



Santa Claus

Conversation > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

argue	To say you disagree with someone, often in an angry way.
[verb]	<i>Ex: They often argue with each other.</i>

state	To say or write something in a clear way.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Please state your name and address.</i>

ridiculously	In a way that seems unreasonable or silly.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: These questions were ridiculously easy for the students.</i>

unconnected	Not connected, not related in any way.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Our company is unconnected with any government organizations.</i>



coincidence	An occasion when two or more things happen at the same time by chance.
[noun]	<i>Ex: It was a coincidence that they both wore the exact same outfit.</i>

deed	A good or bad thing that someone does.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Santa knows all of your wrong deeds.</i>

suppose	To guess or think something may be true.
[verb]	<i>Ex: I suppose that you finished the project?</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

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

Nina: Long time no see! How have you been?

Lea: Oh, I'm fine, but I've been very busy recently. How about you?

Nina: I'm great, you know... same old!

Lea: Anyway, I overheard two children talking about Santa Claus yesterday, and it was so funny.

Nina: Really? Why was it funny?

Lea: A girl and a boy were arguing with each other.

Nina: What were they arguing about?

Lea: The girl stated that Santa Claus and God are one and the same person.



Nina: Sounds ridiculously entertaining. What did the boy say?

Lea: He said that Santa and God are completely unconnected. They have nothing to do with each other.

Nina: Woah, tell me more.

Lea: It is just a coincidence that they have the same power, although God is much more powerful.

Nina: That is quite a deep discussion for children. They must be very smart. How old were they?

Lea: About seven years old, I suppose.

Nina: Don't you find it amazing that Santa knows all the good and bad deeds we do?

Lea: Definitely!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

Answer Pool

arguing
ridiculously
state
deeds
supposed
unconnected
coincidence

1. We _____ that the tickets to the concert would be very expensive.
2. We should judge people by their _____.
3. Meeting you here in Rome is just a _____.
4. That situation is _____ with this one!
5. The test was _____ easy.
6. The president will _____ his opinion at the meeting.
7. He really doesn't like _____ with others.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

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

Scene: Your child has started to doubt the existence of Santa Claus, but you still want him to believe. Prove to your child that Santa exists. The teacher can be the child.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do children believe in Santa Claus in your country?
2. Who is more excited about Christmas, children or adults? Why?
3. What is your favorite Christmas memory? Why?
4. What dish would you love to have this Christmas? Why?
5. What do you think about Santa Claus?