

Entry Program for Older Adult Immigrants English Conversation Circle

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

Unit: Christmas

Objective

Ps will name discuss Christmas: its vocabulary, meaning, and traditions.

Materials

- Mini Christmas images flashcards
- Mini Christmas word flashcards
- Christmas Jigsaw
- Christmas Question cards

Step 1 Warm Up (5 minutes)

What is Christmas:

- Brainstorm with the Ps What is Christmas? Have them list Christmas words as you write them on the board.
- Tell them that today they will learn more about Christmas.

Step 2 Work out (60 minutes)

Learning about Christmas:

- Hand out the Mini Christmas images flashcards and the Mini Christmas word flashcards and in groups have them match them
- Discuss any of the vocabulary/images they are not familiar with...
- Cut the Jigsaw exercise and hand it out to 4 groups of 2 or more PS. Read the information below to understand more about how jigsaw exercises are done:

Jigsaws are a way to get participants talking to one another. In a jigsaw information is given on a topic and this information is divided usually into 4 equal parts and distributed to small groups to learn.

When these homogeneous groups have mastered the material the participants regroup into heterogeneous groups to present material and complete a task.



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So the groups in the first stage would look like this:

AA BB CC DD AA BB CC DD

Then after they have learned the material they would move to a new group and the groups would look like this:

AB AB AB AB CD CD CD

In this 2nd group they take turns telling the new group members about the material and information they just learned.

Step 3 Cool Down (10 minutes)

Check their progress

Have them come back and hand out a Christmas question card to each participant.
Have them the questions out loud and ask a classmate to answer the questions. Go around the room and repeat this exercise until all the question cards have been read.