

Santa Searches for Mrs. Claus

It was a few weeks before Christmas, and the North Pole was busier than ever. The elves ran around with toys, while the reindeer tapped their hooves excitedly on the ice.

But one thing made Santa nervous this winter: he had lost Mrs. Claus. “Never before,” he muttered, scratching his belly, “have I lost my Mrs. Claus during the preparations!”

The elves giggled quietly because they knew Santa often got confused without her. Santa straightened his red coat and put his tall hat on, determined to find her. He started at the reindeer stable, but only curious reindeer sniffed and shook their heads.

“Not here,” he sighed, taking his sleigh to walk through the village. The snow crunched under his heavy boots as he passed twinkling lights and decorated houses.

Suddenly, something sparkled behind an ice bear statue: it looked like a red glittery shoe.

“Could this be a clue?” he asked hopefully and ran to the shoe. To his shock, it was only an elf’s sock that had fallen in the snow. “Ah, what a day,” he said, shaking his head as snowflakes fell on his hat. But he did not give up and decided to make a list of possible places she could be: the reindeer stable, the cookie kitchen, and the toy workshop.

First, he went to the cookie kitchen, where a huge pot of freshly baked cookies steamed. He knocked on the door and called, “Mrs. Claus! Are you here?” An elf piped up, “Nope, she’s not in the kitchen. Want a cookie?” Santa took a cookie but kept thinking: where could she be?

Next, he ran to the workshop, where elves were busy wrapping toys and loading the sleigh.

“Have you seen my Mrs. Claus?” he asked the oldest elf. The elf scratched his ear and said, “Maybe in the Christmas forest?” The Christmas forest was dark, but twinkling lights and glistening snow hung everywhere. Santa walked carefully among the trees, straightening his red gloves. Suddenly, he heard loud laughter and the sound of bells: someone was having fun! He followed the sound and to his great relief saw Mrs. Claus playing with the reindeer.

“There you are!” he called joyfully, hugging her and tossing a snowball that landed softly on her back.

“Sorry,” she said, “I wanted to surprise you with a new reindeer dance.” Santa laughed heartily and decided to bring extra cookies this year to celebrate the adventure.

They walked back to the workshop together, and the elves applauded and cheered. Santa took a deep breath, "What would I do without you? Probably eat cookies everywhere and get lost!"

Mrs. Claus laughed, "Without me, you'd probably crash the sleigh into the snow." They hung their coats and started wrapping toys together, while the elves still giggled. The reindeer ran around happily, and their bells filled the air with joy. Everyone worked together, laughing at Santa's jokes, including when he accidentally put reindeer ears on his head.

After hours of work, they sat by the fireplace with hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. "What an adventure," said Santa, almost forgetting to chew in his excitement. Mrs. Claus squeezed his hand gently: "Next year, no adventures without each other." The elves nodded and whispered that they had a new prank ready for next Christmas, but nothing too dangerous.

Santa smiled, thinking that even a little chaos at the North Pole could be full of joy. They enjoyed the evening, listening to the soft snow outside and the jingle of the reindeer bells.

Laughter filled the room, and it felt as if the world paused just for them. They decided to tell the story of the search for Mrs. Claus to all new elves every year. "It's a lesson," said Mrs. Claus, "that even Santa sometimes needs help and that laughing is important."

Santa nodded in agreement and took another sip of hot chocolate. Everyone felt happy, and for the first time, the North Pole seemed warmer than ever, despite the snow and cold outside.

That night, they all slept with smiles, knowing they had shared an unforgettable Christmas.

20 Multiple-Choice Questions

1. Why was the North Pole busy this winter?
 - a) The elves were on vacation.
 - b) Santa was lost.
 - c) It was almost Christmas, and everyone was preparing.
 - d) It wasn't snowing.
2. What was Santa's problem?
 - a) His reindeer were gone.
 - b) He had lost Mrs. Claus.
 - c) He had no hot chocolate.
 - d) His sleigh didn't work.
3. Where did Santa begin his search?
 - a) At the forest.
 - b) At the reindeer stable.
 - c) In the town.
 - d) At the cookie kitchen.
4. What did Santa find behind the ice bear statue?
 - a) Mrs. Claus.
 - b) A red glittery sock.
 - c) A snowball.
 - d) A reindeer.
5. How did the elf in the kitchen respond?
 - a) He said Mrs. Claus wasn't there.
 - b) He called the police.
 - c) He gave Santa a reindeer.
 - d) He gave him a sleigh.
6. Where did the oldest elf suggest Mrs. Claus might be?
 - a) With the reindeer.
 - b) In the workshop.
 - c) In the Christmas forest.
 - d) On the moon.
7. What was Mrs. Claus doing in the Christmas forest?
 - a) Crying.
 - b) Sleeping.
 - c) Playing with the reindeer and laughing.
 - d) Eating cookies.

8. How did Santa feel when he found Mrs. Claus?
 - a) Sad.
 - b) Happy and relieved.
 - c) Angry.
 - d) Afraid.
9. What did Santa decide after the adventure?
 - a) Make more cookies.
 - b) Sell the reindeer.
 - c) Stop celebrating Christmas.
 - d) Go on vacation.
10. Who applauded when Santa and Mrs. Claus returned?
 - a) The reindeer.
 - b) The elves.
 - c) The snowmen.
 - d) No one.
11. What did Mrs. Claus do when she said the adventure should be different next year?
 - a) She laughed.
 - b) She cried.
 - c) She ran away.
 - d) She grabbed a reindeer.
12. How did the North Pole feel at the end of the evening?
 - a) Cold and quiet.
 - b) Warm and cheerful.
 - c) Restless.
 - d) Gloomy.
13. What did the elves often do during the story?
 - a) Sleep.
 - b) Make jokes and giggle.
 - c) Work alone.
 - d) Cry.
14. Why did Mrs. Claus tell the story every year?
 - a) To warn new elves.
 - b) For fun.
 - c) To teach that laughing and helping is important.
 - d) To get cookies.

15. How did Santa feel without Mrs. Claus?

- a) Confused and uncertain.
- b) Happy.
- c) Angry.
- d) Sleepy.

16. What did they do with the sleigh during the story?

- a) Decorated it with lights.
- b) Forgot about it.
- c) Used it to travel through the snow.
- d) Painted it red.

17. What did Santa accidentally do while decorating?

- a) Put reindeer ears on his head.
- b) Eat snowballs.
- c) Forget a cookie.
- d) Break the lights.

18. What did Santa and Mrs. Claus drink at the end of the evening?

- a) Tea.
- b) Hot chocolate.
- c) Coffee.
- d) Water.

19. What happened with the reindeer?

- a) They slept.
- b) They ran around happily.
- c) They disappeared.
- d) They argued.

20. What is the main message of the story?

- a) Christmas is only about cookies.
- b) Christmas is about laughing, helping, and being together.
- c) Christmas is about presents.
- d) Christmas is a boring time.

Answers and Explanations

1. **c)** It was almost Christmas, and everyone was preparing – the story mentions the North Pole being busy because Christmas was approaching.
2. **b)** He had lost Mrs. Claus – the main problem driving the story.
3. **d)** At the cookie kitchen – Santa began his search there.
4. **b)** A red glittery sock – a false clue that gave him hope.
5. **a)** He said Mrs. Claus wasn't there – but offered a cookie.
6. **c)** In the Christmas forest – the oldest elf's hint.
7. **c)** Playing with the reindeer and laughing – how Santa eventually found her.
8. **b)** Happy and relieved – he was joyful to find her.
9. **a)** Make more cookies – a humorous promise after the adventure.
10. **b)** The elves – they applauded when they returned.
11. **a)** She laughed – and suggested no dangerous adventures next year.
12. **b)** Warm and cheerful – despite the snow outside.
13. **b)** Make jokes and giggle – adds the humorous element to the story.
14. **c)** To teach that laughing and helping is important – the lesson of the story.
15. **a)** Confused and uncertain – motivates his search.
16. **c)** Used it to travel through the snow – the sleigh is used practically.
17. **a)** Put reindeer ears on his head – a funny mistake of Santa.
18. **b)** Hot chocolate – the warming ending drink.
19. **b)** They ran around happily – the festive element.
20. **b)** Christmas is about laughing, helping, and being together – the core message.