

Advanced - Story 4

Class Objective: I will be able to read the story, learn new vocabulary and answer the questions based on it.

Concept A: Story:

Christmas Story

It was Christmas Eve at the North Pole and Father Christmas did what he did every year. He loaded up his sleigh with his sack of toys, hitched the eight reindeer that would be helping him this year and set off on his annual trip delivering presents to children around the world.

The international date line means that Christmas starts in the Pacific and moves west around the world for the next 24 hours, so Santa has a full day to deliver all the presents to all the children around the world. Flying down through the Pacific islands, delivering presents on the way, Santa reached the islands of New Zealand.

Now the houses in New Zealand that have chimneys, have very narrow chimneys, so narrow that even Father Christmas has trouble getting down them. He was on one of the last stops in Auckland, New Zealand's biggest city, when he got stuck in a particularly narrow chimney.

It took several minutes of frantic struggling, but eventually Santa managed to free himself, deliver the bike, dolls and pram, remove the soot, have a drink of the brandy that had been left and return to his sleigh which as always was parked on the roof. However, there was one small problem, his glasses had fallen off.

He was halfway to Japan when he realised that he wasn't able to see as well as he should.

Oh well, he thought, I'll just have to do without.

Santa was in Japan, when his lack of glasses became a problem. It was night, which it was always when delivering presents, even to those near the South Pole, when Randolph and Tim the two lead reindeer struck one of Japan's many temples. Santa's inability to steer properly had become a problem. The sleigh fell over, the reindeer had become separated from it and were looking for some nice fresh Japanese lichens to eat.

Father Christmas picked himself up, turned the sleigh the right way up, picked up his sack and went off to collect the reindeer.

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