

Conversation Questions

Christmas

A Part of Conversation Questions for the ESL Classroom.

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- 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...) to charities?
 - 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 remember when you found out that Santa Claus wasn't real/ or when your children found out? What was your/their reaction like?
- 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 or the place where you work?
 - Does your 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 do you usually spend New Year's Eve? How about New Year's Day?
- 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.S. make you feel bad in any way (e.g., ignored, dismissed, angry, etc.)?
- 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 are you going to buy your boyfriend/girlfriend for their Christmas present?
- 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? (... in your country?)
- 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?
 - Are there any special songs in your country that you don't hear here?
- 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 you 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?
- What's your favorite Christmas song?
- 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? (On what day? At what time?)
- When do you open Christmas presents? (On what day? At what time?)
- When do you put up a Christmas tree?
 - If you don't put up a Christmas tree, do you put up other decorations?
- 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?
- Will you go skiing during the Christmas vacation?
- Will you have a Christmas party at your home?
- Will you spend Christmas vacation with your family or your friends?
- Will you travel abroad during the Christmas vacation?
- Would you like to go skating during Christmas vacation?
- Why do people give out Christmas cards with gifts and presents at Christmas time?
- Why some people do not like Christmas?
- Do people behave differently during Christmas? Do they try to be better?
- Do you donate something (money, clothes...) to charities?
- Do you give something to homeless people?
- How long do Christmas trees last?
 - Do you use an artificial tree?
- What do you usually do on Christmas day?
- What people usually do on Christmas day?
- Why do people sometimes write "Christmas" with an "X"? (Xmas)
- Do you have a big and delicious dinner on Christmas day?
- Does it break your heart knowing that your children have grown up and this year will be their last Christmas at home?
- If you had a million dollars, what would you do during Christmas time?
- If you could change something about Christmas time, what would it be?
- When do you put up your Christmas tree?
- How is Christmas celebrated in the United States?
- Do you have a big and delicious dinner in Christmas?
- What kind of food do you usually eat in your country?
- Do you remember Christmas celebrations you had as a child?
- What was the most regretful thing about this year?
- Does it break your heart knowing that your children have grown up and this year will be their last Christmas at home?
- What did you get for Christmas? What did you give for Christmas?
- What's the best thing you left out for Santa Claus to eat on Christmas?
- Trivia: In what 1942 movie was the song "White Christmas" first sung?
- Do you ever think about the real meaning of Christmas?
- Do you go skiing at Christmas time?
- Whose birthday is celebrated on Christmas?
- Which comes first, Christmas or New Year's Day?
- What is the significance of a Christmas tree?
 - What does it represent for you?

End of the Year

- How was this year?
- Was this year better or worse than last year? How come?
- What was the happiest thing for you this year?
- What was the saddest thing for you this year?
- What was the toughest thing for you this year?

- What was the best movie for you this year?
- What was the best music for you this year?
- What was the best TV show for you this year?
- What was the best place you visited this year?
- What was the best food you had this year?
- What was the best restaurant you went to this year?
- What was the most useful thing you bought this year?
- What was the most expensive thing you bought this year?
- What was the best item of clothing you bought this year?
- What was the biggest waste of money this year?
- What was something you lost this year?
- Do you have any regrets about this year?
- Did you make a New Year's Resolution this year?
- Do people in your country usually make New Year's Resolutions?

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