

**Learner Level:** Intermediate - Advanced**Language focus:** Asking questions, role play**Theme:** Holidays, Family**Skills:** Asking questions and guessing**Time:** 10 minutes +**Materials:** None**Grouping:** Large group or whole class (Up to 10)**Preparation:** Write “grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, aunt, uncle, female child, male child, cousin, neighbor” on the board.**Quick Reference:** 

One student tries to guess which holiday the family is celebrating. He or she also guesses which family member (student) is which.

**Teacher Instructions:** 

1. Choose one student to leave the room for a moment (Student A). The other students must choose a holiday to celebrate. Assign each student a family position by pointing to a word on the board and then to the student. (Grandparent, father, mother, child, aunt cousin) . Decide which student is the “head of the table”.
2. Invite Student A to come back into the room. Tell the student who the head of the table is (EX. Grandma) The head of the table should welcome the guest and invite him or her to sit down to dinner. Dinner conversation should begin.
3. Student A should listen to the conversation and ask questions to try to find out what holiday it is. The family members can offer hints, such as “Pass the turkey, please.” (Christmas or Easter) or “We’d better hurry up. It’s almost dark outside (Halloween).” or “I hope the fireworks are really good tonight!” (Independence Day).
4. After Student A guesses the correct holiday, he should start guessing who the family members are. EX: “Liam, are you the grandfather?” Each time Student A guesses correctly, that family member is excused from the table (push chair back). Continue until all of the family members are guessed correctly.

**For Example: ✓ (St. Patrick’s Day: Karen (mother) is the head of the table.)****Karen:** *Thanks for coming for dinner. We’re going to have a great party.***Student A:** *Great. What are we having?***Mika:** *Beer.***Karen:** *You are not allowed any beer. You’re too young.***Louis:** *Can I have some green beer, Mom?**(Continue...)***Student A:** *Is it St. Patrick’s Day?***Teacher:** *Yes!***Student A:** *Mika is Karen’s daughter and Louis is her son, right?**(Mika and Louis excuse themselves from the game. The other students keep talking until Student A identifies them.)*

5. When the holiday and all of the family members have been guessed correctly, play again with a new holiday. Choose a different student to leave the room.

**Teacher 2 Teacher:** 

If your students are having trouble thinking of holidays, allow them to brainstorm together. Leave the list on the board as you play. Look at all of the holidays listed on ESL-Library if you want a ready-made list for students.

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