best title for the short story?

A 'A special Christmas dinner'

C 'Say no to drugs!'

A B C D

B 'Jimmy's wife'

D 'The turkey mystery'

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