

Santa's Holiday



To: rudolph@thenorthpole.com

Subject: Having a great time on my holiday!

Hi Rudolph,

I thought I would send you an email to let you know how I am. I'm having a marvellous time on holiday but wish you were here! It is nice to relax after such a busy time! Don't worry, I will be home before your birthday on January 20th.

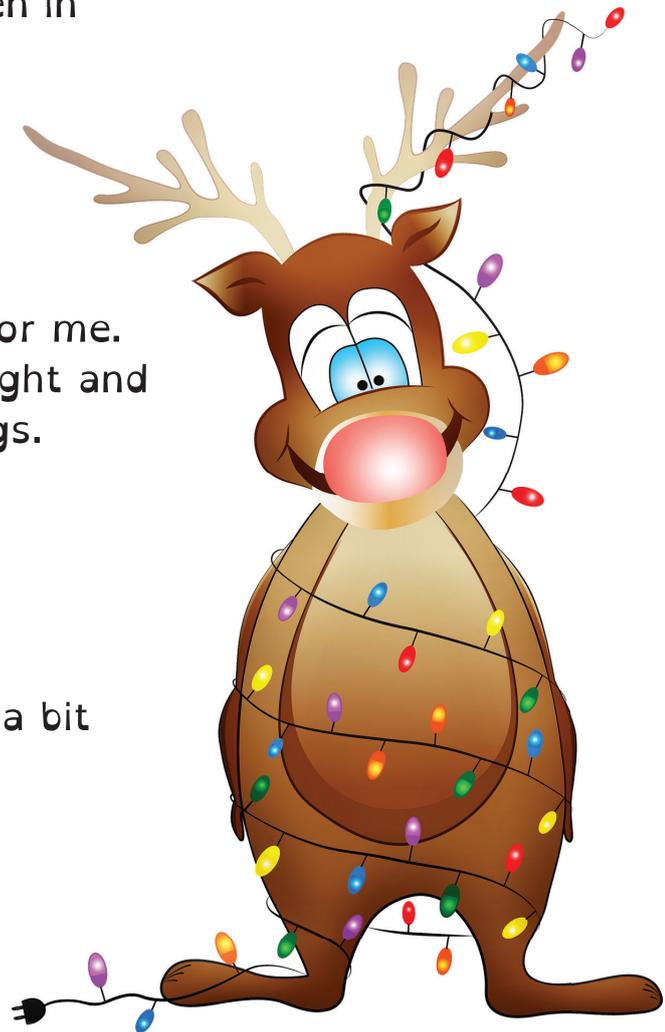
It is much warmer here than at the North Pole. The sun shines all day long and I have been in and out of the pool. I have been drinking coconut juice on the beach and even been in a hammock! The beach is lovely. It has beautiful white sand. It reminds me a bit of home. I have visited the local shops but had to wear a hat so nobody knew who I was!

Please take care of the other reindeer for me. They like it when you tuck them in at night and sing Jingle Bells or other Christmas songs.

See you soon!

Santa

P.S. Keep an eye on the elves. They get a bit lazy if I am not there.



VOCABULARY FOCUS

1. Which word tells you that Santa is really enjoying his holiday?
2. Can you find a word which is the opposite of colder?
3. Is a 'hammock'...
 - a) A make of car.
 - b) A fabric bed which hangs between two poles or trees.
 - c) A type of boat.
4. Which word means that the shops were close to where Santa was staying?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

- I** Explain why you think Santa says that the beach reminds him a bit of home?
- S** Pick out three of the things that Santa has done so far.
- P** Can you predict another song that the reindeer might like?
- I** When do you think Santa might have written the email? How do you know this?
- R** Why does Santa ask Rudolph to keep an eye on the elves?

Answers

1. Marvellous
2. Warmer
3. Answer b
4. Local

I- It was beautiful and white (like the snow).

S- Pick three of the things from the text.

P- Any suitable Christmas song.

I- Any time between Christmas Eve and January 20th. Acceptable to say 'just after Christmas' or 'after he has finished delivering the presents'.

R- The elves are lazy when Santa isn't there.