



Lesson 62: Wishing Merry Christmas

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

dreamy	(ADJ)	pleasant and gentle, like something in a dream	This house looks so dreamy .
very	(ADJ)	exact, particular; or used to add emphasis	He appeared at the office on the very time he promised to come.
complain	(V)	to say that you are annoyed or unhappy about something or someone	He always complains about his salary.
combine	(V)	to join together	It is difficult to combine motherhood with a career.
whether you like it or not	(Phrase)	used to say that you cannot change the situation, even if it is unpleasant	You need to eat healthy and exercise whether you like it or not .
come up roses	(Phrase)	everything is going well for someone	I got a new job, and got a boyfriend there. And I got promoted recently. Everything's coming up roses .



Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Jane and Jess talk about Christmas.



Jane

Today is Christmas Eve. I'm so excited! During Christmastime, I forget about all the bad things and feel like everything is coming up roses.



Jess

Me, too, especially since I'm also looking forward to my birthday.



Jane

That's right. Your birthday is on the very same day as Christmas. You are such a lucky girl to have your birthday on Christmas. December 25th is such a dreamy day for you.



Jess

Thank you. But when I was a child, I used to complain to my parents because everyone would combine Christmas and my birthday, whether I liked it or not.



Jane

I understand your frustration, especially since receiving presents is one of children's greatest joys.



Jess

No doubt. I still look forward to getting presents from my friends.



Jane

Me, too. Anyway, Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday, Hannah!





Jess

Thanks. Merry Christmas to you, too.

Check your understanding:

- When is Jess's birthday?
- Why did Jess complain to her parents when she was a child?
- In Jane's opinion, what is one of the greatest joys for children?

Exercise 03

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- Tell your best friend about what Christmas means to you.
- Your teacher will act as your best friend.

Exercise 04

Discussion

- 1) Which one makes you happier, Christmas or your birthday? Why?
- 2) Do you exchange presents with others during Christmas? If so, what is the best present you've ever received? If no, why not?
- 3) How do you usually spend Christmas?
- 4) How do people in your country usually celebrate Christmas?

