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Level 1

Scientists find a bone from Santa Claus

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Please try Levels 0, 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 Santa Claus. His real name is St Nicholas. He was a holy man who lived in the 4th century. Many stories say he did many miracles, so the Christian church made him a saint - the saint of children. A scientist said: "This bone...suggests that we could possibly be looking at remains from St Nicholas." There are stories that he secretly gave presents to poor people. This is the story behind today's Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is also called Father Christmas. He brings presents to well-behaved children on Christmas Eve. Badly-behaved children get some coal. He delivers his presents on a sleigh. The sleigh is pulled through the air by flying reindeer. Santa Claus is a fat, happy man with a white beard. He wears a red coat with a white collar, red trousers, a black belt and black boots. He lives in the North Pole and has a toy-making workshop there.

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. His real | a. at remains |
| 2. a holy man who lived | b. made him a saint |
| 3. he did many | c. today's Santa Claus |
| 4. the Christian church | d. in the 4th century |
| 5. the saint of | e. to poor people |
| 6. we could possibly be looking | f. name is St Nicholas |
| 7. he secretly gave presents | g. children |
| 8. This is the story behind | h. miracles |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Santa Claus is also | a. get some coal |
| 2. well- | b. a white collar |
| 3. Badly-behaved children | c. the air |
| 4. He delivers his presents | d. behaved children |
| 5. The sleigh is pulled through | e. workshop |
| 6. a fat, happy man with | f. called Father Christmas |
| 7. He wears a red coat with | g. a white beard |
| 8. a toy-making | h. on a sleigh |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists say they (1) _____ from Santa Claus. His real name is St Nicholas. He (2) _____ man who lived in (3) _____. Many stories say he did many miracles, so the Christian church made (4) _____ - the saint of children. A scientist said: "This bone...suggests that we could possibly (5) _____ remains from St Nicholas." There are stories that he secretly gave presents (6) _____. This is the story behind today's Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is also called Father Christmas. (7) _____ to well-behaved children on Christmas Eve. Badly-behaved children (8) _____. He delivers (9) _____ a sleigh. The sleigh is pulled through the (10) _____ reindeer. Santa Claus is a fat, happy man with a white beard. He wears a red coat with a white collar, red trousers, a (11) _____ black boots. He lives in the North Pole and (12) _____-making workshop there.

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) _____

