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December 1st

Jingle Bells

FRANK SINATRA (1948)

Here's a very famous Christmas song called JINGLE BELLS sung by FRANK SINATRA. Listen to the lyrics and write down as many words as possible!

**I love those J-I-N-G-L-E bells
Those holiday J-I-N-G-L-E bells
Those happy J-I-N-G-L-E B-E, double-L-S
I love those J-I-N-G-L-E bells**

**Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh**

**Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob-tail ring
Making our spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight**

**Jingle bells, jing-jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh**

**I love those J-I-N-G-L-E bells
Those holiday J-I-N-G-L-E bells
Those happy J-I-N-G-L-E B-E, double-L-S
I love those jingle bells all the way
Jingle all the way**

Merry Christmas!

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December 2nd

The famous British character Mr Bean is doing some shopping for Christmas



December 3rd

Santa Claus



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December 4th

Let's learn some Christmas vocabulary.

What is it?

#1 - Present

#2 - Reindeer

#3 - Ornament

#4 - Sleigh

#5 - Stocking

#6 - Christmas tree

#7 - Santa Claus

#8 - Candy Cane

#9 - Elf

#10 - Mistletoe

#11 - Wreath

December 5th

WHO IS SANTA CLAUS?

This is the Santa that we're probably all familiar with, but he's changed quite a lot over the years. Kris Kringle, St Nicholas, Father Christmas... Santa Claus goes by lots of names, depending on where you are in the world. In English-speaking countries, he's usually called Santa Claus or sometimes just Santa for short. He's a legendary figure that's known for bringing children gifts on Christmas. Famously, he does this with the help of flying reindeer which are led by the red-nosed Rudolph. Where he can, he climbs down chimneys to deliver presents without waking anyone up. Apart from having a load of lovely gifts sitting under your Christmas tree, you'll know that Santa's visited if he's taken a nibble of your snacks and had a sip of milk. Some people like to leave a carrot or two out for his reindeers.

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- **What is the history of Santa Claus?**

It seems like Santa Claus has been around for longer than time itself. In fact, some say he's over 1 000 years old so we can't be too sure where the character comes from. Of course, most versions of the Santa Claus myth trace his story back to Saint Nicholas who's the patron saint of children. In 200 A.D, Saint Nicholas was a kind person who loved gift giving. He gave away all his wealth and traveled to the countryside to help the poor and sick. It's said that Saint Nicholas merged with other gift-giving figures in European folklore to make the character we all know and love today. As North America was settled by colonists, these stories merged further still to create a singular Santa Claus.

- **Where does the name Santa Claus come from?**

The name Santa Claus comes from the Dutch word for Saint Nicholas: Sinterklaas. Niklas is a form of Nicholas, Sinterklaas is a short and Dutch version of Saint Nicholas and now it has transformed into Santa Claus.

- **How did Santa Claus gain popularity?**

Most of the Traditions linked to Christmas and Santa Claus come from the North American colonies and they were spread to other parts of the world by books and magazines. These Traditions were spread even further still by companies that realized that they could use images of Santa Claus to sell their products. In fact, a drink company used Santa Claus to promote their drink in the 1930s. These advertisements were so popular that a lot of people think they're the reason Santa wears red and white.

- **Where does Santa Claus live?**

In the North Pole, of course! Santa Claus lives and works in the North Pole with his wife Mrs Claus, magical elves and reindeers.

TURN AND TALK

If you could ask Santa for one wish, what would it be?

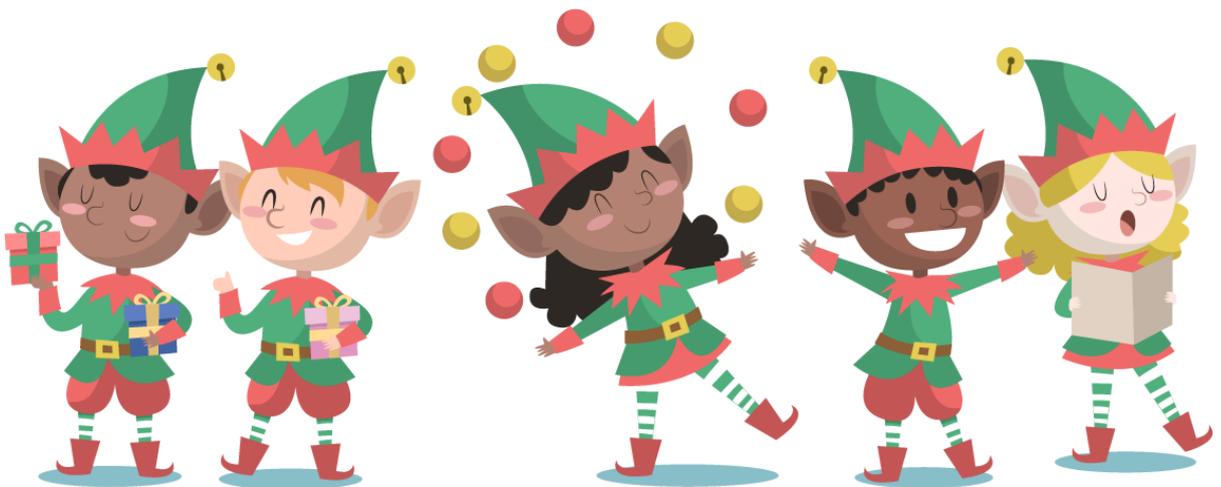
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December 6th

The Christmas tree



December 7th



the elves