**Conversation Questions  
Christmas**

A Part of [Conversation Questions for the ESL Classroom](http://iteslj.org/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 the Christmas season?
  + 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?
* 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 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 spouse/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?
  + 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 stop believing in Santa Claus?
* Who was at your house last Christmas?
* 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 do some people dislike Christmas?
* Why do people sometimes write "Christmas" with an "X"? (Xmas)
* Do you have a big and delicious dinner on Christmas day?
* Is this your child/children’s last Christmas at home? How do you feel about that?
* 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?
* 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? Why?
* 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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