

# Symbols

## Christmas Tree

Christmas Tree is decorated with coloured glass balls and toys, sweets, bells, garlands. There is usually a bright star or the figure of the Christmas angel at the top of the tree. The first Christmas Tree came to England in 1841 from Germany. Nowadays, in London, near the statue of Lord Nelson in Trafalgar Square, a giant Christmas Tree is set up and decorated each year. The Tree is a present from the people in Oslo, Norway. It is believed that it brings good luck.



Let's decorate Christmas Tree



# Santa Claus

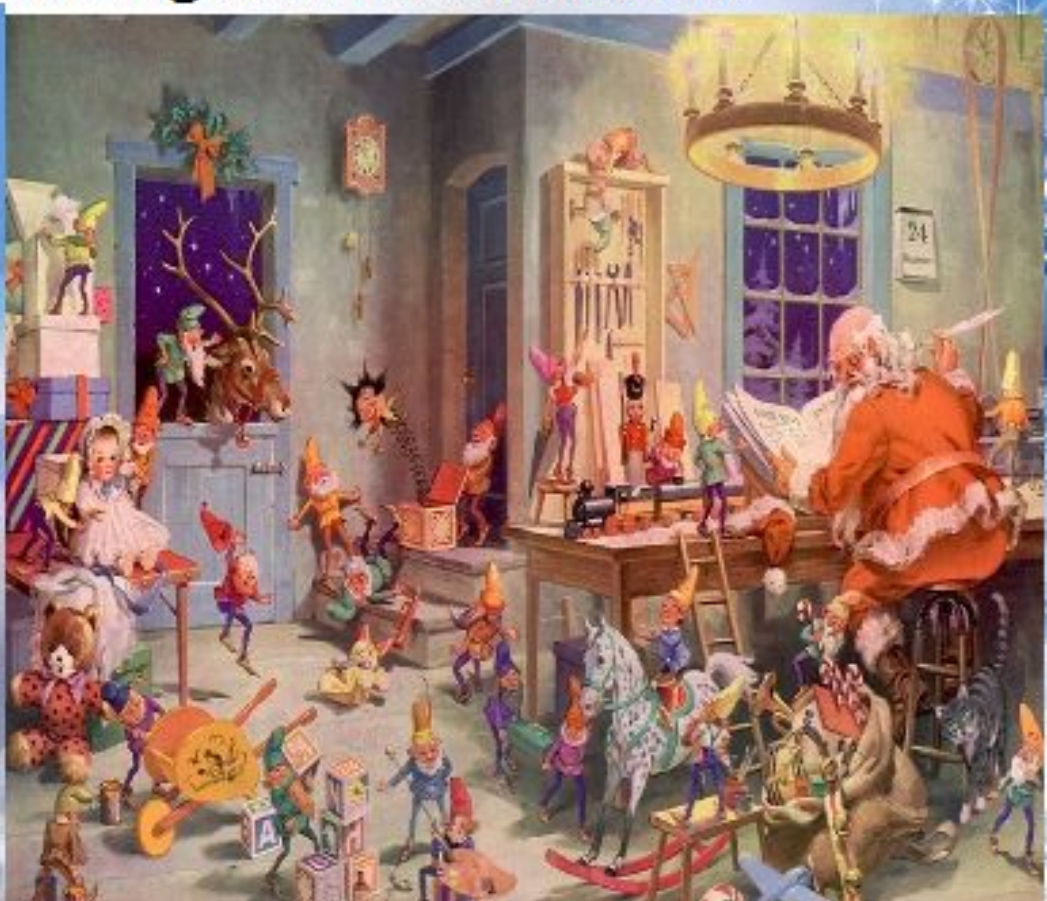
Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, or simply "Santa", is an old man who, in many brings gifts to the homes of the good children during the late evening and overnight hours of Christmas.



There are many different versions of Santa Claus around the world including Saint Nicholas in France, Kriss Kringle in the US, and Hans in Denmark, Grand



**Santa Claus is generally depicted as a plump, jolly, white-bearded man wearing a red coat with white collar and cuffs, white-cuffed red trousers, and black leather belt and boots. The name 'Santa Claus' comes from the Dutch Sinter Klaus, short for Sinter Nicholas or Saint Nicholas. Children write letters to Santa Claus and tell him what gifts they would like to get. Santa lives with a large number of magical elves, and nine (originally eight) flying reindeer. The magical elves help him in coming true children's dreams.**





Birthplace of Santa Claus is Lapland. The same views are prevalent, the birthplace of Santa Claus is the North Pole.

# The very first Santa picture

often depicted him wearing a variety of different colour coats including green, blue and mauve. The modern day depiction or picture of Santa Claus wearing a red coat only became standard in the 1920's.



# Различие санты клауса и деда мороза

- Текст слайда

# Santa Claus's deers

Santa Claus' deer is a team of flying deer traditionally held to pull the sleigh of Santa Claus and help him deliver Christmas gifts. Santa usually travels in his sleigh.

Dancer ("Танцор"),  
Prancer ("Гарцующий"),  
Vixen ("Злобный"),  
Comet ("Комета"),  
Cupid ("Купидон"),  
Donner ("Болван"),  
Blitzen ("Молниеносный")  
Rudolf ("Рудольф").



The Red-Nosed Reindeer Rudolph pulls Santa in his sleigh.





## B. Read about Rudolf!



Hello I'm Rudolf! I'm Santa's chief reindeer. Look at my nose! It's very red. I live at the North Pole with Santa for most of the year. It's very cold there. On Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup> December) I help Santa take the Christmas presents to good children. We fly through the air very fast. Santa has a big sleigh to carry all the presents. Maybe we'll bring YOU a present!

1. What colour is Rudolf's nose?
2. What kind of animal is Rudolf?
3. Where does Rudolf live?
4. What is Rudolf's job?
5. How does Santa take all the presents?



**Children write letters to Santa Claus  
and tell him what gifts they would like**

Elfs help Santa Claus

*Christmas Wish List*

Please, please, please...This is what I am  
wishing to get for Christmas:




Do you like presents?

What presents would you like to have ?

I would like to have...





# Christmas Stockings

On Christmas Eve children hang their Christmas stockings on their beds or near fire place. A Christmas stocking is not a real stoking. It is big and beautifully decorated. Children believe that Santa Claus will come down the chimney and fill the stockings with presents. A carrot for the deer is usually left on the mantelpiece. Откуда

пришла эта традиция





# A Christmas wreath

A Christmas wreath hanging on your front door symbolizes a sign of welcome and long life for all who enter. Holly and mistletoe are used to decorate the house. They put branches of holly and mistletoe over the doors



Poinsettia /пуансеттия/ Poinsettias are popular Christmas decorations in homes, churches, offices. It is a traditional Christmas flower. In Mexico (its original birthplace), the poinsettia is known as "The flower of the Holly Night"

Mistletoe /омела/ It is tied with ribbons and hung up in doorways. Mistletoe was often hung over the entrances to homes of the pagans to keep out evil spirits. In ancient Scandinavia, mistletoe was associated with peace and friendship.



Holly /остролист/ Decorating the house with "boughs of holly" is an old B







# Christmas card

The first Christmas card was designed in 1843 by English artist J. C. Horsley. Robins on cards were a joke 150 years ago when postmen wore red tunics and were named after them. People send greeting cards to all their relatives and friends



# Imagine that you are going to make a Christmas card to your best friend yourself. What will you draw?

- You can choose the following
- Christmas Tree
  - an Angel
  - a cake
  - a roast turkey
  - Santa Claus
  - Christmas stocking
  - a fireplace
  - a bell
  - a bunch of mistletoe
  - a candle
  - any other ideas?



Begin your sentences with :

Let my card will tell you...

I put on my card...

# Dear Mark,



I want to tell you how we celebrated Christmas. We sent many

to our friends. We decorated a beautiful



and bought many



My mother made a huge



and cooked a



We invited our friends and had a merry party. We wore



We sang

songs,  listen to music and

very much!



games. I



the party

Best wishes,

Nick

[Pedsovet.ru](http://Pedsovet.ru)



Debra Gelsinger  
©2004