



INGLÉS

'Father Christmas' (or 'Santa Claus') has become the human face of Christmas. Pictures are seen everywhere of the old man with a long white beard, a red coat and a bag of toys. Children are taught by their parents that he brings them presents the night before Christmas and many children up to the age of 7 or 8 really believe this is true. In most countries, it is said that he lives near the North Pole, and arrives through the sky on a snow-cart pulled by a reindeer.

Father Christmas is based on a real person, St. Nicholas, which explains his other name 'Santa Claus' which comes from the Dutch 'Sinterklaas'. Nicholas was a Christian leader from Turkey who lived in the 4th century. He was very shy, and wanted to give money to poor people without them knowing about it. It is said that one day, he climbed the roof of a house and dropped some money down the chimney. It landed in the sock which a girl had put to dry by the fire! This may explain the belief that Father Christmas comes down the chimney and places gifts in children's socks.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does Father Christmas look like? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
2. Is the character of Father Christmas fictitious? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
3. What is the origin of the legend that says that Father Christmas comes down the chimney and places gifts in children's socks? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
4. Give the opposite of the following words taken from the text (eg. "arrive: *depart, go away,...*") (1'5 puntos):

bring / true / live / pull / poor / dry
5. Put the verbs in brackets in the appropriate form (1'5 puntos):
 - a) Father Christmas was so shy that he (not want) people (know) that he (give) them money.
 - b) Every Christmas, children (find) gifts which (place) in their socks. They (bring) by Santa Claus the night before.
6. How do you celebrate Christmas? (100 - 120 words) (4 puntos)