

Super English



Intermediate Speaking Christmas



Decorating for Christmas

Read the text and discuss the words in bold.

In many countries, Christmas begins with decorating the house. Families hang **twinkling** lights, place **ornaments** on a Christmas tree, and **set up stockings** near the fireplace. Some people choose real pine trees that fill the house with a fresh smell, while others use colorful **artificial** ones.

1. What kind of Christmas tree would you choose: real or artificial? Why?
2. Do you think decorating early makes the season more fun or too long?
3. Why do you think Christmas trees became such a popular tradition?



Holiday Meals & Family Dinners



Read the text and discuss the words in bold.



On Christmas **Eve** or Christmas Day, families share a special holiday meal. In the United States and Canada, people often eat turkey, **mashed** potatoes, and sweet desserts. In Italy, many families enjoy a seafood dinner, while in the United Kingdom, people eat a large Christmas **roast**. No matter the menu, families enjoy good food and conversation.



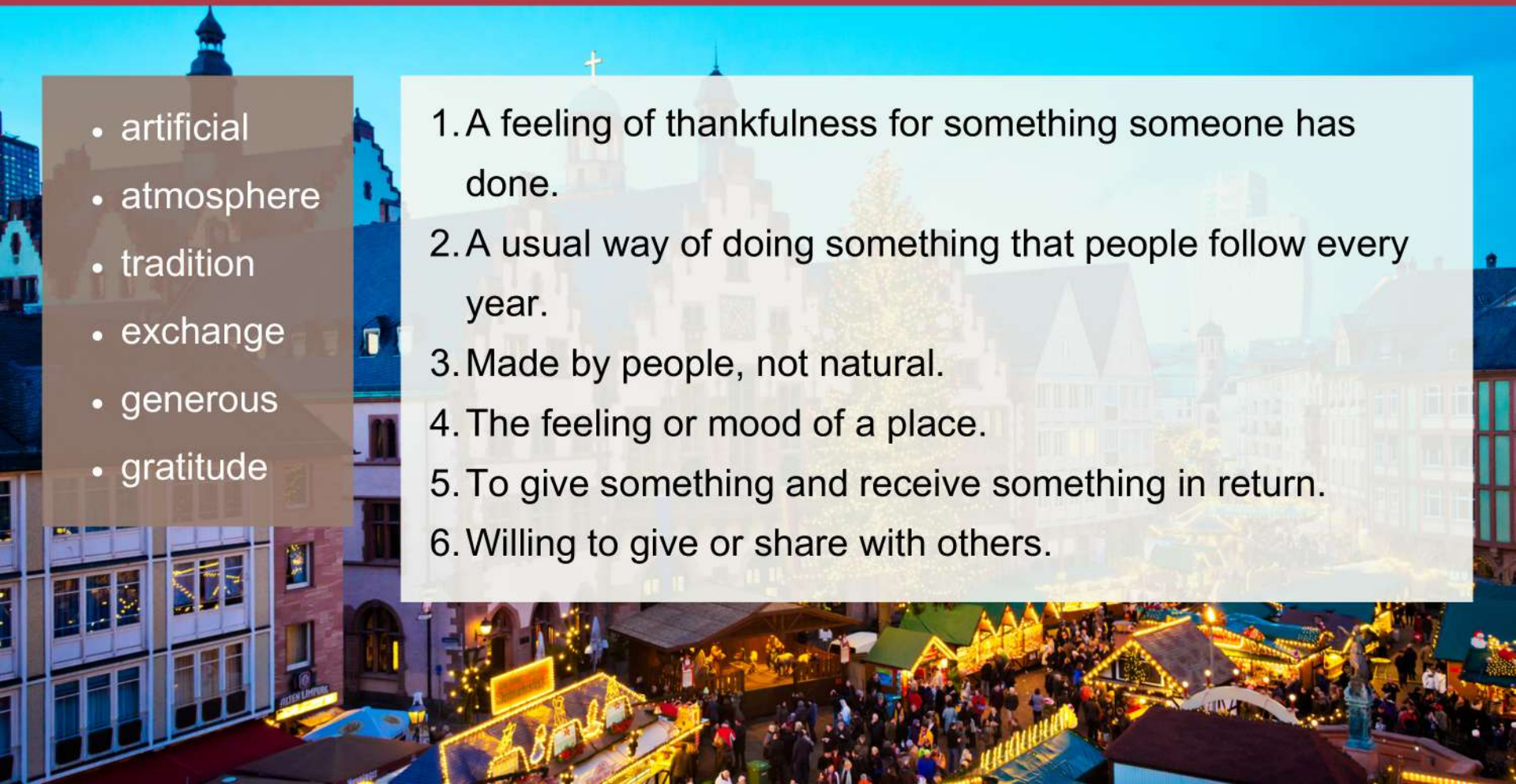
1. Does your family have any special meals you eat on holidays?
2. If you were in charge of Christmas dinner, what dishes would you choose?
3. What is one food you would NOT want at a holiday dinner?

Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- artificial
- atmosphere
- tradition
- exchange
- generous
- gratitude

1. A feeling of thankfulness for something someone has done.
2. A usual way of doing something that people follow every year.
3. Made by people, not natural.
4. The feeling or mood of a place.
5. To give something and receive something in return.
6. Willing to give or share with others.



Dialogue 1: The Decorating Problem



Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

Liam: Our Christmas tree lights won't turn on this year.

Mia: Did you check the batteries?

Liam: ...The lights have batteries?!

Mia: Yes! Some of them do.

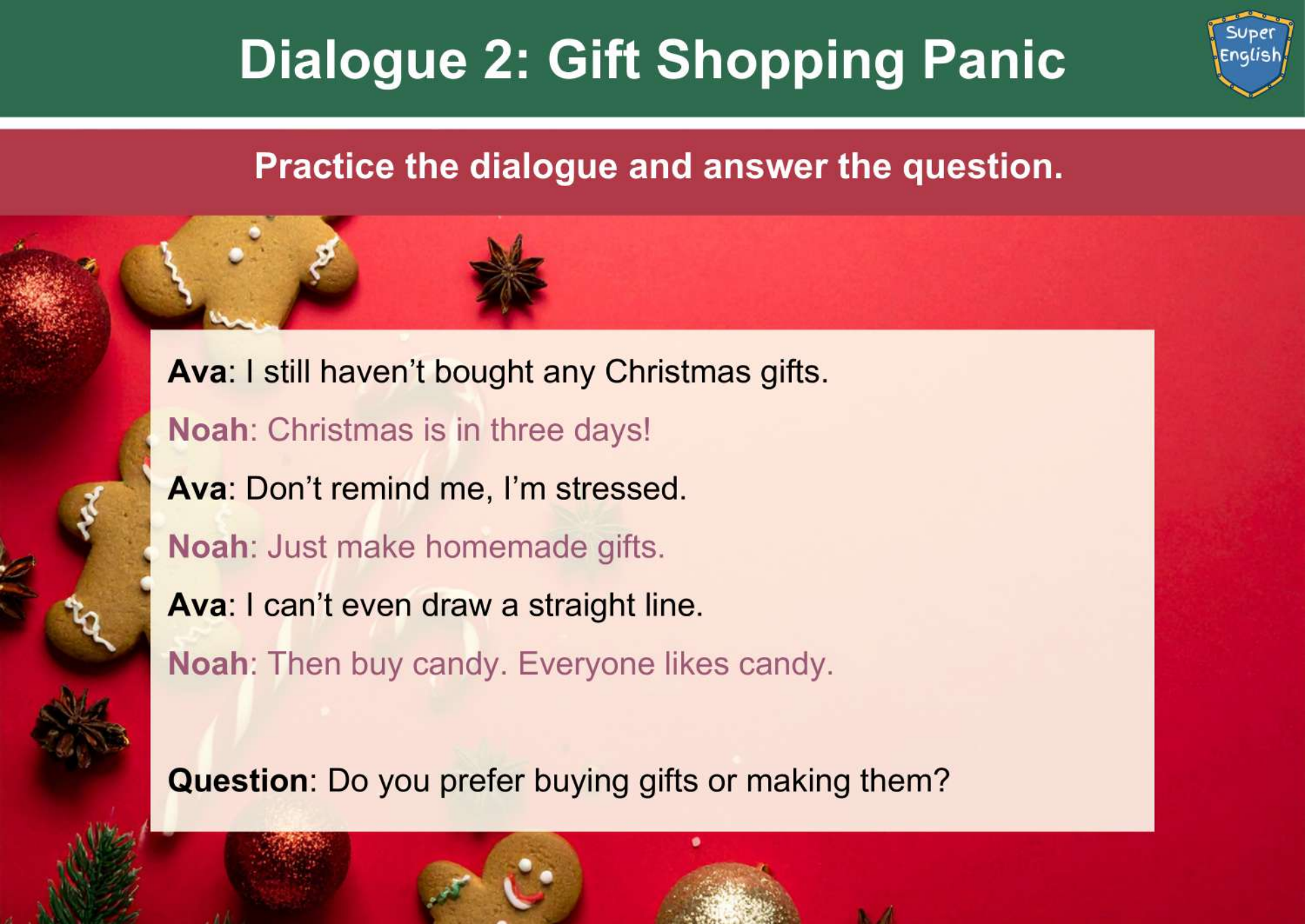
Liam: That explains a lot.

Mia: Step aside. I'm saving your tree.

Question: Have you ever tried to fix something and made it worse?

Dialogue 2: Gift Shopping Panic

Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

The background of the slide is a vibrant red surface decorated with various Christmas items. On the left, there are several gingerbread cookies, some shaped like people and others like stars, decorated with white icing. There are also red and gold Christmas ornaments and star-shaped decorations scattered across the surface.

Ava: I still haven't bought any Christmas gifts.

Noah: Christmas is in three days!

Ava: Don't remind me, I'm stressed.

Noah: Just make homemade gifts.

Ava: I can't even draw a straight line.

Noah: Then buy candy. Everyone likes candy.

Question: Do you prefer buying gifts or making them?

See you next time!

