



*The Twelve
Months*

Мета:

поглибити знання, вміння та навички учнів;
розвивати пізнавальний інтерес;
удосконалювати мовленнєві навички;
виховувати інтерес до вивчення англійської мови.

Characters:

1. Stepdaughter Christine
2. Stepmother
3. Stepmother's daughter Helen
4. Months (January, October, June, July, May, April, March, February)
5. Queen
6. Chancellor
7. Soldier
8. Teacher
9. Raven

Scene I

Raven: It's so cold! If I could fly as a young, but I am old and health is stink. Cold, cold, cold. Who is this sweet girl?

Soldier: How nice to hear a nice laughing when everyone complains about the cold. What makes you so happy, my friend? A great treasure or perhaps good news?

(дівчина сміється)

Christine: No, I can't believe it. Animals are talking, almost as a real human. It was a miracle!

Soldier: It is a day of miracles.

(Закурює трубку)

Did you forget? Today is the last day of the whole year. Tomorrow a New Year begins. And today is the night when all the animals can speak in human voices.

Christine: Is that true?

Soldier: Oh, yes! But only a good-hearted can understand them. Today is a special day when everyone should examine past year and see if they can become better person. Do you think you can become a better person?

Christine: Suppose I could be... But I always try to be good

Soldier: Trying is very important. And sometimes you can get help from some very unusual places. My grand father told me one story when he was a child he had twelve brothers in this wood. And do you know who they were?

Christine: Who?

Soldier: The twelve months. Every New Year's Eve the twelve months select a kind-hearted person to watch over for the New Year

Christine: Really?

Soldier: That's right. By the way, what are you doing here, my dear?

Christine: My stepmother always sends me for the firewood.

Soldier: Let me help you with your job. And maybe you will help me with mine.

Christine: Gladly. But tell me what your job is?

Soldier: I am looking for a perfect New Year's tree. For the Queen! She is a naughty child. There is no one who can teach her a lesson.

Christine: And there is no one who can teach her to read and to write?

Soldier: Oh, she has a fine teacher.

Scene II

Teacher: Please, write, Your Majesty. It's important. The grass is green, the bright sun shines upon...

Queen: I'll only write "The grass is green". T...H...E...

(Заходить слуга)

Chancellor: Please forgive me Your Majesty, I must ask you to sign this official documents.

Queen: Fine. I would write only "The grass".

Scene III

Soldier: That should be enough firewood for the week.

Christine: I know the beautiful tree. So, let me help you.

Soldier: Aren't you tired of my old stories?

Christine: No. Not at all. And I love the evening forest.

Scene IV

Queen: Oh, I hate this. Now, tell me your story.

Teacher: But, how about our lesson?

Queen: We'll continue it later. Now I want a story. Tell me about the New Year.

Teacher: As you wish Your Majesty. A year consists of twelve months. Within these twelve months are four seasons: winter, spring, summer and autumn. Each month brings us its own gifts and pleasures. December, January, February the winter brings us ice- skating. In March the air becomes warmer. By April the first snowdrop flowers bloom from under the melting snow.

Queen: Snowdrop flowers ... I command spring to start tomorrow.

Teacher: But it's simply impossible. It can't be done, your Majesty.

Queen: What did you say?

Teacher: It is not me, Your Majesty. It is the law of nature. Spring comes after winter.

Queen: I will decide when spring comes. Now sit down and write. The grass is green. The sun is bright.

Law always wrong and I am always right.

Scene V

Soldier: The Queen has given an order for all around the land. No more there will be winter, spring is now command.

Chancellor: A basket full of snowdrops exchanges the finest gold. All who do not obey this proclamation will die!!!

Helen: I don't want to die. But I so much want gold.

Scene VI

Stepmother: This basket is good but I want a bigger one.

Helen: Yes. But there are no flowers now.

Stepmother: We will send our dear Christine to the wood for flowers.

Helen: That's fine, mummy. This job is not for you and me. So, let her help us. We do everything around here.

(Заходить Крістіна)

Christine: Oh, it's so cold outside.

Stepmother: Christine, you had enough rest. You have another job to do. Right this minute.

Christine: What is it? Is it far?

Helen: That's up to you. Just go and bring a basket of snowdrops.

Christine: There are no flowers now.

Stepmother: Enough! Take it! It is the order of the Queen.

Scene VII

Christine: I am so tired. Hello!! I see a fire. This is a magic night!

(Лунає пісня)

January: Who are you?

Christine: I am sorry. I didn't mean to disturb you.

January: No, please, join us.

(Yes, you are welcome)

But let me ask you. What is that big basket for? Collecting pine cones, perhaps.

October: Or maybe you are collecting mushrooms?

Christine: No. Not mushrooms. I need to find snowdrops.

May: Well, Brother April, she is looking for snowdrops. That mean she is your guest.

Christine: It is the order of a Queen.

January: You are in deep trouble, little one. As you can see, everything is covered with snow. The flowers you wish for will appear in April.

Christine: I had no choice. Thank you sharing your fire with me. Good Bye!

April: Wait a minute. Come back. Father January, perhaps I can borrow an hour of your time?

January: I would be happy. But April can't come before February and March.

March: With pleasure!

February: I will help a little one too.

January: So, we will have an hour of April.

April: Snow! Begin to melt! Sun! Rise and Shine! It is time for spring warmth. Welcome to the world young sparrows! Flowers! Begin your bloom! Let's spring begin.

Christine: How can it be possible? Oh, thank you.

January: I know this girl. She enjoys every month. She never complains of a winter cold.

June: We summer months know her as well. She works hard in the garden.

July: Picking, watering and caring for her plants. She is so full of care and love!

April: I think this girl needs someone to watch over her. I will give her my ring.

January: Good idea. It is time for you to watch over someone.

Christine: Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers.

April: I want you to have this ring. If you ever have trouble again throw the ring to the ground and say: Roll, roll, my April ring to the spring blooms, to the autumn leaves, to the summer fruits, roll to the winter's cold, to the New Year's fire. We will all be there. Brining all the power of the all twelve months. This is my promise.

January: But you must never show anyone the way here. It is a secret.

Christine: I promise. I will take the secret to my grave. I will never forget you and your kindness. Thank you.

April: Good bye, sister.

January: Moon! Come from behind the clouds! Follow our friend home and make sure she gets safely.

(Місяць виходить)

Christine: Thank you!

February: Brother January, it's time to return all to its place. Right?

January: Not yet. Just one more minute. We must wait until she is home safely.

(Місяць повернувся)

Thank you, moon! Good night.

(Квітень передає посох)

Wind! Blow! Snow! Fall!

Scene VIII

(лунає музика)

Happy New Year, Your Majesty! Happy New Year, Your Majesty!

Queen: I am happy when I want to be happy. And a New Year hasn't come yet.

(Музика зупинилася)

Chancellor: You must forgive me, Your Majesty, but today is the first of January. The beginning of the New Year.

Queen: How many days are there in December?

Teacher: Exactly 31 days, Your Majesty.

Queen: And today is December, 32. Tomorrow will be December, 33. The next day will be December, 34... And December will not end until someone brings me a basket full of snowdrops.

Teacher: I am sorry, Your Majesty, but it is impossible.

Queen: I am the Queen!

Teacher: Yes! Again and again. I have told you; even you can't rewrite the law of nature. You must understand this is the truth! Snowdrops don't come in December.

Chancellor: Yes, that is correct, Your Majesty. Not before April.

Queen: If I do not have my snowdrops in 5 minutes the Teacher loses his head. If I do not have them in 10 minutes the Chancellor loses his head.

Chancellor: Excuse me, Your Majesty; these two women have a gift for you. A basket full of snowdrops.

(Лунає музика)

Queen: And now December is over. You can congratulate me now.

Happy New Year! Happy New Year, Your Majesty! Happy New Year, Your Majesty!

Queen: Happy New Year! Happy New Year!

Stepmother: Oh, It's really a happy new year. We took a basket and went to forest. Suddenly we saw a lake. Big.

Helen: Big, dangerous and really deep!

Stepmother: And the banks covered with beautiful flowers.

Queen: Courage! We are going to the forest to find the magic lake. These women will show us the way.

(падають на коліна)

Stepmother: We can't show you the way. It was my stepdaughter who found the flowers.

Queen: Where is she?

Stepmother: Outside. She is waiting for us.

Your Majesty she doesn't want to show anyone the way. But I have an idea. We will let her go by herself but my daughter will follow her on foot. And we will follow my daughter.

Queen: My coach!

Scene IX

(Крістіна йде лісом. За нею шпигує сестра)

Christine: I think, this is a tree where I first saw a fire.

(падає шишка)

Helen: Oh!

Christine: Helen? What are you doing here? Come on! We're going home.

Helen: It's too late. The Queen is following us.

(Королева виходить з карети)

Stepmother: This is my stepdaughter, Your Majesty.

(Королева підходить до Крістіни та одягає на неї шубу).

Queen: Where are the flowers? I can give you everything you wish. Come on. Show me.

Christine: Forgive me Your Majesty. But I can't. I promised.

Queen: I don't ask for anything. I order.

(Крістіна хитає головою)

Queen: How can you say "No"? Remove my coat from her! So?

(Королева знімає з неї рукавички. Падає каблучка)

Christine: My ring!

Queen: What a beautiful ring!

(Королева розглядає каблучку. Солдат дає Крістіні шарф)

Queen: Where did you get this ring?

Christine: I can't say.

Queen: How dear you? Say "Good Bye" to your ring.

(Королева кидає каблучку)

Christine: Roll, roll, my April ring to the spring blooms, to the autumn leaves, to the summer fruits, roll to the winter's cold, to the New Year's fire.

(На сцені з'являються 12 місяців)

April: I kept my promise.

Queen and Stepmother: Oh! It's spring! Look! Birds. Oh! It's so beautiful.

Teacher: Flowers! On January, 1. I don't believe it.

Queen: What's happening? It's snowing.

Teacher: It is January. It should be snowing.

Queen: Old man! I have gold, silver... I command you to bring me home.

January: I don't need anything from you. My gold and silver is around me. Tell me what do is your wish for the New Year.

Queen: I want a friend. A few friends.

Teacher: I would like for everything to be normal again. Everything in its proper time. Winter in winter. Summer in summer. And me in my warm room with a good book.

January: It is done. And what do you wish?

Helen: I want a coat.

Stepmother: Wait a minute. We can do better demand.

Helen: Why should I wait? I am cold. A coat!!!

January: Take these coats! They are yours. Forever!

Stepmother: Look! Dog coats. I wanted something better!

Helen: I can take both coats!

Stepmother: Give me that!

Helen: You look like a dog!

Stepmother: You like a dog!

Teacher: Look!

Queen: Oh, God!

January: They will be dogs for three years. They'll learn how to be good-hearted. We will remove the dog's skins. Let's go to the fire.

We will see you again each in its own time. We will always be with you.

(Лунає пісня)

Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year!

The End