



Winter Time

Conversation > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

freezing	Extremely cold.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: It is freezing during winter in Toronto.</i>

sleigh	A vehicle pulled by animals used for traveling on snow.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Santa Claus travels in a sleigh.</i>

blow	To make air move; to push air out of one's mouth.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The wind is blowing strongly today.</i>

magical	Beautiful or pleasant in a way that seems unreal or mysterious.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: The boat ride at sunset was a magical experience.</i>

a great deal of	A lot of.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He has a great deal of money.</i>



midwinter	The middle of winter.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I don't like midwinter.</i>

gentle	Kind and calm; not having or using a lot of force.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: She gave her new little brother a gentle kiss.</i>

mystical	Involving spiritual and magical powers.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: The slight sound of falling snow is sometimes mystical.</i>

festive	Relating to or typical of a holiday or a special event.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: I enjoy being festive during Christmas.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

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

Lea: Hey, the first snow is falling!

Joe: How wonderful! I never thought I would miss winter so much. Snow is just magical.

Lea: You know, midwinter is just around the corner.

Joe: Yeah, I know! After a while, it will become so freezing that I won't want to go outside anymore.

Lea: Have you ever tried riding a sleigh? It is kind of scary, but so much fun!

Joe: No, I haven't, but I imagine it costs a great deal of money. Anyway, where can I try it?

Lea: No, it doesn't. You can find them for rent in Central Square when the real winter starts.



Joe: Oh, okay then. Are they renting them right now?

Lea: No, there is not enough snow for sleigh riding yet. Just wait for a few more days.

Joe: Snow reminds me of the sound of bells. It is very festive yet gentle at the same time.

Lea: Yes! I like the sounds of nature, such as the crunching snow, the blowing wind, and so on.

Joe: I love those mystical sounds. I often hear them in the middle of the woods when I go for a walk.

Lea: Exactly! That's what I mean. I really enjoy nature in winter.

Joe: I remember going into the woods and listening to these sounds with my grandpa when I was a child.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

Answer Pool

blowing
freezing
magical
sleigh
a great deal of
gentle
festive
midwinter
mystical

1. The hall looked very _____ with its Christmas tree.
2. There is nothing _____ about hypnotism as many may think.
3. You have to be very _____ with baby birds.
4. Temperatures can drop well below freezing in _____.
5. How can I earn _____ money?
6. It was really _____! I want to go out with him again!
7. Don't go outside! The wind is _____!
8. I'm going to rent a _____ and go down this hill.
9. It's _____ cold outside! Put on a jacket!



Exercise 4 – Role Play

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

Scene: Tell your friend Luke how you feel and what you like doing when it's snowing outside. The teacher can be Luke.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you enjoy winter scenery? Why? Why not?
2. How do you like spending time when it is snowing?
3. How do you feel when Christmas is approaching?
4. Have you ever tried riding a sleigh pulled by horses? If not, would you like to?
5. Do you remember your first snowfall? Please share your experience.