

LESSON PLAN



Christmas Customs Around the World

Summary

Main Aim(s)

- Familiarize students with Christmas customs in different countries, specifically focusing on Sweden and Mexico, to broaden their cultural awareness.
- Encourage students to express themselves creatively by describing their ideal Christmas celebration. This activity serves to reinforce language skills, foster communication, and allow for cultural exchange among students.
- Foster an appreciation for cultural diversity by exploring and comparing Christmas traditions from different parts of the world. This aligns with the broader goal of promoting intercultural understanding.

Level

A1+ - A2+

Duration

75'

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard
- Christmas Customs Worksheet
- Projector
- Laptop
- Internet Access

Learning Objectives

- To introduce and explore Christmas customs in different countries.
- To practice reading comprehension skills.
- To reinforce the use of Simple Past and Past Continuous tenses.
- To engage learners in a creative writing activity.
- To develop students' research and independent learning skills by assigning homework that requires them to investigate and write about Christmas customs in a country of their choice.

Lesson Outline

Stage	Steps	Timing
Warm-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Address the warm-up questions on the worksheet. Create a Christmas mindmap based on the students' answers.	10'
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read the texts about Christmas in Sweden and in Mexico.	20'
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discuss similarities and differences between the Christmas customs in Mexico and Sweden and the students' own experiences.	10'
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do the reading comprehension task	5'
Grammar Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revise the uses of the Past Simple and Past Continuous with the help of the students	15'
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do the grammar task.	10'

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Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize the students into groups of 3-4 people. Have them discuss the questions and note down their answers.	10'
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain that they have to create an email similar to the ones you read in class talking about how did they spend the previous Christmas based on their notes.	20'-30'
Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show the homework sheet on the projector and discuss any questions. Assign groups, and presentation dates for each group.	Homework or as a class project

Notes

- The lesson can be divided in two parts to accomodate individual teaching situations
- Writing can take place either in class or at home.
- The homework assign can also be carried out as two-three lesson class project.