

MERRY CHRISTMAS MR BEAN

Scene One - Memory Test

See how many of these questions you can answer after watching the first scene:

- a) What colour is Mr Bean's car?
- b) What make of car is it?
- c) What was the Father Christmas outside the store doing?
- d) What colour was the ball that Mr Bean broke? And the one he bought?
- e) What was the little girl buying?
- f) Why did Mr Bean pull out the plug?
- g) What was the shop assistant holding when Mr Bean went to pay?
- h) What animals were in the nativity scene originally?
- i) How did the angel lift up the baby Jesus?
- j) What colour was the Harrods bag?

Scene Two

Correct the mistakes in the following summary of Scene 2:

Mr Bean stops for a moment to listen to a Salvation Army choir singing Christmas carols. He then spots another Father Christmas who is ringing a bell. Mr Bean pulls his beard but this time it's not a false one and Mr Bean apologizes. Next he notices his girlfriend who is buying some fruit at a market stall. He shows her the lights he bought at Harrods and she takes him to see a necklace in the window of a jeweller's. It's obvious that this is what she'd like as a birthday present and Mr Bean finally gets the message. He kisses her on the cheek and they part. Mr Bean enters the jeweller's shop.

He then goes to buy a Christmas tree but an old lady is buying the last one just as he arrives. We then see the giant tree coming down - it's Mr Bean who's taking it away on his car.

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It is Christmas time and an excited Mr Bean creates his usual havoc across the festive season. He brings new meaning to dressing the turkey, while his girlfriend, Irma, looks forward to a very special Christmas present.

ACTIVE VIEWING: PART 1 0:00.00 - 0:05.20

Watch the video extract, and then place the following sentences in their correct chronological sequence.

- 1 The infant Christ is removed from the scene by an angel and placed in a doll's house.
- 2 He goes into a back room and finds somewhere to put the plug, he pulls out a red plug and an exterior shot shows the department store's illuminations going out.
- 3 Spots the tree lights, opens the packet takes out the plug and looks around for a socket.
- 4 Picks up a silver Christmas tree decoration, replaces it and then selects two more, one red and one gold.
- 5 He tests them by bouncing them on the floor, the red ball smashes. He takes the gold.
- 6 He pulls Father Christmas' beard to see whether it is real or not.
- 7 A marching band passes the nativity scene, followed by a flock of sheep.
- 8 Mr Bean parks his battered Mini on the pavement in front of the department store.
- 9 Having tested his lights, he replaces the original plug and the illumination go on again.
- 10 Mr Bean's attention is drawn to the nativity scene on the other side of the store

ACTIVE VIEWING:PART TWO 0:05.20 - 0:10.48

Watch the video sequence which follows and identify which of the items below appear in the scene by ticking the relevant box.

A conductor's baton

A pearl necklace

Bag of carrots

Choir singing Christmas carols

Christmas tree

Collection box

diamond ring

Father Christmas

Herd of reindeers

Jeweller's shop window

Nun on a bicycle

Performing bear

Pickpocket

Policeman

Rolls Royce

Salvation Army band

Christmas puddings

Street magician

Turkeys

ACTIVE VIEWING: PART THREE 0:10.50 - 0:15.44

Divide into pairs, one student should turn away from the T.V. so he/she cannot see what is happening, the second student describes Mr Bean's comic antics in a running commentary. Halfway through the scene, change places. Use the vocabulary below to help you.

nouns

tree decoration
Christmas tree
Christmas card
envelope
letter box
door
string
Christmas cracker
dust
poker
stocking
teddy bear
mouse hole
channels
carols
glass of sherry
doorway
box of chocolates

verbs

hang
push

seal
push
go out/come in
hang

blow
stoke (a fire)
hang

switch on/off (TV)
change
sing
sip
sit (in front of)
offer (someone something)

ACTIVE VIEWING: PART FOUR 0:15.44 - 0:24.15

There is very little dialogue in the sequence which follows, however certain phrases which are essential for comic effect can be heard. Make a note of the words and sentences you hear.