



Rich and Poor

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

throughout the year	During the period of a year.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: We have all four seasons throughout the year.</i>

wealthy	Having a lot of money or valuable possessions.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Mr. William is very wealthy.</i>

successor	A person or thing that comes after and takes the place of someone or something else.
[noun]	<i>Ex: These computers are fast, but their successors will be much faster.</i>



luxury	A state of great comfort or elegance, especially when involving great expense.
[noun]	<i>Ex: He lived a life of luxury.</i>

point	The meaning or most important part of what someone says or writes.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I think you didn't understand the point of what she was saying.</i>

common sense	The basic level of practical knowledge and judgment.
[noun]	<i>Ex: There is no doubt that the court's decision is a victory for common sense.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

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

Sara: Don't you find it strange that Santa brings gifts to all children regardless of how rich or poor they are?

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

Sara: Maybe you're right. In my opinion, rich kids usually get more toys throughout the year than poor kids.

Lisa: You have a point there, Sara.

Sara: So then, shouldn't Santa give more toys to the poor children on Christmas?

Lisa: I don't think all rich kids are very happy, even though they are wealthy and live in luxury.



Sara: What do you mean, Lisa?

Lisa: Some rich kids don't have enough time to play with other kids.

Sara: Why is that?

Lisa: They have to study a lot at cram schools, they need to know manners, and so on.

Sara: I see your point, they are raised to become successors in their family businesses.

Lisa: Yes. I think that everyone should be treated equally.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

Answer Pool

common sense

wealthy

point

luxury

successor

throughout the years

1. The aging president of the company is currently looking for his _____.
2. Only _____ people live in this part of town.
3. Yes, you have a _____. It all makes sense now.
4. Wash your hands before you eat! Use your _____, please.
5. Not everyone can live in _____.
6. He became better _____.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

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

Scene: You and your friend Nate were asked to take care of a few children from a rich family for a day. Discuss how you can entertain the kids with your friend. The teacher can be Nate.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

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?
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?
5. What were some of your favorite presents?