

COMMERCIIUM EPISTULARUM (VII)

CHRISTMAS (and birthday celebrations)

(using the future before celebrations / the perfect afterwards, and the agreement of tenses)

public holiday (GB), holiday (NAm): dies (diei) festus (i), m.
Festum, i, n.

Christmas: Festum, i Natalicium, ii, n.
Nativitas, atis (f.) Domini
Dies natalis Iesu Christi

birthday: dies natalis, m.
natalis, is, m.

24 December (date): (modern calendar:) XXIV^o (= vicesimo quarto) die m.Dec.
(roman calendar:) a.d.IX Kal.Ian. (= ante Kalendas Januarias)

31 December (date): XXXI^o die m.Dec. (or:) Pridie Kalendas Ianuarias

New Year (date): Primo novi anni die (or:) Kalendis Ianuariis (Kalendae, arum)

Santa Claus, Father Christmas (GB): Pater (Patris) Natalicius (ii)

to believe in Santa Claus: credo, is, ere (+ dat.) Patri Natalicio

to celebrate Christmas: Festum Natalicium ago, is, ere, egi, actum

to celebrate a holiday: festum diem agere

to celebrate a birthday: diem natalem agere

a present: donum, i, n.
munus, eris, n.

to give a present (to): donum do, das, dare, dedi, datum (+ dat.)

to receive a present (from): donum accipio, is, ere, accepi, acceptum (a / ab + abl.)

to ask for a present (from): donum rogo, as, are, rogavi, rogatum a(b) + abl.

=> a book / a comic book

=> a music CD

=> a data CD

=> a radio / a channel

=> a computer

=> a game (electronic game)

=> a video cassette / a DVD

=> money

=> clothing

=> (a piece of) jewelry

=> perfume

=> sports clothes and equipment

=> a camera

=> a watch

liber, libri, m. / fabula (ae) nubeculata (ae), f.

discus (i) compactus (i), m.

discus (i) ordinatralis (is) (or:) computatralis

radiophonum, i, n. / discophonum, i, n.

computatrum, i, n. (or:) ordinatrum, i, n.

ludus, i (or:) lusus, us, m. (electronicus)

caseta (ae) visifica (ae) / disculus (i) visificus (i)

pecunia, ae, f.

vestis, is, f.

ornamentum, i, n.

unguentum, i, n.

res, rerum athleticae, arum (f.pl.)

instrumentum (i) photographicum (i), n.

horologium (ii) brachiale (is), n.