



Citizenship at Christmas

Task 1- You are Santa

- You and your elves have only enough time and money to deliver to certain public services this festive season. Work in groups of up to 4. Decide on 2 areas that will receive extra money (your Christmas gifts) and explain why. Then, explain why the other areas cannot receive extra spending.
- Areas-
- Welfare (benefits and pensions)
- Healthcare Public order (police etc)
- Education Transport
- Defence (military)
- Police Social Care
- Foreign aid
- Housing



Task 2- You are Santa

- You and your elves have to deliver punishments to all of the criminals on the naughty lists. You have to decide what punishments to deliver. Choose 2 from below and explain why they are best. Choose another and say why they are not a good form of punishment

- Punishments-

- Prison (custodial sentences)

Fines

Community service

Tag

Rehabilitation

ancillary order eg. Restraining order



Task 3- cost of living crisis



- This year many families will struggle to fund their Christmas and may have to make sacrifices.
- Over 300,000 households were estimated to be homeless last Christmas. Now, **the number has exceeded 324,000**, Child homelessness has risen from affecting 140,000 to 151,000 children between 2023 and 2024. That's an almost 8 per cent increase. Additionally, around **11 per cent of the population is currently classified as 'food insecure,' meaning 7.2 million households 'have limited or uncertain access to adequate food.'**
- **Three quarters of 11–21-year-olds fear parents' cashflow crisis will mean anxious family Christmas**
- **Seven in ten (69%)** think it's likely their parents will have to sacrifice something important or special for themselves over the Christmas holidays to make sure they receive presents;
- More than a third (**35%**) think their family will be worse off financially this Christmas compared to last year; and
- **Around a fifth** worry their parents won't have enough money to pay household bills (21%) or keep their house warm (18%).

What could the following services do to help?

- **Individuals**- what could individual people like you and me do to help these families?
- Individual campaigners we have studied- Marcus Rashford, Rebecca Hodgkins
- Ext- what problems are there with this?
- **Community groups**- e.g. charities, pressure groups- what could they do?
- Ext- what problems are there with this?
- **Public services**- what could local councils, schools, social services do to support? Ext- what problems are there with this?



To finish

- What benefits does celebrating Christmas have?
- THINK- the community, the economy, identity etc

