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## **Level 5**

# **Researchers work out Santa Claus' salary**

**13th December, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary-5.html>

Many people have wondered what Santa does and how he does it for free. Researchers have an answer to these age-old questions. An insurance company has calculated a rough figure of \$139,924 for Santa's salary for 2014. This is 1.5 per cent more than last year. It is also in line with low pay raises people around the world are getting. Researchers created a list of the different jobs Santa performs throughout the year and created a job description. They then found the total time spent on each task to get the final figure for Santa's annual salary.

The researchers found that Santa is multi-skilled. He has to be a jack of all trades. His skills include reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney cleaning and map reading. Most of his salary comes from managing his toy factory. It is estimated that he spends 2,912 hours a year organizing his elves and making sure toys are of the right quality. He gets \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest hourly rate is for being a sleigh pilot and delivering presents. This is similar to the salaries of airline pilots. Researchers believe a sleigh pilot earns \$62.31 an hour.

Sources: <http://time.com/money/3623343/santa-claus-mom-dad-salary/>  
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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2870079/Flying-round-world-tending-elves-checking-list-twice-Santa-earn-paid.html>

# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Many people have wondered             | a. rough figure          |
| 2. an answer to these age-               | b. of the different jobs |
| 3. An insurance company has calculated a | c. figure                |
| 4. This is 1.5 per cent                  | d. old questions         |
| 5. in line                               | e. annual salary         |
| 6. Researchers created a list            | f. with low pay raises   |
| 7. get the final                         | g. what Santa does       |
| 8. Santa's                               | h. more than last year.  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The researchers found that Santa | a. of airline pilots    |
| 2. He has to be a jack              | b. of the right quality |
| 3. gift                             | c. of all trades        |
| 4. toy                              | d. \$62.31 an hour      |
| 5. e spends 2,912 hours a year      | e. is multi-skilled     |
| 6. making sure toys are             | f. wrapping             |
| 7. This is similar to the salaries  | g. organizing his elves |
| 8. a sleigh pilot earns             | h. factory              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Santa does and how he does it for free. Researchers have an answer (2) \_\_\_\_\_ questions. An insurance company has calculated (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of \$139,924 for Santa's salary for 2014. This is 1.5 per cent more than last year. It is also (4) \_\_\_\_\_ pay raises people around the world are getting. Researchers created (5) \_\_\_\_\_ different jobs Santa performs throughout the year and created a job description. They then found the total time spent on each (6) \_\_\_\_\_ final figure for Santa's annual salary.

The researchers found that Santa (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He has to be a jack of all trades. His skills include reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney cleaning and map reading. Most (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from managing his toy factory. It is estimated (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 2,912 hours a year organizing his elves and making sure toys (10) \_\_\_\_\_ quality. He gets \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest hourly (11) \_\_\_\_\_ sleigh pilot and delivering presents. This is similar to the salaries of airline pilots. Researchers believe (12) \_\_\_\_\_ \$62.31 an hour.

# SANTA CLAUS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary-5.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)

