

1. Christmas quiz

This week's lesson gets into seasonal spirit with a quiz on the theme of Christmas as celebrated in the English-speaking world.

Level

Pre-intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level A2–B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Ask the students what things they associate with Christmas. Try to introduce some of the vocabulary and themes used in the quiz, but without giving away any of the answers in advance!
2. Divide the class into two teams, Team A and Team B. If there are more than ten students in your class, divide them into four teams (two Team As and two Team Bs).
3. Give each student in Team A a copy of Worksheet A and each student in Team B a copy of Worksheet B. The teams should be as far away from each other as possible so the other team(s) won't hear their discussions.
4. First, ask the teams to read the questions in Exercise 1 and match them with one of the answers underneath. Remind them not to let the other team(s) hear their answers. Note that there is one extra answer which will not be used.
5. Give teams a copy of their team's answers only (not the other team's!) from the next page and ask them to check their answers.
6. Tell your students they are going to prepare a multiple-choice quiz for the other team(s). Refer them to Exercise 2, which shows an example of the question format. Ask them to do the same for all the questions. Encourage them to use their imagination and have fun inventing the answer options as well as the questions – they can use the information in any way they like and change the questions. If students know other interesting facts about Christmas, encourage them to create additional/alternative questions and answers – just make sure all teams create the same number of questions.
7. Teams exchange their quizzes and work together to select the correct answer option for each question.
8. Check answers in open class as a team game, with each team scoring one point for a correct answer. The team with the most points is the winner.

Answers:

Team A

1. d 2. h 3. b 4. i 5. f 6. a 7. c 8. e

Answer not used: g

Team B

1. g 2. i 3. h 4. c 5. b 6. e 7. a 8. d

Answer not used: f

Exercise 2

Teams' own answers

2. Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.santas.net/aroundtheworld.htm>

'Christmas traditions around the world' are listed on this web page by country. The main page of the site also has links to Christmas recipes, carols, jokes, symbols, poems, films and more. Challenging for Pre-intermediate level.

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2012/12/04/old-fashioned-party-games_n_2236395.html#slide=more267463

A slideshow of traditional games played in the UK at Christmas with family and friends, with text descriptions to the right of each game image. Accessible to all levels.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Easy-Christmas-Crafts/>

Step-by-step instructions for twelve easy Christmas crafts you could try making as a class. Materials vocabulary and instructions challenging for Pre-intermediate level, but the crafts themselves are accessible to all levels.