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Researchers work out Santa Claus' salary

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THE ARTICLE

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The researchers discovered that Santa is indeed a multi-skilled worker, who pretty much has to be a jack of all trades. Among his skills are reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney expert and map reader. The vast majority of his salary, however, comes from managing his toy factory. It is estimated the bearded one spends 2,912 hours a year organizing his elves and making sure toys for the world's children are of the right quality. He gets the standard \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest hourly rate is for the ten hours he spends being a sleigh pilot and delivering presents. Comparisons were made with airline pilots and researchers reckoned a sleigh pilot would earn \$62.31 an hour.

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WARM-UPS

1. SANTA CLAUS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Santa Claus. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

wondered / free / insurance / hypothetical / austerity / twice / caregivers / salary / researchers / multi-skilled / reindeer / map / majority / quality / hourly rate / pilot

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. MULTI-SKILLED: What skills and talents do these people have? How good are they at their job? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Skills	How good are they?
Santa Claus		
US President		
Boss of Apple		
A mother		
A soldier		
An astronaut		

4. KIDS: Students A **strongly** believe it's wrong to tell kids that Santa exists; Students B **strongly** believe it's OK to tell kids that Santa exists. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. SANTA'S TASKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most interesting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- reindeer handling
- piloting a sleigh
- wrapping presents
- reading kids mail
- chimney sweep
- cookie taster
- list checker
- talking to kids in malls

6. GIFT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "gift". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. People never question why or how Santa works for free. | T / F |
| b. An employment agency calculated a possible salary Santa might get. | T / F |
| c. Santa's imaginary salary was 1.5% higher this year than last. | T / F |
| d. A website asked Santa for his job description. | T / F |
| e. The article says Santa is limited in the number of skills he has. | T / F |
| f. Most of Santa's time is spent looking after the toy factory. | T / F |
| g. Santa gets just over \$40 an hour for looking after the toy factory. | T / F |
| h. Santa gets slightly over \$60 an hour for piloting his sleigh. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. wondered | a. talents |
| 2. come up with | b. correct |
| 3. hypothetical | c. thought of |
| 4. roughly | d. get |
| 5. task | e. thought about |
| 6. skills | f. gifts |
| 7. expert | g. job |
| 8. right | h. theoretical |
| 9. presents | i. specialist |
| 10. earn | j. about |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. People have wondered for years | a. measures |
| 2. come up with an answer to these | b. figure |
| 3. calculated a hypothetical | c. majority of his salary |
| 4. austerity | d. age-old questions |
| 5. the total time spent | e. of all trades |
| 6. Santa is indeed a multi- | f. rate |
| 7. be a jack | g. what Santa does |
| 8. The vast | h. pilot |
| 9. hourly | i. on each task |
| 10. sleigh | j. skilled worker |

GAP FILL

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People have (1) _____ for years what Santa does and how he does it for free. Researchers have now come up with an (2) _____ to these age-old questions. The insurance company insure.com has calculated a hypothetical (3) _____ of \$139,924 for Santa's efforts this year. This is a 1.5 per cent increase on last year, which is in keeping with austerity (4) _____ suffered by most people around the world. The figure is roughly (5) _____ the amount that caregivers in the USA would receive. Researchers at insure.com created a list of the (6) _____ jobs Santa performs throughout the year to create a job (7) _____. They then estimated the total time spent on each task to get the (8) _____ figure for Santa's annual salary.

figure
wondered
various
answer
twice
final
measures
description

The researchers discovered that Santa is (9) _____ a multi-skilled worker, who pretty much has to be a jack of all trades. Among his skills are reindeer handling, gift (10) _____, chimney expert and map reader. The vast (11) _____ of his salary, however, comes from managing his toy factory. It is estimated the (12) _____ one spends 2,912 hours a year organizing his elves and making sure toys for the world's children are of the right (13) _____. He gets the standard \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest (14) _____ rate is for the ten hours he spends being a sleigh (15) _____ and delivering presents. Comparisons were made with airline pilots and researchers (16) _____ a sleigh pilot would earn \$62.31 an hour.

wrapping
quality
pilot
indeed
bearded
reckoned
majority
hourly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) People have wondered for years what Santa does and how he _____
 - a. does it for flee
 - b. does it for flea
 - c. does it for free
 - d. does it for freed
- 2) Researchers have now come up with an answer to these _____
 - a. age-bold questions
 - b. age-old questions
 - c. age-odd questions
 - d. age-hold questions
- 3) The insurance company insure.com has calculated a _____
 - a. hypo-theoretical figure
 - b. hypothetical figure
 - c. hypothetically figure
 - d. high-potential figure
- 4) This is a 1.5 per cent increase on last year, which is in keeping with _____
 - a. austere measures
 - b. austerity measures
 - c. or sterility measures
 - d. and sterility measures
- 5) They then estimated the total time spent on each task to get _____
 - a. the final figure
 - b. the finally figure
 - c. the finalised figure
 - d. the finalise figure
- 6) The researchers discovered that Santa is indeed a _____
 - a. maxi-skilled worker
 - b. multi-skilled worker
 - c. malted-skilled worker
 - d. mini-skilled worker
- 7) Among his skills are reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney expert _____
 - a. and map leader
 - b. and map breeder
 - c. and map learner
 - d. and map reader
- 8) making sure toys for the world's children are _____
 - a. from the right quality
 - b. by the right quality
 - c. of the right quality
 - d. at the right quality
- 9) His highest hourly rate is for the ten hours he spends _____
 - a. being a sleigh pilot
 - b. been a sleigh pilot
 - c. be in a sleigh pilot
 - d. bring a sleigh pilot
- 10) researchers reckoned a sleigh pilot would _____ an hour
 - a. earn \$62.31
 - b. learn \$62.31
 - c. yearn \$62.31
 - d. spurn \$62.31

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary.html>

1. What have people wondered for years?

2. What kind of company calculated Santa's salary?

3. How much higher is Santa's salary for 2014 than it was in 2013?

4. How much more might Santa earn than a caregiver in the USA?

5. What did researchers create a list of?

6. What kind of worker did researchers say Santa was?

7. What task brings Santa the most income?

8. How many hours a year does he spend organizing elves?

9. What does Santa get paid \$40.09 an hour for doing?

10. Who gets \$62.31 an hour besides Santa?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary.html>

1. What have people wondered for years?
 - a) why Santa wears red
 - b) who Santa is
 - c) what Santa does
 - d) whether or not Santa gets a present
2. What kind of company calculated Santa's salary?
 - a) an insurance company
 - b) a gift wrapping company
 - c) a toy company
 - d) a recruitment agency
3. How much higher is Santa's salary for 2014 than it was in 2013?
 - a) 5%
 - b) three per cent
 - c) 2.5%
 - d) 1.5%
4. How much more might Santa earn than a caregiver in the USA?
 - a) 5 times
 - b) two times
 - c) three times
 - d) two times
5. What did researchers create a list of?
 - a) countries Santa visits
 - b) presents
 - c) Santa's tasks
 - d) reindeer
6. What kind of worker did researchers say Santa was?
 - a) happy
 - b) multi-skilled
 - c) fast
 - d) professional
7. What task brings Santa the most income?
 - a) starring in movies
 - b) working in shopping malls
 - c) looking after reindeer
 - d) managing the toy factory
8. How many hours a year does he spend organising elves?
 - a) 2,129
 - b) 2,912
 - c) 2,921
 - d) 2,192
9. What does Santa get paid \$40.09 an hour for doing?
 - a) managing the toy factory
 - b) giving interviews
 - c) reading letters
 - d) shopping mall appearances
10. Who gets \$62.31 an hour besides sleigh pilots?
 - a) delivery agents
 - b) toy designers
 - c) Frosty the Snowman
 - d) airline pilots

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Reindeer handling

You think reindeer handling is the best of Santa's jobs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): gift wrapping, piloting a sleigh or talking to kids.

Role B – Gift wrapping

You think gift wrapping is the best of Santa's jobs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): reindeer handling, piloting a sleigh or talking to kids.

Role C – Piloting a sleigh

You think piloting a sleigh is the best of Santa's jobs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): reindeer handling, gift wrapping or talking to kids.

Role D – Talking to kids

You think talking to kids is the best of Santa's jobs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): reindeer handling, piloting a sleigh or gift wrapping.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'annual' and 'salary'.

annual	salary
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• how• figure• 1.5• keeping• twice• task	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• multi• gift• vast• sure• highest• earn
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SANTA CLAUS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Santa Claus in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SANTA CLAUS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'salary'?
- 3) What do you think of the idea of Santa Claus?
- 4) Does \$140,000 sound a good salary for what Santa does?
- 5) What do you think Santa does every day?
- 6) When should parents tell kids the truth about Santa?
- 7) Is a 1.5% pay rise good?
- 8) What do you think of austerity measures?
- 9) What do you think Santa's job description is like?
- 10) Should Santa get paid or should he do what he does for free?

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SANTA CLAUS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How multi-skilled are you?
- 13) What would it be like to be a jack of all trades?
- 14) How do you think you would do at Santa's jobs?
- 15) What do you think is the best part of Santa's job?
- 16) What problem might Santa have with his elves in the factory?
- 17) What do you know about the origins of Santa?
- 18) What do you think is the hardest part of Santa's job?
- 19) What do you think Santa thinks of Christmas?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Santa Claus?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) winded | (b) wondered | (c) wounded | (d) wandered |
| 2. | (a) how | (b) age | (c) era | (d) ten |
| 3. | (a) hypnotic | (b) hypnosis | (c) hypothesis | (d) hypothetical |
| 4. | (a) hurt | (b) suffered | (c) pained | (d) stressed |
| 5. | (a) last | (b) list | (c) lost | (d) lest |
| 6. | (a) finality | (b) finally | (c) final | (d) finalise |
| 7. | (a) so | (b) that | (c) indeed | (d) very |
| 8. | (a) listener | (b) speaker | (c) reader | (d) writer |
| 9. | (a) boarded | (b) barbed | (c) beaded | (d) bearded |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) be | (c) so | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) being | (b) been | (c) bringing | (d) banging |
| 12. | (a) adjusted | (b) contrived | (c) reckoned | (d) promised |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. People have downdeer for years
2. rcisaenun company
3. calculated a oclphtieaty figure
4. teirtuasy measures
5. yroluhg twice the amount
6. gouhturhot the year

Paragraph 2

7. gift wppagirn
8. chimney erxpet
9. The vast jmytiaro of his salary
10. He gets the dnadsatr \$40.09 an hour
11. a elhigs pilot
12. dielvinegr presents

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	the total time spent on each task to get the final figure for Santa's annual salary.
()	of the various jobs Santa performs throughout the year to create a job description. They then estimated
()	up with an answer to these age-old questions. The insurance company insure.com has calculated a hypothetical
()	figure of \$139,924 for Santa's efforts this year. This is a 1.5 per cent increase on last year, which is in
()	reader. The vast majority of his salary, however, comes from managing his toy factory. It is estimated
()	much has to be a jack of all trades. Among his skills are reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney expert and map
()	pilots and researchers reckoned a sleigh pilot would earn \$62.31 an hour.
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()	the amount that caregivers in the USA would receive. Researchers at insure.com created a list
()	rate is for the ten hours he spends being a sleigh pilot and delivering presents. Comparisons were made with airline
()	keeping with austerity measures suffered by most people around the world. The figure is roughly twice
()	the bearded one spends 2,912 hours a year organizing his elves and making sure toys for the world's children
()	are of the right quality. He gets the standard \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest hourly

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. have Santa wondered does for years People what.

2. an with up Come questions old - age these to answer.

3. has calculated Insure a hypothetical com figure.

4. Santa Created of jobs list various performs a the.

5. then total on They the spent task estimated time each.

6. skilled indeed worker a multi Santa - is.

7. are of the right quality Making sure toys for children.

8. standard He for gets this an \$40.09 the hour.

9. hours being pilot ten spends sleigh The he a.

10. pilot earn reckoned sleigh would Researchers a \$62.31.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary.html>

People have *wondered / wandered* for years what Santa does and how he does it for free. Researchers have now come *down / up* with an answer to these age-old questions. The *insurance / insure* company insure.com has calculated a hypothetical *figure / numeral* of \$139,924 for Santa's efforts this year. This is a 1.5 per cent increase *in / on* last year, which is *in / on* keeping with austerity measures suffered by most people around the world. The figure is *roughly / rough* twice the amount that caregivers in the USA would receive. Researchers at insure.com created a list *for / of* the various jobs Santa performs *throughout / of* the year to create a job description. They then estimated the total time spent on each task to get the final figure for Santa's *annual / annually* salary.

The researchers discovered that Santa is *deed / indeed* a multi-skilled worker, who *pretty / cute* much has to be a jack of all trades. *Among / Between* his skills are reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney expert and map *read / reader*. The vast majority of his salary, however, comes from managing *his / him* toy factory. It is estimated the *braided / bearded* one spends 2,912 hours a year organizing *his / this* elves and making sure toys for the world's children are *off / of* the right quality. He gets the standard \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest hourly rate is for the ten hours he spends *been / being* a sleigh pilot and delivering presents. Comparisons were made with airline pilots and researchers reckoned a sleigh pilot would *yearn / earn* \$62.31 an hour.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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v_st m_j_r_ty _f h_s s_l_ry, h_w_v_r, c_m_s fr_m
m_n_g_ng h_s t_y_f_ct_ry. _t _s_ _st_m_t_d th_
b__rd_d_n_ sp_nds 2,912 h__rs _y__r _rg_n_z_ng h_s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141213-santa-salary.html>

people have wondered for years what santa does and how he does it for free researchers have now come up with an answer to these age-old questions the insurance company insurecom has calculated a hypothetical figure of \$139924 for santa's efforts this year this is a 15 per cent increase on last year which is in keeping with austerity measures suffered by most people around the world the figure is roughly twice the amount that caregivers in the usa would receive researchers at insurecom created a list of the various jobs santa performs throughout the year to create a job description they then estimated the total time spent on each task to get the final figure for santa's annual salary

the researchers discovered that santa is indeed a multi-skilled worker who pretty much has to be a jack of all trades among his skills are reindeer handling gift wrapping chimney expert and map reader the vast majority of his salary however comes from managing his toy factory it is estimated the bearded one spends 2912 hours a year organizing his elves and making sure toys for the world's children are of the right quality he gets the standard \$4009 an hour for this his highest hourly rate is for the ten hours he spends being a sleigh pilot and delivering presents comparisons were made with airline pilots and researchers reckoned a sleigh pilot would earn \$6231 an hour

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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People have wondered for years what Santa does and how he does it for free. Researchers have now come up with an answer to these age-old questions. The insurance company insure.com has calculated a hypothetical figure of \$139,924 for Santa's effort this year. This is a 1.5 percent increase on last year, which is in keeping with austerity measures suffered by most people around the world. The figure is roughly twice the amount that caregivers in the USA would receive. Researchers at insure.com created a list of the various jobs Santa performs throughout the year to create a job description. They then estimated the total time spent on each task to get the final figure for Santa's annual salary. The researchers discovered that Santa is indeed a multi-skilled worker, who pretty much has to be a jack of all trades. Among his skills are reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney expert and map reader. The vast majority of his salary, however, comes from managing his toy factory. It is estimated the bearded one spends 2,912 hours a year organizing himself and making sure toys for the world's children are of the right quality. He gets the standard \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest hourly rate is for the ten hours he spends being a sleigh pilot and delivering presents. Comparisons were made with airline pilots and researchers reckoned a sleigh pilot would earn \$62.31 an hour.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Santa Claus. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SALARIES: Make a poster about salaries around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SANTA'S SALARY: Write a magazine article about whether or not Santa should get a salary. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Santa Claus. Ask him/her three questions about Santa. Give him/her three ideas on how to reward Santa for his efforts. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. wondered | a. thought about |
| 2. come up with | b. thought of |
| 3. hypothetical | c. theoretical |
| 4. roughly | d. about |
| 5. task | e. job |
| 6. skills | f. talents |
| 7. expert | g. specialist |
| 8. right | h. correct |
| 9. presents | i. gifts |
| 10. earn | j. get |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. What Santa does
2. An insurance company
3. 1.5%
4. Twice as high
5. Santa's tasks
6. A multi-skilled worker
7. Managing the toy factory
8. 2,912
9. Managing the toy factory / quality control
10. Airline pilots

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)