



Santa Claus Facts for kids

Who is Santa Claus? Santa Claus is also known as St. Nickolas, Saint Nicholas, St. Nick, Father Christmas, Grandfather Frost, and Kris Kringle. list of what children call Santa Claus in other languages/countries.

Albania	Babadimri	Ireland	Santa, Santee or Daidi Na Nollaig
Argentina	Papa Noel	Italy	Babbo Natale
Armenia	Gaghant Baba	Jamaica	Santa Claus
Australia	Santa Claus	Japan	Hoteiosho (a god or priest who bears gifts)
Bahamas	Santa Claus	Kenya	Father Christmas/Santa Claus
Belgium	Pere Noel	Lithuania	Kaledo Senelis
Bermuda	Santa Claus	Morocco	Black Peter
Brazil	Papai Noel	Netherlands	Kerstman
Bulgaria	Dyado Koleda	New Zealand	Santa Claus
Chile	Viejo Pascuero	Norway	Julenissens (Christmas Gnome)
China	Dun Che Lao Ren	Peru	Papa Noel
Denmark	Julemanden	Poland	Swiety Mikolaj
Egypt	Papa Noel	Portugal	Pai Natal
England	Father Christmas	Romania	Mos Craciun
France	Pere Noel	Russia	Ded Moroz (Grandfather Frost)
Finland	Joulupukki	Scandinavia	Julenisse
Germany	Weihnachtsmann	Serbia	Deda Mroz
Greece	Agios Vassilios	South Africa	Vader Kersfees
Hawaii	Kanokaloka	Spain	Papa Noel/El Nino Jesus
Holland	De Kerstmann	Sweden	Jultomten (Christmans Brownie)
Hungary	Mikulas	Trinidad & Tobago	Santa Claus
India	Santa Claus, Baba	Turkey	Noel Baba
Iran	Baba Noel	United Kingdom	Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle
Iraq	Vader kerfees		

Santa Claus was born in 270 AD. That means he is over 1,000 years old. It's the magic of Christmas that keeps him alive and well.

According to the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" written by Clement Moore in 1823, Santa is described as a jolly old elf with cheeks like roses, his nose like a cherry, and a little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly. Santa has a white beard, a red suit with white cuffs, a white-collar, and a black belt. He also wears a red hat with white trim and wears black boots.

According to legend Santa Claus lives at the north pole with Mrs. Claus and his elves. It is believed that Santa's elves work all year long in Santa's workshop making toys for children all over the world. Santa Claus is believed to bring gifts to all the good boys and girls around the world while they are sleeping on Christmas Eve (December 24th). Throughout the year Santa Claus keeps 2 lists of girls and boys, a good list, and a naughty list. Children on the naughty list are believed to receive coal for Christmas.

Reindeer Facts for Kids

How does Santa deliver all those presents in one night? Santa has almost two days to deliver the presents. How? While in one part of the world it is the day, in another part of the world it is night. For example, when it is 12:30 PM (daytime) in New York it is 1:30 AM (nighttime) in China. Santa will travel through 3 different time zones on Christmas Eve. This gives him more time to deliver presents. Santa will visit over 90 million homes on Christmas Eve. So, to deliver all the presents how fast does his sleigh have to go? Santa's sleigh travels at the speed of light. That is about 186,282.4 miles per second or 671 million miles per hour! Santa has 8 reindeer Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen. Rudolph is considered Santa's 9th reindeer. Rudolph was added to Santa's reindeer team on one Christmas Eve during a bad snowstorm. Santa's 8 reindeer could not see to fly through the storm. Rudolph with his glowing red nose lit the way for Santa's sleigh. Did you know that before Rudolph lead the way for Santa's sleigh, he was made fun of by the other reindeer for being different? Rudolph was the only reindeer with the glowing nose. So, do all reindeer fly? No, in fact only Santa's reindeer fly. Santa uses his Christmas magic to make his reindeer fly. How much do you really know about reindeer? Kids know that reindeer are the ones that pull Santa's sleigh. I mean without reindeer how would Santa deliver all the presents? But what else do you know about these great animals? Do you know that they are a deer species, or they love to eat "reindeer lichen?" What is reindeer lichen anyway? Did you know that they live in North America, Europe, Greenland, and Russia? Read our reindeer facts for kids below. Hey, do you really want to impress Santa? The next time you visit with Santa you can tell him a fact or two about reindeer.

What is a Reindeer? Reindeer are also known as caribou. In North America, reindeer are called caribou in the wild. When they are domesticated, they are called reindeer. Domesticated animals are animals kept as pets or that live on a farm. In Europe, they are only called reindeer. The word caribou comes from the Mi'kmaq word qalipu meaning "snow shoveler." Mi'kmaq is a North American Indian tribe. Reindeer are mammals and are a species of deer. Deer family or also known as the Cervidae family and include animals such as deer, elk, moose, and wapiti. There is only one species of Caribou/Reindeer but 7 sub-species. They are Barren ground Caribou, Svalbard Caribou, European Caribou, Finnish Forest Caribou, Greenland Caribou, and Woodland Caribou. Scientific Name: Rangifer Tarasndus. Reindeer can run up to 50 miles per hour. Where do Reindeer Live? Reindeer live in some of the coldest places on earth. They live in the Northern parts of North America in Canada and Alaska. They also live in Europe, Russia, and Greenland. Let us not forget with Santa at the North Pole. Reindeer live on tundra. Tundra is a vast flat, treeless land covered in snow most of the time in the Arctic region. Reindeer are herd animals. They live in large groups called herds. Herds of Reindeer migrate throughout the year. Migrate means moving from place to place. During the winter reindeer herds migrate South to find a place that is less cold. During the summer they migrate North. Reindeer usually migrate around 1,200 miles a year. Some herds will travel more than 3,000 miles per year. That is one of the world's largest migrations.

What do Reindeer Look Like? Reindeer look like large deer with four legs and antlers. A reindeer mostly has different shades of brown soft fur with white fur on their neck and parts of their back. Their fur may also be gray or rust like color. Reindeer have a double coat of fur to protect them against the cold, harsh climate that they live in. Male reindeer can weight up to 700 pounds. Males are larger than females, sometimes a male can be doubled the size of a female. On average reindeer weight 240-700 pounds. Reindeer have split hooves. This means their hooves are split in half making two toes. Hooves are hard coverings that protect the reindeer's feet. They use their hooves to dig for food in the snow. The outer edges of their hooves are sharp while help them walk on ice and rocks. Reindeer's have an ankle tendon that rubs over a bone causing a clicking sound when they walk. That clicking sound helps the reindeer keep track of each other especially when they cannot see in bad weather.



Reindeer Antlers, reindeer are usually between 4-5ft tall, not including their antlers. Their antlers are around 3ft tall. If you add their height along with the height of their antlers, some reindeer can be 8ft tall! Did you know that reindeer are the only deer in which both males and females grow antlers? It's true both male and female reindeer can grow antlers. Male reindeer shed their antlers every winter. Female reindeer will shed their antlers in the spring. Once they shed their antlers, new ones will start to grow in. While reindeer antlers are growing, they are actually rubbery, living masses of blood and marrow. The antlers will grow to start in late winter through until around August. When they are finished growing the bone begins to harden.

What do Reindeer Eat? Reindeer are herbivores meaning they are plant eaters. They eat lichen a type of moss, grass, and plant that grow on rock and or trees. Because reindeer love lichen so much it is sometimes called "reindeer lichen." In the winter reindeer will look for food under the snow. They will use their hooves to dig holes through the snow. They will continue to dig through layers of snow until they find food. In the warmer months, they will eat plants that have grown in the tundra. Reindeer can eat up to 12 pounds of food every day.

Baby Reindeer, fall is mating season for reindeer. During the fall male reindeer also called bulls fight each other using their antlers for the female. The female reindeer also called a cow will mate with the reindeer who won the fight. A female reindeer is pregnant for 7-8 months. She will give birth to 1-2 babies in the spring. A baby reindeer is called a calf. Calves are usually 10-11 pounds when they are born. They can run within a few hours of being born. Calves will drink milk from their mother after they are born. A reindeer's milk has more fat than cows milk. The fat-filled milk helps the calf grow big and strong. They will be able to eat food with their mom after a week old. When they are two months old, the calf's antlers will start to grow. When they will start off as small bumps and growing bigger every year. A calf will stay with their mother for up to two years. After the age of 2, the calf will become an adult reindeer and become part of the herd.

Reindeer Predators, one reason reindeer live in herds is for protection against predators. A predator has a better chance of attacking one reindeer than a large group of reindeer. Some reindeer predators include gray wolves, grizzly bears, brown bears, wolverines, and golden eagles. Polar bears do not usually hunt reindeer because they cannot catch them.

Reindeer are the only mammal that has eyes that change color. In the summer, their eyes look like a golden brown and in the winter they look blue. After reindeer's shed their antlers, smaller animals and rodents eat them. Reindeer milk is very rich. It contains nearly 22% butterfat. In comparison cow milk between 3%-5% butterfat. Some species of reindeer could make clicking noises as they walk. They do that to communicate with other members of a herd during bad weather or blizzards.

As many of you know reindeer have an important job, they pull Santa's sled every Christmas Eve. How does Santa's reindeer fly? Well, it's magic feed! Some say that Santa's reindeer are fed magical feed that allows them to fly. Can you name all of Santa's Reindeer? Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen. Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and we can't forget Rudolph

Magic Reindeer food poem:

Sprinkle on your lawn Christmas Eve night

The moon will make it sparkle bright

Santa's reindeer fly and roam

This will help them find your home.

Magic Reindeer Food Recipe 1

ingredients: 1 cup cereal flakes, 1/4 cup raisins, 1/4 cups nuts, 4 tablespoons green sugar, 4 tablespoons red sugar

(add food coloring to make colored sugar, it's cheaper than buying the different colors)

Step 1: Combine all ingredients in a bowl

Step 2: Store in a zip-lock bag

Step 3: Spread on your lawn Christmas Eve or place in a cup next to Santa's cookies. Write a note for Santa so he knows it's for his reindeer.

Magic Reindeer Food Recipe 2

Ingredients: 1 cup rolled oats or dried oatmeal, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 4 tablespoons red sugar, 4 tablespoons green sugar

Step 1: Combine all ingredients in a bowl.

Step 2: Store in a zip-loc bag

Step 3: Spread on your lawn Christmas Eve or place in a cup next to Santa's cookies. Write a note for Santa so he knows it's for his reindeer.

Magic Reindeer Food Recipe 3

Ingredients: 1 cup bran cereal, 1 cup oats, 1/2 cup raisins, 1/2 cup shredded coconut

Step 1: Combine all ingredients in a bowl

Step 2: Store in a zip-lock bag

Step 3: Spread on your lawn Christmas Eve or place in a cup next to Santa's cookies. Write a note for Santa so he knows it's for his reindeer.

Reindeer Snacks

Ingredients: 2 cups of Magic Reindeer Food Recipe 3, 1/2 cup peanut butter, small pretzel shape pretzels, M&M's or small circular candy

Step 1: Pour 2 cups of the magic reindeer food recipe 3 in a bowl.

Step 2: Add in 1/2 cup of peanut butter. Mix well.

Step 3: Place mixture in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. The mixture will harden a little bit.

Step 4: Take a spoonful of the mixture and roll it into a ball. This will be the reindeer's head.

Step 5: Use the M&M's to make the eyes and nose. You can use red M&M's to make Rudolph.

Step 6: Place 1 pretzel on each side of the reindeer's head to make the antlers.

Step 7: Keep your reindeer snacks in the refrigerator until you are ready to eat them.

Many children leave out milk and cookies or other treats for Santa on Christmas Eve because he gets hungry on his long journey of delivering presents but, did you know his reindeer get hungry too?

Did you know that if you write a letter to Santa and address it to the Santa's Workshop at the North Pole and bring it to the post office Santa's Christmas Magic will pick it up and get it to him?

So, what does Santa do when Christmas is over? First, he takes a short vacation with Mrs. Claus at the North Pole then he gets right back to work. Preparing his good boys and girls list and his naughty girls and boys list. He also starts getting toys ready for next Christmas. So, remember to always be good because you never know when Santa's watching.

Other fun facts about Santa include, in the 1920s the Coca Cola Company started placing Christmas ads with a man dressed up as Santa. In the 1930's the starting placing holiday ads with the image of Santa himself with a bundle of toys. To this day Coca Cola Company still runs Christmas ads featuring Santa. They place holiday images on their Coca Cola cans during the holiday season.

Cool Mrs. Claus Facts for Kids

You probably know a lot about Santa Claus but what about Mrs. Claus? Do you know her real name or what she likes to do at the North Pole? If you want to learn more, check out these cool Mrs. Claus facts for kids.



Who is Mrs. Claus?

Mrs. Claus is the wife of Santa Claus. That makes Santa her husband. She has been married to Santa for hundreds of years. Her first name is believed to be Martha. Mrs. Claus is hundreds of years old. Since she is the wife of Santa the magic of Christmas also keeps her alive. Mrs. Claus lives in the North Pole with Santa.

What Does Mrs. Claus look like?

She is described as a heavy-set woman with short white hair, rosy cheeks, and glasses. She is known to be very kind and loving. Like many people, Mrs. Claus loves clothes. Her favorite outfit is her long cozy red dress that has a matching heavy, thick red coat to keep her warm at the North Pole. She wears black snow boots to keep her feet warm. Mrs. Claus's whereabouts before she moved to the North Pole is a bit of a mystery, but she is believed to come from a happy magical place.

What is Mrs. Claus Job?

Mrs. Claus has a lot of responsibilities at the North Pole. Aside from taking care of Santa she also takes care of all the elves. Since Mrs. Claus doesn't have any children, she treats all the elves like they are her children. She teaches them right from wrong, takes care of them when they are sick, and makes each one feel special. One of Mrs. Claus's favorite activities is making cookies with the elves. Her favorite cookie is chocolate chip. They make chocolate chip cookies, peanut butter cookies, sugar cookies, and other types of Christmas cookies. That's why Santa is so chunky! She also helps Santa go through his letters and put them in alphabetical order. She also double checks Santa's naughty and nice list to make sure there are no mistakes. Mrs. Claus also makes sure that the elves take good care of the reindeer. She makes sure the reindeer attend flying reindeer school every day. She loves all the reindeer very much.

What Happens After Christmas?

Mrs. Claus is busy all year round, but after Christmas, she and Santa deserve a break. So, each year after Christmas she and Santa go on a nice vacation. They usually go somewhere nice and warm and relax in the sun. When the vacation is over, she helps Santa plan for next year's Christmas.

Fun Facts about Mrs. Claus

Mrs. Claus's favorite season is Winter. Her favorite books are cooking books. She likes to go on long walks and explore nature. She loves going on sleigh rides with Santa Claus. Mrs. Claus loves beards, that's why Santa Claus has one! Warm milk is her favorite drink. The movies she likes the most are ones about family. She is really good at organizing, she has a system to store all the children from around the world's addresses. She likes jokes. Mrs. Claus, Santa, and the elves are always playing tricks on one another. Mrs. Claus came up with the idea to keep everyone healthy at the North Pole. She makes everyone exercise 30 minutes every day.

Santa's Elves Facts for Kids

Hey, kids have you ever wondered about Santa's Elves? Who are these mysterious helpers to Santa? What do they like to eat, where do they live? For the answers to these questions and more check out these Santa's Elves facts for kids below.



What is an Elf?

Santa's elves are small magical creatures that help Santa throughout the year. Elves are also known as Santa's helpers and Santa's Magical Elves. Elves are very important to Santa. Without elves, Santa's entire Christmas operation would be in jeopardy.

Where do Santa's Elves Live?

The elves live in the North Pole with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The North Pole is the most Northern part of Earth. It's located in the Arctic Ocean. The North Pole is not part of any country, it sits in international waters and belongs to everyone. Did you know that even though it's always cold at the North Pole and it is always covered with snow, the elves never get cold! Their bodies are designed to be in cold weather, they also have elf clothing keep them warm and cozy.

What do Elves Homes Look Like?

The elves live in tiny colorful cottages throughout the North Pole. They look like colorful gingerbread houses. Elves decorate their houses with Christmas lights all year round. They also decorate their homes with candies such as candy canes, lollipops, gumdrops, licorice, and chocolate candies. The elves love to have brightly

decorated houses. Throughout the year. They have decorating contests to see whose house is the brightest and most cheerful. These contests are very important to the elves and they take them seriously. When an elf wins a decorating contest, they get a special treat from Santa. The treat is always a surprise and always special.

What do Santa's Elves Look Like?

All of Santa's elves are short. They are all under 4ft tall. Santa always says the best things come in small packages. Elves have two pointy ears and rosy cheeks. Some elves have blue eyes, some have green while others have brown or black. Elves have 26 tiny teeth. Just like people elf hair is a variety of colors and textures. Some elves have short hair, some have long. Many elves have curly hair and others have straight. Santa's Elves come from all different ethnic backgrounds to represent all the different children from around the world.



Elf Jobs

Santa's village at the North Pole is a big community. Since many people live there including all the elves and Santa and his family there are many jobs available. Most of the jobs are for the elves. Many of them work in Santa's workshop making toys. Elves make toys throughout the entire year not just during Christmas. Making toys keeps the elves busy throughout the year.

Some take care of Santa's Reindeer and others bake cookies and make candies. There are schools for elf children, so some elves are teachers. Teachers teach elves how to read and write, they teach them about history, science, and technology. They are also classes on wrapping presents and bow making. Elf children get homework every night and have to take tests.

One of the biggest jobs at the North Pole is working in the mail department. The elves go through all Santa's letters from children and make sure that each one is read by Santa.

On Christmas Eve Santa's elves also help prepare Santa's sleigh for his long journey ahead. Some elves are chosen to ride with Santa and help deliver presents.

What do Santa's Elves Eat?

Elves' favorite things to eat are cookies, candies, and pizza. Mrs. Claus looks after the elves to make sure they also eat fruits and vegetables. While cookies and candies are yummy, it is important to eat a healthy diet, that's what Mrs. Claus says anyway.

Other Things to Know About Santa's Elves.

Elves love animals. Their favorite animals are Arctic fox, polar bears, penguins, narwhals, and reindeer of course. Elves also love to read. They read every night before bed. Their favorite story is The Night Before Christmas. Santa's elves also love sports. Their favorite sport is snowball fighting. Santa's Elves live for a very long time. Children's happiness and belief in the magic of Christmas keeps Elves alive and well. So remember to never lose the spirit of Christmas. Popular boy elf names are Jingles, Buddy, Charlie, Jax. Popular girl elf names are Nellie, Elfie, Princess Cupcake, and Trixie.