

Activity Type

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Speaking Activity: gap-fill, asking and answering questions, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Christmas

Question words

Aim

To complete questions about Christmas with question words and then to ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this Christmas conversation questions activity, students complete questions about Christmas with question words and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Procedure

Divide the class into two groups (A and B)

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Working with the people in their group, students use the question words in the box to complete the Christmas conversation questions on the worksheet.

When the students have completed the questions, go through the answers with each group.

Answer key

Student A

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| 1. What | 11. How many |
| 2. How long | 12. Did |
| 3. Where | 13. How |
| 4. Do | 14. What |
| 5. What | 15. Do |
| 6. Where | 16. What |
| 7. What | 17. Did |
| 8. Do | 18. What |
| 9. Where | 19. Who |
| 10. Have | 20. What |

Student B

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| 1. What | 11. What |
| 2. Have | 12. What |
| 3. When | 13. Does |
| 4. Where | 14. Who |
| 5. What | 15. What |
| 6. What | 16. How |
| 7. Do | 17. Would |
| 8. Did | 18. What |
| 9. What | 19. Do |
| 10. What time | 20. When |

Students then pair up with someone from the other group.

The students take it in turns to ask and answer the questions with their partner.

Encourage the students to ask follow-up questions when possible to gain more information.

When everyone has finished, ask the students to give feedback to the class on what they found out about their partner. Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

Student A

A. Complete the Christmas conversation questions below with the question words in the box.

Where x 3	Do x 3	What x 7	Did x 2	Have
	How	How many	How long	Who

1. is the weather like in your country at Christmas time?

2. is your Christmas holiday?

3. do you think Santa Claus is from?

4. you enjoy singing Christmas carols?

5. is your favourite Christmas film?

6. will you go on Christmas Day?

7. did you get for Christmas last year?

8. you usually put up Christmas decorations in your home?

9. would you most like to go for Christmas?

10. you ever celebrated Christmas in a foreign country?

11. Christmas cards did you receive last year?

12. you believe in Santa Claus when you were a child?

13. do you usually spend New Year's Eve?

14. do you eat on Christmas Day?

15. you see your friends at Christmas time?

16. does Christmas mean to you?

17. you enjoy Christmas last year?

18. don't you like about Christmas?

19. will you give Christmas presents to this year?

20. would you like to get for Christmas?



B. Now, take it in turns to ask and answer the questions with your partner. Ask follow-up questions when possible to gain more information.

Student B

A. Complete the Christmas conversation questions below with the question words in the box.

When x 2	Do x 2	What x 8	What time	Have
Did	Who	Where	How	Does

1. did you do last year on Christmas Day?

2. you ever made your own Christmas cards?

3. do you do your Christmas shopping?

4. are you going for the Christmas holiday?

5. do you know about Santa Claus?

6. do you like about Christmas?

7. you have any plans to go to a Christmas party?

8. it snow last year at Christmas time?

9. is your favourite thing to do on Christmas day?

10. do you wake up on Christmas Day?

11. is Christmas like in your hometown?

12. is the best Christmas present you have ever received?

13. your family eat any special food for Christmas?

14. was at your house last Christmas?

15. would you do during Christmas time if you had a million dollars?

16. do you feel when Christmas is over for another year?

17. you like to spend Christmas in another country?

18. do you usually do on Christmas Day?

19. you exchange Christmas presents with your friends?

20. do you usually open your Christmas presents?



B. Now, take it in turns to ask and answer the questions with your partner. Ask follow-up questions when possible to gain more information.