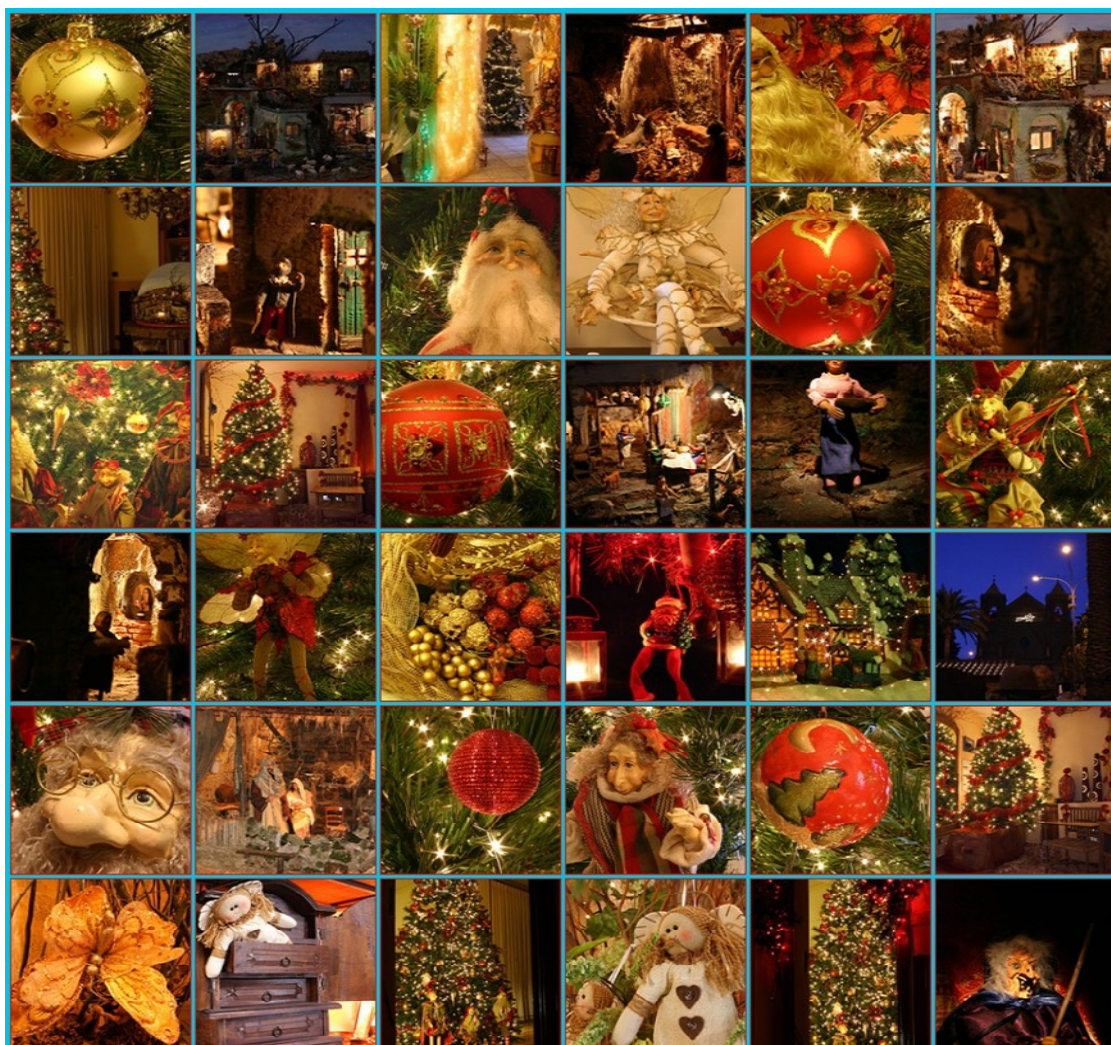


Christmas



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<p>Christmas < 1 > Various</p> <p>Does your company regularly provide a Christmas party? Where do/did you go?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 2 > PresentPerfect</p> <p>What do you do with really, really bad presents? Have you ever 'recycled' a gift?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 3 > PresentSimple</p> <p>During the holidays there are usually special films on TV. Can you describe these?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>
<p>Christmas < 4 > PastSimple</p> <p>Who was the real Santa?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 5 > PresentSimple</p> <p>Do you know the words to any Christmas carols in English? What are your favorite songs during this period?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 6 > PastSimple</p> <p>Can you tell us any of the Christian nativity story in English?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>
<p>Christmas < 7 > Various</p> <p>Do/did/will you tell your children that Santa exists? Why, why not?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 8 > PresentPerfect</p> <p>Where do you usually do your Christmas shopping? Have you ever done any on-line purchasing? From which sites?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 9 > PresentSimple</p> <p>Does your family have a tradition of giving to the poor at Christmas? What do you give?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>
<p>Christmas <10 > PresentSimple</p> <p>Do you usually buy a fresh Christmas tree or use a plastic one? Tell us how you and your family decorate it.</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 11 > PresentSimple</p> <p>What sort of baking is done around this time in your country? What sort of food do you eat and serve guests?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 12 > Various</p> <p>Where do you most like spending the X-mas holidays? Are you a "dreaming of a white christmas" or a "dreaming of a white sand" type of person? Why?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>
<p>Christmas < 13 > Futures</p> <p>What sort of presents do you most hope you'll get from your loved ones this Christmas?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 14 > PresentSimple</p> <p>Is there anything you really dislike about Christmas?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>	<p>Christmas < 15 > PastSimple</p> <p>What do you usually do between Christmas and New Year?</p> <p>www.kalingsgo-english.com Simply Conversations™ ©KarenneJoySylvester2007</p>

HOW TO USE:

Prep

- Print/photocopy question prompt sheet on to coloured card (laminare if desired), cut.
- Download/print copies of the Conversation Control™ sheets from:
<http://www.kalinago-english.com/cms/index.php/Marketplace/SimplyConversations/Conversation-ControlTM.html>
- Print/photocopy *SimplyQuests*™. Check for supportive materials in the *SimplyC.wiki*™.

Pre-task

Brainstorm vocabulary for the topic (draw a circle on the board, elicit relevant words and phrases). Check students understand important words.

Organizing your classroom

Individual students:

Place cards face-down on table and get student to select and answer questions one at a time.

Group class (2-5 students):

Place cards face-down on table. Each student picks a card and asks or answers the question(s).

Group class (6+ students)

Divide students into smaller groups (no more than 5 per group). Follow instructions as above.

For many more options visit:

<http://www.kalinago-english.com/cms/index.php/Marketplace/SimplyConversations/How-to-use.html>

*menu on the right-hand side.

In-task

Your main objective is to pay attention to errors and mistakes, correct some and take notes of others on your control sheet, stimulate discussion by agreeing or disagreeing and encouraging them to speak for as long as time allows.

With individual students you should also participate in the “game” – ask/answer. With small groups, simply take notes and with large groups circulate around the room, supporting students as necessary.

For more information on making corrections, watch the videos on youtube: <http://uk.youtube.com/user/english0kalinago>

Ending your lesson

- Ask your students for feedback, what did they learn?
- Go through the Conversation Control™ sheet, talk about the errors and mistakes you heard, discuss the corrections together. Get them to take personalized notes of these.
- Review the new words, phrases and pronunciation problems.
- Remember to openly praise - mention great sentence structures or usage of difficult words.
- Suggest post-task activities as listed in the *SimplyQuests*™ page (*try not to use the word “homework”*).

Post-task

Provide students with the *SimplyQuests*™ (you can actually email them the page if you have Adobe pro, if not hand it out). Get them to choose a research activity they're interested in. With larger groups, divide your class into twos and threes and encourage them to split responsibilities, plan and do their activity as a team project. Provide a deadline of when they should report back to you.

Any questions? Comments? Need help?

Do you have a question you'd like me to add or change?

I really welcome and appreciate feedback. I'm at: karenne@kalinago-english.com

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(pre or post-task student activities)

CHRISTMAS



Dear Student,

Read through the following activities and choose **one or two** investigative opportunities which sound interesting to you. If, while you're out surfing, you discover that you want to research something else even more fascinating - although related to this topic - you can.

Use the internet to help you find more information. Do your research in the language of your choice however please note that you should report on what you've learned only in English.

Remember to make notes of unusual or difficult words that you may need when presenting to the class (that your colleagues may have difficulties with) and if you're able, bring in diagrams, pictures, music or any other forms of media to help explain your quest to us.

Have fun!

Direct-links from pdf copies to:

Christmas articles and more on delicious, [click here](#) , youtube [click here](#) and/or Google news [click here](#).

Other useful internet addresses include:

www.google.com

www.youtube.com

www.wikipedia.org

www.history.com

<http://www.howstuffworks.com>

www.about.com

www.flickr.com

The Quests

1. How much income does "Christmas" generate in your city, country or region? Can you find financial statistics regarding business during this period?
2. When and where was Jesus born? Find out what you can about the historical person.
3. Do some research into the history of the Christmas tree.
4. What was Coca Cola's role in the Santa Claus story?
5. Find the words, music and or video for one of the following Christmas songs/ carols (or choose your own favorite). Come in ready to explain important phrases and new vocabulary.
O holy night, Do they know it's Christmas, Last Christmas or Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer.
6. Where do all the letters written to Santa go?
7. Tell us about one or two of the following: *Hannukkah, Devali, St.Nicolas Day, Lenaea, Inti-Raymi, Shabe Y'alda, Talvipäivänseisaus, dōng zhì, Saturnalia, Jul, Novo Hel and Dosmoche.*
8. Can you cook? Why not find a recipe for Christmas cookies/ cake and bring some in for us - of course you've got to let us know how you made it!
9. What is the best way to photograph Christmas tree lights?
10. Where are the best Christmas markets held (in your city, country or the world)?