**I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas**

[Gayla Peevey](https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS751US751&q=Gayla+Peevey&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLSz9U3MCxMz6hMAgBEdyJkDgAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjnm-OhvPDXAhUDkeAKHa8uDGUQMQgsMAA)

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
Don't want a doll, no dinkey tinker toy  
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?  
He won't have to use a dirty chimney flue  
Just bring him through the front door  
That's the easy thing to do

I can see me now on Christmas morning  
Creeping down the stairs  
Oh what joy, what surprise  
When I open up my eyes  
To see a hippo hero standing there

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
No crocodiles, no rhinosauruses  
I only likes hippopotamuses  
And hippopotamuses like me, too

Mom says a hippo, would eat me up but then  
Teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian

There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage  
I'd feed him there and wash him there and give him his massage

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Hippo Facts

* They are only territorial while in the water. Both reproduction and birth occur in the water. Hippo calves weigh approximately 45kg at birth and can suckle on land or underwater by closing their ears and nostrils. Each female has only one calf every two years. Soon after birth, mother and young join schools that provide some protection against crocodiles, lions, and hyenas.
* Despite its stocky shape and short legs, it can easily outrun most humans. Hippos have been clocked at 30 km/h over short distances.
* Hippos will travel on land for up to 10km to feed. They spend four to five hours grazing and can consume 68 kg of grass each night. Considering their enormous size, a hippo’s food intake is relatively low.
* The hippopotamus is one of the most aggressive creatures in the world and is often regarded as one of the most dangerous animals in Africa. However, if threatened on land it will often run for water.
* The IUCN classified the Hippo as having vulnerable status in 2008. The population is in decline; most dramatically in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
* They are considered the second largest land animal on Earth (first place goes to the elephant!). Males measure around **3.5m long** and **1.5m tall**, and can weigh up **3,200kg**. That’s as much as three small cars!
* Hippos are most active at night, when they forage for food. They are **herbivores**, and eat mostly grass – and boy do they eat grass! In just one night, they can guzzle down up to **35kg**of their favorite grub!
* Dominant males are very protective over their group. To warn off rival males, they open their huge mouths and display their long, curved canines! They also make loud grunts and aggressive splashes in the water.
* In the wild hippos live for around**40 years**. In captivity, they tend to live longer and may reach up to **50 years old**.

**Analyze the arguments and the facts listed above and determine if a hippopotamus is an appropriate gift**

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**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**

[Andy Williams](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS751US751&q=Andy+Williams&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLUz9U3MMopK0kCADrnpzkNAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjq-_iQt4XYAhUwSt8KHaAgD0MQMQgsMAA)

It's the most wonderful time of the year  
With the kids jingle belling  
And everyone telling you be of good cheer  
It's the most wonderful time of the year

It's the hap-happiest season of all  
With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings  
When friends come to call  
It's the hap-happiest season of all

There'll be parties for hosting  
Marshmallows for toasting  
And caroling out in the snow  
There'll be scary ghost stories  
And tales of the glories of the  
Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time of the year  
There'll be much mistltoeing  
And hearts will be glowing  
When love ones are near  
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And hearts will be glowing  
When love ones are near  
It's the most wonderful time  
Yes the most wonderful time  
Oh the most wonderful time  
Of the year

**Identify 5 things, according to the song, that make this month the “most wonderful time of the year” and EXPLAIN HOW/WHY these 5 things make the season WONDERFUL.**

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| **The Cause** | **How/Why it makes the season WONDERFUL** |
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**What would be 2 effects of this season being the “most wonderful time of the year?” (effects are not in the song** **so you’ll have to think of them)**

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**Twelve Pains of Christmas**

The first thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Is finding a Christmas tree

The second thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Rigging up the lights

The third thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me Holiday  
Headaches

The fifth thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Five months of bills

The sixth thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Facing my in-laws

The seventh thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Salvation Army

The eighth thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
"I want ant farmer for Christmas" (kids wanting a ton of gifts)

The ninth thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Finding parking spaces

The tenth thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Batteries not included

The eleventh thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Stale TV specials

The twelfth thing at Christmas that's such a pain to me  
Singing Christmas Carols

**Describe and explain relevant similarities and/or differences between the twelve pains of holidays.**

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**Last Christmas**

[Wham!](https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS751US751&q=Wham!&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLUz9U3MClOSjcHABa6XN8NAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjLs8qPxfDXAhUhRN8KHbduDGwQMQgsMAA)

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart  
But the very next day you gave it away  
This year, to save me from tears  
I'll give it to someone special

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Once bitten and twice shy  
I keep my distance  
But you still catch my eye  
Tell me, baby  
Do you recognize me?  
Well, it's been a year  
It doesn't surprise me  
(Merry Christmas!) I wrapped it up and sent it  
With a note saying, "I love you, " I meant it  
Now, I know what a fool I've been  
But if you kissed me now  
I know you'd fool me again

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A crowded room, friends with tired eyes  
I'm hiding from you, and your soul of ice  
My god, I thought you were someone to rely on  
Me? I guess I was a shoulder to cry on

A face on a lover with a fire in his heart  
A man under cover but you tore me apart  
Now, I've found a real love you'll never fool me again

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A face on a lover with a fire in his heart  
A man under cover but you tore him apart  
Maybe next year I'll give it to someone  
I'll give it to someone special

**To what degree is there patterns of continuity and/or change in “Last Christmas”, be sure to reference lyrics in your argument.**

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**Explain how the relevant historical context of each holiday influenced the culture and traditions of each holiday.**

**Hanukkah**

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**Christmas**

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