

**Real Life Situation (Practice):** Issues related to your specific cultural context

You come from a religious and cultural context where Christmas is celebrated and the tradition of exchanging presents has been an integral part of your family. You have witnessed the competition to buy the most expensive present or the stress that your parents experience because of the additional expense related to the holiday. This negative consequence related to a traditions that is supposed to bring joy to the people who practice it presents a conflict.



This issue would “work” as a RLS because:

- \* it is related to your community.
- \* it may affect individuals or societies.
- \* the main idea of the situation is debatable and controversial.

Possible issues to discuss in this RLS include:

- \* How far (and in what ways) does the media play a role in the commercialization of festivals such as Christmas?
- \* To what extent has the giving of gifts during Christmas become a chore or compulsion as opposed to a rewarding experience?
- \* Is it necessary to exchange gifts during Christmas to have the Christ-

Content-based discussions/ questions	Transition from content-based discussion to knowledge-based dis-	Knowledge-based discussion/ questions
How does the media play a role in the commercialization of festivals such as Christmas?	I belong to a very traditional family in which we were clearly taught the difference between commercial and religious or personal aspects of Christmas. My family is not affected.	Is personal experience a reliable source of knowledge?
	Research and family health status provide ample evidence to support the commercialization of festivals such as Christmas and the loss of its true essence.	How far does the evidence of human sciences offer us concrete knowledge?