

Chapter 1 : A Christmas Conversation - Poem by Richard Pickett

The Christmas Conversation Piece is based on the belief that the right questions can spark understanding, humor, and connection between friends and loved ones. Try them out when entertaining, mingling at the office Christmas party, or simply having dinner with your family.

Feedback traditions and put on board. In pairs or small groups students discuss the following: How many of these traditions do you follow? Describe and compare your normal Christmas with your partner. What do you do on Christmas eve? If you have children what traditions do you follow? Caga Tio a Catalan Xmas tradition? When do you give presents? What do you give? What did you used to do when you were a child? Do you still follow the same traditions your parents did? Who in your family is the most difficult to buy presents for? Who is the easiest? How have other cultures influenced Christmas celebrations in your country? Christmas is too commercial. They then have 5 minutes to brainstorm their arguments. Then give them minutes to debate the topic. Debate structure should be: Students attack the oppositions arguments and try to defend their own. Why each team thinks they have won the debate. British Christmas Ask students to brainstorm a British Christmas. Tell students that they are going to watch a presentation about Christmas in England. They have to watch and try to memorise as much as possible. Hand out copies of the cracker jokes and have the students tell them to each other. They will get some fairly easily but some might need a little explaining.

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No honey, he was born a long time ago, over years ago. Where was he born Daddy? In Bethlehem, a small town in the desert in a manger, Whats a manger Daddy? You see when Jesus was born the Inn was full, so they had to get Mary to a warm place to give birth to Jesus. God is his Father honey? But who is Joseph? God asked them both if they would help him, without even thinking they said yes. God gave to them a great gift, God gave them Jesus. At that moment God gave us all a great gift, He gave us the Son of Man. The Son of Man Daddy? Yes honey, you see God is not Man, not one you can touch, Jesus was, he healed people who were sick, He showed people how to love God and how God loves them. There is one more important thing I want to tell you honey. Jesus did a coupla more things I think are important, there are many of course but two I like. Jesus taught us how to love without conditions, like the way I love you and you love me and your Mom and Brother. But how to love everybody like that. He died so God would forgive us. Yes he did baby, and the really good thing is he still does and always will. Not until I say my prayers Daddy! How bout we Pray together tonight? So would I baby, so would I. I love you Daddy! I love you too baby, I love you too My Christmas wish is you all have Conversations like this with your kids. Trust me they bring tears of joy! A Christmas Conversation Reason for Reporting:

Chapter 3 : How John Lewis owns Christmas

The storyline is exactly what the title says: a short conversation between a famous character and a holy God, both associated with the same holiday. To summarize the story, Santa complains about the unthankfulness he receives and the greed and selfishness of the people he serves.

I messed up the posting the first time around so here it is. Happy Holidays you guys! SO is at work and I finally have a moment to give you all the rundown of what happened over the holidays. SO and I decided that in the interest of fairness, we would spend one whole day with each of our families, since they live in the same town. Everything had been going fine, some BEC, nothing of note until later in the day. The terrorists had just started shooting up the party when HT wrapped her arms around me from behind. SO and I had discussed something like this and had agreed that with the wedding over there was no reason she needed to corner me. Anything you have to say to me you can say in front of my husband. At this point, SO caught on to what was happening. HT, do you need to talk to OP? Honestly, that was the smartest thing I did in that whole conversation. She came around and sat across from me. HT, do you think you need to apologize for anything? Thankfully, SO cut off any ability for HT to keep going. OP, is there something else that upset you that day? This was his green light to me to keep going. Actually, HT, I was really hurt and upset by some of the comments in the bridal suite about wifely duties. I was very embarrassed and offended, as were my bridesmaids. Oh, I was meaning that as a joke because you said you were just going to go to bed! Me: Nobody in the room took that as a joke, HT. Those comments about that and comments about grandchildren make me exceptionally uncomfortable. At this point HT was crying, but nobody else really was reacting to it. Well, you know that day was hard for me too because I only had a week to get a new outfit! Well, if there is anything like that that hurts you I want you to call me on it. I thought the conversation had gone well. HT left the room, and the three of us finished watching the movie. After that I headed upstairs to shower, feeling pretty okay about how the conversation went. Why do you say that, OP never said that. Well, she made it clear and you know how I get when people yell at me. She never raised her voice. We left for church, which HT decided to not attend. As soon as we got in the car SO told me about what HT said and apologized profusely. She refused to look at me or even wish me a Merry Christmas. Poor SO is upset that HT would behave this childishly. Even FIL was apologizing since it was inappropriate of her to ambush me like that, the timing of the conversation, and her reaction. What got both of us is that she was clearly looking for me to say that everything was fine and essentially rug sweep with her. I reiterated that his was HER choice. SO and I hope that after watching this play out live in front of him he kinda wakes up a little. Still, this was not a great way to spend Christmas. I hope everyone else had a quiet, drama-free holiday.

Chapter 4 : Christmas Conversation

The Christmas Conversation Piece offers these and many other questions to pose and ponder during a season of both deep reflection and unabashed merriment. This charming volume--the perfect stocking stuffer--will provide you, your family, and your friends with twelve days of surprising and amusing Yuletide questions.

Did it snow last year at Christmas? Did you believe in Santa Claus when you were a child? Did you enjoy last Christmas? Do people behave differently during Christmas? Do they try to be better? Do you donate something money, clothes Do you give something to homeless people? Do you attend any special religious ceremonies during the Christmas season? Do you celebrate Christmas in your country? Do you celebrate Christmas in a special way? Do you celebrate Christmas in a traditional way? Do you have a traditional Christmas? Do you decorate the outside of your house for Christmas? Do you eat a turkey dinner for your Christmas dinner? Do you enjoy Christmas time? Do you enjoy singing Christmas songs? Do you exchange presents with your friends at school? Do you go to church on Christmas day? Do you hang up a stocking? Do you have a Christmas party at school? Do you have a Christmas tree? If so, how do you decorate it? When do you put it up? When do you take it down? Is it real or artificial? Do you have a part-time job during Christmas vacation? Do you have any plans to go to a Christmas party? Do you know why Christmas is celebrated around the world? Do you know the history of Christmas? Do you see your relatives at Christmas time? Do you think Christmas is depressing? There is a high suicide rate at this time of year. Do you think we will have a white Christmas this year? Do you usually put up Christmas decorations in your house? Do you usually decorate your home? How about at your school of the place where you work? Does you school have a Christmas play? Does your family have any special Christmas traditions? Does your town get decorated at Christmas? What kind of decorations? Have you already finished your Christmas shopping? Have you ever celebrated Christmas in a foreign country? Have you ever made your own Christmas cards? If so, how did you make them? How long do you keep your Christmas tree up after Christmas? How long is your Christmas vacation? How many Christmas cards did you receive last year? How many Christmas cards do you send? How many presents do you usually give? If you are not a Christian, does the intense focus on Christmas in the U. If you could go anywhere during Christmas vacation, where would you go? In how many languages did you write Christmas cards? Is there a holiday similar to Christmas in your home country? Is your Christmas tree a real tree or an artificial tree? What are some popular foods for the Christmas season? What did you do last year on Christmas Day? How did you celebrate Christmas last year? What do you eat on Christmas Day? What do you usually do for Christmas? What do you want Santa to bring you for Christmas? What does your family eat for Christmas dinner? What is Christmas like in your hometown? What is Christmas like in your country? What is the best Christmas present you have ever gotten? What is the most expensive Christmas present you plan to buy? What is the typical menu for a Christmas meal in your family? What is the weather like in your country around Christmas time? What is your attitude toward the commercialization of the Christmas season? Is Christmas becoming too commercialized? What is your favorite Christmas carol? What is your favorite Christmas song? What kind of interesting things do you do for Christmas in your home country? What kind of presents do you expect to get this Christmas? What time do you wake up on Christmas day? What time does your family open the presents? What traditions do you have during the Christmas season? What was the best present your received last Christmas? What will you buy your parents? What will you do on Christmas day? What will you eat on Christmas Day? What would you like to get for your Christmas present? When do you do your Christmas shopping? What kind of presents do you buy? Who do you buy them for? About how much do you spend per person? When do you give Christmas presents? When do you open Christmas presents? When do you put up a Christmas tree? When does your family decorate the Christmas tree? Where are you going for Christmas vacation? Where do you think Santa Claus is from? Where will you go on Christmas Day? Who do you expect to receive presents from? Who is Santa Claus? Do you know the history of Santa Claus? At what age did you begin not believing in Santa Claus? Who was at your house last Christmas? Who will you give presents to this year? Who would you like to be with on Christmas?

Chapter 5 : Christmas Conversation Starters | The Chilly Dog

Christmas: Conversation calendrierdelascience.com copyright Liz Regan Activity 1: Present Read the following questions about Christmas and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

The preparations, the shopping for gifts, the cooking, and the singing is not hard for a grown-up to get into the spirit of Christmas. This is a great opportunity for students who come from different backgrounds to share things about their culture and learn from others. How To Proceed 1 Talk about what we usually do to celebrate Christmas Ask students what they usually do during the holiday season, how they prepare for Christmas, and what they do on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you have students from different countries, ask them what they will be doing for Christmas this year. Will they be doing anything differently? Will they try out something new? What do they usually do in their country of origin? Do they know about Christmas celebrations in other countries? Are they very different from typical North-American or European customs? Has anyone ever been to a South American country for Christmas? Or any country where it was hot, and there was no snow for Christmas? Take as long as you want, but make sure students are fully engaged in the discussion. Choose a few and print them out for your class, or have them read the pages directly on a computer or laptop. The Truth about Christmas , a fascinating documentary about the true origins of many modern day Christmas symbols and customs. There are also several other videos to choose from. Give them roles to play out: One student could be a famous historian and another the interviewer who asks questions about the origins of some Christmas traditions; or one student could be travelling to a foreign country and another student offers information on how Christmas is celebrated there. Give them writing prompts to begin a Christmas story: Choose any Christmas carol or song where several typical Christmas traditions and activities are mentioned, like making a snowman, riding sleighs, roasting chestnuts, etc. Ask students to listen to the song and identify which of these activities or traditions are mentioned. If you enjoyed this article, please help spread it by clicking one of those sharing buttons below. And if you are interested in more, you should follow our Facebook page where we share more about creative, non-boring ways to teach English.

Chapter 6 : ESL Conversation Questions - Christmas (I-TESL-J)

Print the Christmas Conversation Starters on cardstock. There are three pages with some fun question cards and one page of blank cards where you can write your own questions if you choose.

General[edit] What do you know about Christmas? Is Christmas celebrated in your country? If not, do you have any other kind of celebration around that time of year? Do you like Christmas? How do you and your family celebrate Christmas? What are the traditions or customs you need to follow during Christmas? If Christmas were abolished, how would you feel? Sometimes people complain they are "expected to be happy" over Christmas, and this expectation annoys them. What do you feel about the "obligation to be happy"? When does the "Christmas period" start and end in your country? How many holidays, if any, do you have over the December-January period. Are any particular films shown during the Christmas period in your country? Many people like to have a "white Christmas," i. How do you feel about this? When was the last time you made a snowman? When was the last time you had a snowball fight? During the Christmas period[edit] If your country celebrates Christmas, when do the endless Christmas songs begin in the shops? Which Christmas song do you find the most annoying? How would your family react if you decided to spend the Christmas holiday in another country? Do you give or receive Christmas cards in your country? How many do you send and receive? What do you think of the tradition of giving Christmas cards? Has the internet changed the way you send Christmas greetings? Do you let off fireworks during the Christmas period? What do you think of this practice? Some Christians fast from certain foods before Christmas. Do you think you could do that if you had to attend lots of Christmas parties? Do you attend any special religious services over the Christmas period? Do you know when the "Twelve Days of Christmas" fall on the calendar? What is the holy day or feast day that marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas? Does your family decorate your house over the Christmas period? What sort of decorations do you put up? How many rooms do you decorate? Do you put up a nativity scene in your house? How long does it take you? What is included in it? Do you save your decorations or buy new ones every year? What do you think of the practice of decorating the outside of the house during Christmas? Do you have a Christmas tree? How is it decorated? Do you have a real or a fake tree? Which do you think is best and why? Is the main street of your town decorated during the Christmas period? Christmas gifts[edit] When do you do your Christmas shopping? A week in advance. Do you tell people what you want for Christmas or do you prefer it to be a surprise? Do you find choosing presents for the opposite sex difficult? Do you give presents to everyone in your family, including cousins, aunts and uncles? How often do you receive presents that you really like, and how often do you have to pretend you are happy with a present? Do you enjoy carefully wrapping all your presents or do you feel it is waste of time? On what day are gifts exchanged in your country? Do you know anything about traditions in other countries? When are gifts opened in your society? Which gives you the most pleasure - giving presents or receiving them? What presents did you get for Christmas - or - what do you hope to get? Some people who feel that Christmas is too commercial donate their Christmas present money to charity and, instead of sending presents, send their friends a card telling them how much has been donated to charity on their behalf. What do you think of this idea? How would you feel if you received such a card? Do you think that people in general give more or less to charities over Christmas? What do you think will be the most popular electronic gadget given as a gift this year? Some people wait for the January sales before they buy their "Christmas" presents as they can save a lot of money this way. What do you think of this suggestion? Do you do any of your Christmas shopping on the internet? What do you think of the method of shopping? Food[edit] How many people came round or will come round for lunch or Christmas dinner this year? What foods are traditionally eaten in your country at Christmas? Do you usually feel that you have eaten too much after the end of Christmas? Do you feel guilty about it? Are there any drinks which are traditionally drunk over Christmas or the New Year? On what days do people traditionally have big meals during the Christmas period in your society? Mythical Christmas characters[edit] Who is supposed to bring children presents in your society? Did the person really exist in past times or was he completely made up? How does he arrive with the presents for the children, according to your culture? How

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does he deliver presents to the children, according to your culture? Where does he live for the rest of the year, according to your culture? Does everybody get a present or only those who have "been good"? How old were you when you found out that Santa Claus or whoever does not exist? How did you find out? Were you disappointed or sad? Controversies[edit] In some countries there are moves to change the name of Christmas to "Winterval" and to change the greeting "Merry Christmas" to "Happy Holidays". The objective is to make the holiday more inclusive to non-Christians. What is your opinion? Do you think it is necessary to give each religion or ethnicity equal time at the end of the year? If you had to rename Christmas, what name would you give it? What is your opinion of the alleged commercialisation of Christmas? Sometimes people complain that we are losing the "true spirit of Christmas". What do you think? The original pre-Christian winter solstice celebration was a pagan event which involved a lot of eating, drinking and general permissiveness. Are we perhaps returning to the original spirit of Christmas? The vast majority of the traditional Christmas symbols are pagan in origin. For example mistletoe, the Christmas tree and holly are all pagan relics. It seems to be highly unlikely that Christ was actually born on 25th of December. Should that matter to Christians? Some atheists celebrate Christmas along with the rest of society while others try to avoid all contact with it. Should Christmas only be for Christians?

Chapter 7 : ESL Discussions: Conversation Questions: Speaking Lesson: CHRISTMAS

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