

Answers to your Questions to Santa

1. Santa can I be an elf?

Santa's Reply: Yes you can, when you turn 150 years old you can apply at the North Pole's Employment Office. When you get accepted you have to go to Elf College for thirty years.

2. Can we visit you at the North Pole?

Santa's Reply: You can always visit me at the North Pole in your dreams and imagination, but the only way to physically visit there is to be invited to come and attend Elf College and live there as an Elf.

3. How can you read every letter you get?

That takes a lot of my time when I'm not making or delivering toys. I have gotten pretty good at speed reading. If I really try, I can read 100 letters every minute. And, I have lots of elves that are assigned to the North Pole Post Office that make shorter versions of some of the longer letters, before I read them.

4. How can you remember so many names?

Well, you see, I have spent many years remembering names. Most of the children, I am very familiar with and know them because of watching over them while they were growing up. And, usually I have a memory elf with me to help me remember how to say some of the more unusual names from different countries. Like Zuazuazua from the Land of Nod.

5. How did you meet Mrs. Claus?

Actually, I met her while I was attending Elf College. She was the most beautiful elf I had ever seen. She was learning how to make the best Christmas cookies in The North Pole bakery. I thought she made the best cookies, so we started dating. And the rest is history.

6. How do the reindeer and your sleigh fly?

It takes special magic dust to make the reindeer and toy sleigh fly. The red fairies are the makers of that kind of dust and they bring a supply to The North Pole every season, just before Christmas so we can put it in the reindeer food.

7. How do you get all those toys in that bag?

It kind of amazes me, too, that the bag can hold so many toys. Sometime, I may tell you about green fairy dust.

8. How do you get in the house if there's no chimney?

Many houses don't have chimneys, these days and in some parts of the world nobody has a chimney. So, we had to work out a special way for me to get into those houses. I have a magic key that only works for me and only works on Christmas Eve that will let me into any house for a one-time visit.

9. How do you get to every house in the world in one night?

That was a special course I took at Elf College. And, it's one of the things I learned there, that I'm not supposed to tell others about. It's a big secret.

10. How do you know if a child is naughty or nice?

First of all, please know this. Every child is nice some of the time and naughty some of the time. Many times, all I must do is look in their eyes and I can tell if they are nice at that moment. I also have Naughty or Nice detectors for those that are more trouble. I have found that even the naughty children have nice things about them.

11. How do you know if I move to a different house?

There is a whole group of elves that have no other job other than keeping track of where children are going to be on Christmas Eve. In all my years, there have only been a couple of times that the elves didn't know. And that was long before we got computers to help us keep track of them.

12. How do you know which toys go to which child?

It used to be that there were not so many children and not so many different kinds of toys. Nowadays, we have computers to help us remember who gets what. And, if we can't find it, we bring them something special that we know they will love, even if it wasn't what they asked for.

13. How fast does your sleigh go?

On Christmas Eve, the reindeer and the toy sleigh can fly at the SPEED OF MAGIC, which is even faster than the SPEED OF LIGHT. That is over a million miles per second. I really must hold onto my hat when we hit that speed. Fortunately, we only have to do it a few times and we get caught back up.

14. How in the world do you get ponies in your sleigh?

The truth is, I don't actually deliver live ponies any more. I used to, but they started jumping out of the sleigh at 32,000 feet above the Earth and ponies can't fly, so the government made me stop delivering live ones. However, I can still deliver toy ponies. And, parents can bring live ponies for their children, if there is a good place for them to live. Having and taking care of a pony is a very big responsibility.

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