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Level 0

Scientists find a bone from Santa Claus

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists say they have a bone from St Nicholas. He was a holy man who lived 1,600 years ago. He did many miracles, so the Christian church made him the saint of children. A scientist said: "We could...be looking at remains from St Nicholas." Stories that he secretly gave presents to children started today's Santa Claus story.

Santa Claus is also called Father Christmas. He brings presents to good children on Christmas Eve. Bad children get some coal. He delivers his presents on a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer. Santa is a fat, happy man with a white beard. He wears a red coat with a white collar. He has a toy-making workshop in the North Pole.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/education-42239197>
<https://www.christiantoday.com/article/is-this-father-christmass-pelvic-bone-quite-possibly/120672.htm>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa_Claus

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. He was a holy | a. from St Nicholas |
| 2. lived | b. church |
| 3. He did many | c. story |
| 4. the Christian | d. man |
| 5. the saint | e. to children |
| 6. looking at remains | f. 1,600 years ago |
| 7. he secretly gave presents | g. of children |
| 8. today's Santa Claus | h. miracles |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Santa Claus is also | a. making workshop |
| 2. He brings presents to | b. by flying reindeer |
| 3. Bad children get | c. Pole |
| 4. a sleigh pulled | d. some coal |
| 5. a fat, happy man with | e. called Father Christmas |
| 6. He wears a red coat | f. good children |
| 7. He has a toy- | g. a white beard |
| 8. in the North | h. with a white collar |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists say they have (1) _____ St Nicholas.

He (2) _____ man who lived 1,600 years ago.

He (3) _____, so the Christian church made him

the (4) _____. A scientist said: "We could...be

looking (5) _____ St Nicholas." Stories that he

secretly (6) _____ children started today's

Santa Claus story.

Santa Claus (7) _____ Father Christmas. He

brings presents (8) _____ on Christmas Eve.

Bad children (9) _____. He delivers his presents

on a sleigh (10) _____ reindeer. Santa is a fat,

happy man with a white beard. He (11) _____

coat with a white collar. He (12) _____-making

workshop in the North Pole.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SANTA CLAUS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171210-st-nicholas-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) _____

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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) _____

