

Class VIII English - Worksheet
The Best Christmas Present in the World

1. What did the author find in the small black tin box? Answer in the context of The Best Christmas Present in the World.
2. Who, of the two armies, took the initiative for celebrating the Christmas together? How did they begin it?
3. How old was Mrs. Macpherson now? Where was she? Answer in the context of The Best Christmas Present in the World.
4. What was Jim's mood while writing the letter? Why?
5. What had happened to Mrs. Macpherson? Describe her condition.
6. Did the soldiers on both sides want the war? How do you know?
7. What did the author find in a secret drawer? Answer in the context of The Best Christmas Present in the World.

8. **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

I'd prefer cricket, I told him. Then we Tommies could be sure of winning, probably. We laughed at that, and together we watched the game. Sad to say, Connie, Fritz won, two goals to one. But as Hans Wolf generously said, our goal was wider than theirs, so it wasn't quite fair. The time came, and all too soon, when the game was finished, the schnapps and the rum and the sausage had long since run out, and we knew it was all over. I wished Hans well and told him I hoped he would see his family again soon, that the fighting would end and we could all go home.

- i. Who was Hans Wolf?
- ii. The time came, and all too soon when the game was finished.
 - a. What was the game?
 - b. Why did he feel that it was too soon?
- iii. What did Jim hope?