

THE ZIGGURAT **DAILY VITAMIN** REVISION ACTIVITIES

(December 2018)

The following activities are designed to review the Daily Vitamins sent between the 3rd of December and the 21st of December 2018. You should do the activities and then correct your work with the answers provided on page 3 of this document. If you have any questions, please contact us at didactic@ziggurat.es.

A. Bad Christmas jokes. Match the joke on the left with its punch-line on the right.

1. _____ Who is a Christmas tree's favourite singer?	a. Because it needed to get trimmed.
2. _____ What do you call Santa's helpers?	b. Spruce Springsteen.
3. _____ Why was Santa's helper depressed?	c. Subordinate Clauses.
4. _____ Christmas is a time that everyone gets...	d. Because he had low elf-esteem.
5. _____ Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?	e. Santamental.

B. Holiday songs. Answer the following statements with **true** or **false** based on the Holiday songs in the Daily Vitamins from December 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th.

- _____ The line '*underneath the mistletoe*' is in the song '**All I want for Christmas is You**'.
- _____ In the song '**Rockin Around the Christmas Tree**' the spelling of the word '*rockin*' (without the final 'g') is a common way to informally spell words that end in 'ing' and is often found in songs.
- _____ In the song '**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**' the word '*gay*' refers to homosexuality.
- _____ The word '*glowing*' can be heard in the song '**The Christmas Song**'.

C. Words of the year. Match the words or expressions on the left with their definition on the right.

1. _____ selfie	a. A significant cultural, political, or social change arising from the actions or influence of young people.
2. _____ vape	b. A picture of oneself.
3. _____ tears of joy	c. to inhale and exhale the vapour produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device.
4. _____ post-truth	d. Surprisingly, it's not a word but an emoji.
5. _____ youthquake	e. Relating to circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.

D. Vocabulary. Complete the sentences below using the words or phrasal verbs from the box.

Underneath	trim	aglow	gay
post-truth	selfies	vape	youthquake

- Now that everyone has smartphones, they are using them to take pictures of themselves; these photos are called _____.
- If you stand _____ the mistletoe, you might get a kiss!
- Some think that if there were another vote on 'Brexit' it would not pass due to a _____, since it seems that many young people don't want to leave the EU.
- The word _____ is used in connection with electronic cigarettes.
- Just a generation ago the word _____ meant 'happy' exclusively, and was sometimes used as a woman's name.
- It's nearly the 25th of December and I still need to put up the Christmas tree and _____ it!
- Some blame social media for the rise of _____ and fake news. Others think that social media is a wonderful way to be transparent and keep people informed.
- The children's faces were all _____ with excitement during the holidays.

ANSWER KEY

A.

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. e
5. a

B.

1. true
2. true
3. false – in this song the word 'gay' means 'happy'
4. false – the word is 'aglow' which is a synonym

C.

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. e
5. a

D.

1. selfies
2. underneath
3. youthquake
4. vape
5. gay
6. trim
7. post-truth
8. aglow