

CHRISTMAS

Traditions



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

Explanation:

Employees wear deliberately tacky or garish Christmas sweaters.

Country of Origin:

United States

Survival Tips:

- You don't have to go overboard; even a basic Christmas-themed sweater can fit in.
- Not participating is usually fine; you can say you're enjoying everyone else's outfits.
- Understanding the irony is key, but it's also okay to ask colleagues about the tradition's humour.

Cultural Hazards:

The irony or tongue-in-cheek nature of the "ugly" sweater might be lost on non-native speakers.

CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- What inspired you to choose that particular ugly sweater?
- Have you ever won an "Ugliest Sweater" contest?
- What's the story behind your Christmas sweater today?
- Do you own more than one ugly Christmas sweater?

