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Researchers work out Santa Claus' salary

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THE READING

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People wonder what Santa does and how he does it for free. Researchers have an answer to these questions. An insurance company calculated a figure of \$139,924 for Santa's annual salary. This is 1.5 per cent more than last year. Many people around the world are getting low pay raises. Researchers created a list of Santa's many jobs. They looked at the total time he spends on each task to get the final figure for his salary.

Santa is multi-skilled. He has to be good at everything. He works with reindeer, gifts, chimneys, maps and elves. Most of his salary is for managing his toy factory. He spends 2,912 hours a year organizing this. His toys must be of the right quality. He gets \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest pay rate is for being a sleigh pilot. This is similar to being an airline pilot. Researchers believe a sleigh pilot gets \$62.31 an hour.

Sources: <http://time.com/money/3623343/santa-claus-mom-dad-salary/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. People wonder what | a. pay raises |
| 2. how he does | b. salary |
| 3. Researchers have an answer | c. figure |
| 4. Santa's annual | d. Santa does |
| 5. This is 1.5 per cent more | e. on each task |
| 6. getting low | f. it for free |
| 7. the total time he spends | g. than last year |
| 8. get the final | h. to these questions |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Santa is multi- | a. for this |
| 2. He has to be good | b. organizing this |
| 3. toy | c. an hour |
| 4. He spends 2,912 hours a year | d. at everything |
| 5. His toys must be | e. an airline pilot |
| 6. He gets \$40.09 an hour | f. skilled |
| 7. This is similar to being | g. factory |
| 8. a sleigh pilot gets \$62.31 | h. of the right quality |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People wonder what Santa (1) _____ does it for free.

Researchers (2) _____ to these questions. An insurance

company (3) _____ of \$139,924 for Santa's annual salary.

This is 1.5 per cent more (4) _____. Many people around

the world are getting (5) _____. Researchers created a list

of Santa's many jobs. They looked at the total time he spends on each task

to get (6) _____ for his salary.

Santa is multi-skilled. He (7) _____ at everything. He

works with reindeer, gifts, chimneys, maps and elves. Most

(8) _____ managing his toy factory. He

(9) _____ a year organizing this. His toys must be of the

right quality. He gets \$40.09 (10) _____. His highest pay

rate is (11) _____ pilot. This is similar to being an airline

pilot. Researchers believe a sleigh pilot (12) _____.

SANTA CLAUS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Santa Claus in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

