



# Merry Christmas

Conversation > Intermediate 6



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>dreamy</b>	Pleasant and gentle, like something in a dream.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: This house looks so <b>dreamy</b>.</i>

<b>complain</b>	To say that you are annoyed or unhappy about something or someone.
[verb]	<i>Ex: He always <b>complains</b> about his salary.</i>

<b>combine</b>	To join together.
[verb]	<i>Ex: It is difficult to <b>combine</b> motherhood with a career.</i>

<b>whether you like it or not</b>	Used to say that you cannot change the situation, even if it is unpleasant.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You need to eat healthy and exercise <b>whether you like it or not</b>.</i>

<b>come up roses</b>	Everything is going well for someone.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I got a new job, and got a boyfriend there. Everything's <b>coming up roses</b>.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Dialogue

*Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.*

Joe: Today is Christmas Eve. I'm so excited!

Emily: Woah! Time flies, Joe!

Joe: During Christmastime, I forget about all the bad things and feel like everything is coming up roses.

Emily: Me, too. Especially since I'm also looking forward to my birthday.

Joe: You are such a lucky girl to have your birthday on Christmas.

Emily: Thank you. But when I was a child, I used to complain to my parents about it.



Joe: December 25th is such a dreamy day for you, why would you complain?

Emily: Because everyone would combine Christmas and my birthday, whether I liked it or not.

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

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

Joe: Me, too. Anyway, Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday, Emily!

Emily: Thanks. Merry Christmas to you, too.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.*

### Answer Pool

dreamy  
complains  
combine  
coming up roses  
whether you like it or not

1. Now that he finally has a job, everything's \_\_\_\_\_ for him.
2. You will do this \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Working together allows us to \_\_\_\_\_ our skills.
4. This was a \_\_\_\_\_ festival. I was really satisfied.
5. My boss often \_\_\_\_\_ that I don't work hard enough.



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

*Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.*

**Scene:** Tell your best friend about what Christmas means to you. The teacher can be your best friend.



## Exercise 5 – Discussion

*Discuss the following questions with your tutor.*

1. Which one makes you happier, Christmas or your birthday? Why?
2. Do you exchange presents with others during Christmas?
3. What is the best present you've ever received?
4. How do you usually spend Christmas?
5. How do people in your country usually celebrate Christmas?