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Christmas Gift-Giving Conversation Lesson



Describe the picture

1. What can you see in the picture?
2. What is happening?

Discuss with your class.

1. In what situations is it common to give and/or receive presents in your country?
2. At Christmas, children often ask Santa for a present. How can he or she ask him for a gift?
3. Who is Mrs. Claus? What does Mrs. Claus do?

Look at the gift-giving phrases. You can use them in the following discussion.

Gift giving phrases	
We should get him/her a _____ because... A _____ would be the perfect gift because... I think he/she would like a _____ to... If we got him/her a _____, he/she could... If I were him/her, I'd like a...	Shall we get him/her a _____? How about a _____?
Agree phrases	Disagree phrases
Absolutely! / 100%! Why not? It'd be good because... I couldn't agree more. That's genius!	On the other hand, we could... That's an interesting idea, but... Really? How about...? (informal) No way. (informal)

What gift would you give each person? Be sure to explain why.

<p>Riko (your uncle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -man -40 years old -likes writing historical blogs and canoeing -dislikes sweet food -shy 	<p>Julia (your niece)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -girl -14 years old -likes candle making, DIY, and anime -outgoing 	<p>Spot (your dog)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -dog -2 years old -likes eating socks -energetic
<p>Mr. Lyn (your neighbor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -man -60 years old -likes gardening and woodworking -friendly and talkative 	<p>Humphrey (your best friend's son)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -boy -17 years old -likes guitar, skating, and Greek mythology -impulsive 	<p>Mrs. Verochka (your boss)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -woman -74 years old -likes reading, acting, and the theater -cheerful
<p>Sandra (your coworker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -woman -45 years old -likes coffee and fishing -conceited 	<p>Louise (your friend)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -woman -29 years old -likes social media and tattoos -dislikes 	<p>Adrian (your little brother)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -boy -6 years old -likes dogs and drawing -mischievous

Check with some other groups. Did they have the same ideas? What gifts of theirs do you like/dislike?

Watch the “[M&S 2016 Christmas Ad: Christmas with love from Mrs Claus.](#)”

As you watch, circle what you see.



Answer the comprehension questions.

1. What did the little boy want for Christmas?
2. Why?
3. Did it surprise you? Why or why not?
4. Who gave him the gift?
5. Did that surprise you? Why or why not?

Finally, discuss the following gift-giving questions with partners.

Remember to ask your partner for their answers too.

You can ask them using the following questions.

How about you?

And you?

What's your opinion?

Did the same thing happen to you?

Do you know what I mean?

Can you relate?

Have you ever experienced that?

Discussion Questions

1. What's the best gift you've ever received? Why?
2. What's the worst gift you've ever received? Why?
3. What gift were you the most proud of giving? Why?
4. Is it easier to buy gifts for men or women? Why?
5. Is it easier to buy gifts for kids or adults? Why?
6. Do you think people should buy gifts for their pets? Why or why not?
7. Do you think people should buy gifts for babies? Why or why not?
8. Should people buy souvenirs for friends and family when they go on vacation? Why or why not?
9. Who do you know that is a difficult person to buy gifts for? Why is it hard to buy them gifts?
10. What do you think about giving gift cards as presents? Why?
11. How about receiving gift cards as presents? Do you like it? Why or why not?
12. Is food a good gift? Why or why not?
13. Have you ever received a very surprising gift? What was it? Why was it surprising?
14. Do you buy gifts in advance for events, like birthdays, weddings, and holidays? Or do you tend to buy last minute?
15. Do you prefer to buy gifts online or in person? Why?
16. What's your opinion on gift registries? Why?
17. Are there any gifts that you would consider rude or thoughtless? If yes, why?
18. What do you think is the most common gift to give/receive in your country? Why?
19. What do you consider to be a useful present? Why?
20. Are you good at writing thoughtful cards and letters? Why or why not?