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Level 0 – 25th December 2025

'Santa's reindeer' are being hunted by wolves

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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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Reindeer help Santa Claus to deliver presents to children. However, the animals are in danger. Many reindeer are being killed by wolves. Reindeer owners say wolves killed 1,950 reindeer in Finland this year. That is a 70% increase from last year. This increase has upset the natural balance between reindeer and wolves.

A reindeer owner joked about his animals, but he is worried. He said: "These are Santa's reindeer. We are really lucky because Santa needs them for one day, so we can fly them for 364 days." Many people believe the Ukraine War is why there are more wolves. Many wolf hunters in Russia have gone to fight in Ukraine.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Reindeer help | a. 1,950 reindeer |
| 2. deliver presents | b. Santa Claus |
| 3. the animals are | c. killed by wolves |
| 4. Many reindeer are being | d. wolves |
| 5. owners say wolves killed | e. to children |
| 6. That is a 70% increase | f. natural balance |
| 7. This increase has upset the | g. from last year |
| 8. reindeer and | h. in danger |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A reindeer owner joked | a. one day |
| 2. he is | b. reindeer |
| 3. These are Santa's | c. is why |
| 4. We are really | d. about his animals |
| 5. Santa needs them for | e. gone to fight |
| 6. we can fly them | f. worried |
| 7. people believe the Ukraine War | g. for 364 days |
| 8. wolf hunters in Russia have | h. lucky |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Reindeer help Santa Claus (1) _____ to children. However, the animals (2) _____.

Many reindeer (3) _____ by wolves.

Reindeer (4) _____ killed 1,950 reindeer in Finland this year. That is a 70% increase from last year. This (5) _____ the (6) _____ reindeer and wolves.

A reindeer (7) _____ his animals, but he is worried. He said: "These are Santa's reindeer. We (8) _____ because Santa needs (9) _____ day, so we can fly them for 364 days." Many (10) _____ Ukraine War is (11) _____ more wolves. Many wolf hunters in Russia have (12) _____ in Ukraine.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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REINDEER

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Write five GOOD questions about reindeer 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **reindeer** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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