

Teacher's Notes

Christmas One-liners

Gateway

Type of activity: vocabulary and pronunciation focus

Focus: Christmas-themed humour

Level: intermediate

Time: 45 minutes

Preparation:

- one copy of the Student's Worksheet per student

Procedure:

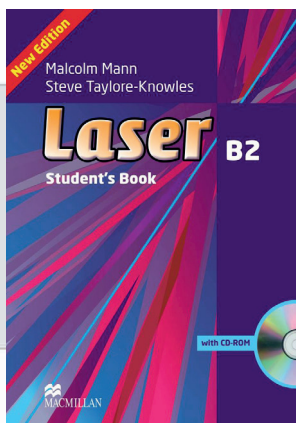
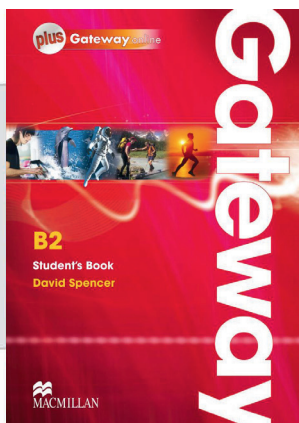
1. Put the students into pairs. Give them three minutes to come up with as many Christmas-related words as they can. When the time is up, ask them to compare their lists with another pair – they can also add more words at this stage. Collect their ideas, writing the more advanced words on the board. Make sure to elicit some names of people, places, objects, animals, food and activities.
2. Distribute the Student's Worksheet. The students work in pairs and label the pictures in Task 1. Check the answers with the whole group, eliciting or teaching the words - make sure to focus on the pronunciation of reindeer, wrap, soot.
3. The students work individually and do Task 2, trying to match the answers to the questions to make one-liner jokes. When they have finished, ask them to compare their answers with a partner – they may also discuss which element makes each joke work. Check the answers with the whole group, eliciting where the word play is for each joke.

Key: 1g, 2c, 3d, 4f, 5a, 6h, 7b, 8e

4. Put the students into pairs again. One person in each pair puts their handout face down. Their partner tests them, reading out the questions and helping them to remember the answers. Then, they change roles.
5. Change the pairings. The students repeat the activity from Point 4, but this time the person looking at the worksheet reads out the answer and the person who is being tested tries to remember the question. Then they change roles.
6. To consolidate the vocabulary, play a game of charades. Ask individual students to come to the board and whisper one of the key words from the jokes into their ear. They should draw a picture representing the word. The rest of the group guess the word.

Word pool:

a bell, the North Pole, a reindeer, to wrap, a chimney, soot, to suit



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