



## Lesson 59: I Saw Mommy Talking with Santa Claus

### Exercise 01

### Vocabulary

<b>dress up</b>	(Phrv)	to wear formal clothes for a special occasion	My friend and I <b>dressed up</b> to attend the ceremony.
<b>creep into</b>	(Phrv)	to get somewhere very quietly and carefully	I really don't like small insects that <b>creep into</b> my room.
<b>pretend</b>	(V)	to act as if something is true when you know that it is not true, in order to deceive someone or for fun	He really didn't want to attend the class, so he <b>pretended</b> to be sick.
<b>overdo</b>	(V)	to do something more than needed	You can feed the dog, but don't <b>overdo</b> it.
<b>That sometimes happens.</b>	(Phrase)	used as a reply when someone tells you about something that happened to them that they did not expect	I finished my homework perfectly today, but the teacher didn't tell me to submit it. Usually he tells me to do so. // <b>That sometimes happens.</b>

### Exercise 02

### Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Jane and Jess are talking about how they received their presents on Christmas during their childhood.



Jane

When I was a child, my father used to dress up as Santa Claus. He would creep into my room and put a present beside my bed. I would pretend to be sleeping but was, in fact, secretly watching him.



Jess

Sounds funny. I would just receive my present in the morning on Christmas Day, under the Christmas tree. You know, when I would wake up, the present would already be there.





Jane

I think that's normal. In my case, my parents might've wanted me to believe that Santa Claus really existed and that he brought presents to those children who had been nice all year.



Jess

So thoughtful of your parents! I remember, when I finally understood that my parents were the ones who bought the presents for me, not Santa Claus. Somehow, I openly accepted it.



Jane

I got a little bit angry, though. One time, I saw them at night: my mother and Santa Claus chatting while putting presents under the Christmas tree. I thought he was real.



Jess

Well, that sometimes happens. If you had children, what would you do on Christmas?



Jane

I don't know, but I wouldn't do the same thing my parents did. I guess I'll try not to overdo it so my kids won't be disappointed when they find out.



Jess

I see. Maybe I'll do the same thing my parents did for me.

### Check your understanding:

- How did Jane receive her presents on Christmas when she was a child?
- How did Jess receive her presents on Christmas when she was a child?
- How did Jane feel when she realized that Santa Claus was actually her father?



### **Exercise 03**

## **Role Play**

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

### **Situation:**

- You and your teacher share stories about the best presents you've ever received.

### **Exercise 04**

## **Discussion**

- 1) If you were a child and found out that your father had pretended to be Santa Claus, would you be angry? Why or why not?
- 2) Have you ever dressed up as Santa Claus? If so, in what situation?
- 3) Do you exchange presents on Christmas? If so, with whom?
- 4) If you have a child, how do you give him or her presents? If you don't have a child, imagine how you would do it and then tell your teacher.

