

A Very Merry Christmas

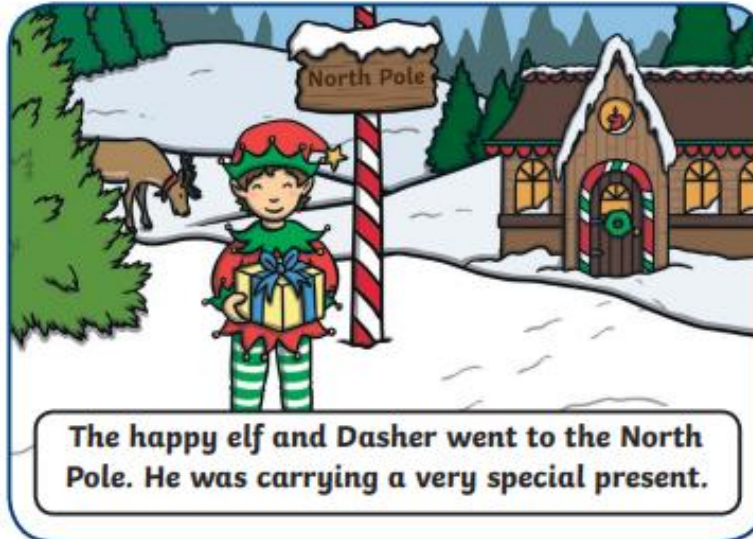
Step 1 Starting Reading Skills



Q1: Who went to the North Pole?

Tick **two**.

- the elf
- a girl
- a house
- Dasher



The happy elf and Dasher went to the North Pole. He was carrying a very special present.

Q2: Which word describes the elf?

Tick **one**.

- Dasher
- north
- happy
- special



Q3: What was the happy elf carrying?
Answer with a full sentence.



Q4: What do you think the elf will do with the present? Answer with a full sentence.

This week we would like the children to have a go at the reading comprehensions. Please complete 'Step 1 'A Very Merry Christmas' and if you feel able you could complete step 2 'Bumps in the Night'. We have included the answers so you can check. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs French, Mrs Dent and Miss Havercroft.



A Very Merry Christmas **Answers**

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Q3: What was the happy elf carrying? Answer with a full sentence.

Accept the answer 'a present' provided that it is given within a full sentence, such as "the elf was carrying a present."

Q4: What do you think the elf will do with the present?

Answer with a full sentence.

Accept any logical answer written in a full sentence, such as "The elf might the present to Santa" or "The elf could give the present to a little boy."

Bumps in the Night



It was the night before Christmas and Tim could not sleep. He was so excited to see what Father Christmas was going to bring. Would he get the racing bike he had seen in the shop last week? Or would he get the sticky, gooey alien that he begged Granny for? He could not wait to find out.

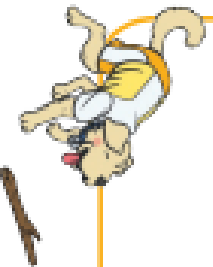
Q1: Write the missing word.

It was the night before Christmas and Tim could not _____.

Q2: What did Tim want for Christmas?

Tick two.

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| a racing bike | <input type="radio"/> | lots of sweets | <input type="radio"/> |
| a new game | <input type="radio"/> | a sticky alien | <input type="radio"/> |



Tim tossed and turned in his bed. He could not stop thinking about the amazing surprises in store for him. As he lay wide awake, he heard a strange noise coming from outside. The odd sound was coming from the roof.

Tim listened carefully. He could hear bells tinkling and heavy footsteps stomping along the roof. Tim held his breath. "Is that who I think it is?" he wondered.

Q3: Where were the noises coming from?



Q4: Find and copy **two** words which describe the noises Tim could hear.



As quietly as a mouse, Tim tiptoed out of his bedroom and half way down the stairs. He could hear crunching noises coming from the living room. "Who could be eating at this time of night?" thought Tim.

He rubbed his eyes and peered around the living room door. A tall man with a red suit and a bushy, white beard was standing in front of the Christmas tree, munching on a mince pie.

Q5: Who do you think the man is that Tim saw?

Why do you think that?



Q6: What do you think Tim did next?





Bumps in the Night Answers

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Q3: Where were the noises coming from?

Accept the answer 'the roof' only.

Q4: Find and copy **two** words which describe the noises Tim could hear.

Accept the answers 'strange' and 'odd' only.

Q5: Who do you think the man is that Tim saw?

Accept the answer 'Father Christmas' or any alternative name for him, e.g. Santa.

Why do you think that?

Accept any of the following pieces of evidence from the text used as a justification or any reasonable explanation, such as:

- **Because he was wearing a red suit.**
- **Because he had a white, bushy beard.**
- **Because it was Christmas Eve and that is when Father Christmas visits.**
- **Because the mince pie was left out for Santa and it was him eating it.**

Q6: What do you think Tim did next?

Accept any reasonable prediction based on the events of the text, such

as:

- **I think that Tim sneaked back upstairs and pretended to be asleep.**
- **Tim might have gone to meet Father Christmas.**
- **Tim might have woken up his parents and said that Father Christmas was downstairs.**
- **Tim might have asked Father Christmas what his presents were.**