



Lesson 60: Rich Children and Poor Children

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

throughout the year	(Phrase)	during the period of a year	We have all four seasons throughout the year .
wealthy	(ADJ)	rich	Mr. William is very wealthy .
successor	(N)	a person who takes over someone's job or position	These computers are fast, but their successors will be much faster.
cram school	(N)	a private school that helps students prepare for university entrance exams	I teach English in a cram school .
live in luxury	(Phrase)	to have great comfort, beautiful and expensive things	Not everyone can live in luxury .
I see your point.	(Phrase)	used to say that you understand what someone is saying	Now that I have spent time with her, I see your point . She's selfish.
it is common sense that	(Phrase)	it is reasonable	It is common sense that eating vegetables keeps you healthy.

Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Jane and Jess are discussing whether or not Santa Claus should treat rich and poor children equally.



Jane

Jess, don't you find it strange that Santa Claus brings presents to all children regardless of how rich or poor they are?



Jess

Of course not. It is common sense that he is kind of a father to all children.





Jane

Well, maybe you're right. In my opinion, rich children usually get more toys throughout the year than poor children. So then, shouldn't Santa give more toys to the poor children on Christmas?



Jess

You have a point there. But, I don't think all rich kids are very happy, even though they are wealthy and live in luxury.



Jane

What do you mean?



Jess

Some rich kids don't have enough time to play with other kids. They have to study a lot at cram schools, they need to know manners, and so on. You know, they are raised to become successors in their family businesses.



Jane

I see your point. They might not be very happy. Maybe Santa should treat all kids equally.



Jess

Yes, and I don't think I was unhappy during my childhood. I enjoyed playing with toys a lot, even though I was a poor child.

Check your understanding:

- What was Jane's opinion about Santa giving presents to children?
- What did Jess think about Jane's opinion?
- Why did Jess tell Jane that rich children are not so happy?



Exercise 03

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You and your friend were asked to take care of a few children from a rich family for a day.
- Your teacher will play the role of your friend.
- Discuss how you can entertain the kids with your friend.

Exercise 04

Discussion

- 1) Do you think rich children are happier than poor children? Why or why not?
- 2) Do you think Santa should give more presents to poor children than to rich children? Why or why not?
- 3) If you were Santa, how would you choose who would get presents and who wouldn't?
- 4) Did you get a lot of Christmas presents as a child? What were some of your favorite ones?

