



Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
Can I have a
candy store?



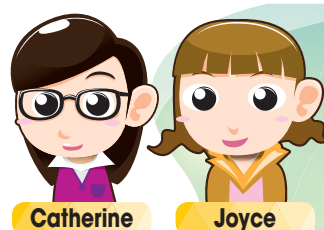
Editor's Note

Hi! Christmas Day will arrive soon! The Christmas season really is the most wonderful time of the year. When I was at school we would exchange Christmas cards with each other. It became a popularity contest to see who got the most Christmas cards. Every year we performed the nativity play to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. And then there was the big feast of turkey and the dreaded Brussels sprouts! They are so bitter but it is a tradition to eat them at that time of the year. In *Goodies* we have many articles on Christmas. Best of all are the activities on pages 6 and 7. Have a good time during this holiday and Merry Christmas to you all!



Simon

MERRY Christmas, dear readers! The members of the Goodies family are very excited. Miss Dolphie has given them an extraordinary assignment – write to Santa. You can send your letter to Santa in Hong Kong (To Santa Claus, General Post Office, 2 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong); you can mail your letter to the United Kingdom, France, New Zealand and even Finland, home of the most famous Santa in the world!



Catherine

Joyce

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Santa in Finland

SANTA lives in his own village in Finland (芬蘭) deep in the Arctic Circle (北極圈北部). His office at Santa Park is very busy all year round especially at Christmas time!

Hello Santa!

My name is Big Dee. I have been a good boy.

Please, can I have lots

of chocolate and potato chips for Christmas?

Remember, I want A LOT!

Yours, Big Dee



Christmas wishes

SANTA Claus receives 500,000 letters from all over the **globe** each year. That is a huge number of letters, is it not? Certainly, Santa cannot handle them all on his own, so he **hires** these wonderful elves (see the picture) to sort them

out. If you want to receive a letter from Santa after you have written to him, you have to pay a small fee.

If you are interested, go to <http://www.santaclausvillage.info/>

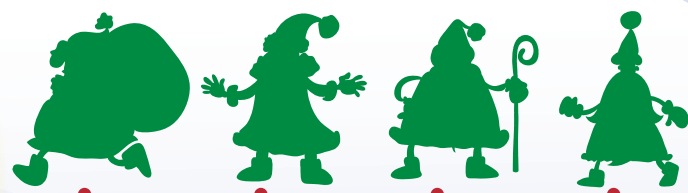


Christmas cheer

DECEMBER is Santa's busiest month, but he is actually busy all the time. Every day, 300 people **flock** to his village to visit him. Apart from meeting him, they also learn how to ride a **sleigh**, learn about nature and **undergo** a **wilderness survival** experience. It sounds fun, so if you have the chance to visit Finland, drop by Santa's home and make sure to see the wonderful Northern Lights (北極光).



Match the right Santa!



Answers on G12