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'I would like Puppy Yuppies, Boy Preemie and Eleroo'

Dear Santa,
This is my list. Cabbage clothes, Baby tugs in the Care Bears, Upsy Baby, Peaches and Cream Barbie, A Wuzzle Rhinokey. I've tried to be a good girl and do what I'm told for Mommy and Daddy. I will leave a treat out for you and I'll have something out for your reindeer.
Love, your friend Shawna Puckering,
RR1 Georgetown

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl for mommy and daddy. For Christmas I would like: Candle AM-FM cassette recorder, Puppy Yuppies, Boy Preemie, Day and Night Barbie, Eleroo Wuzzle, Wuzzle Slumber Bag. I will leave you and your reindeer a treat.
Love, Kelly Puckering,
RR1 Georgetown

Dear Shawna and Kelly,
Well, two treats from the same home is a treat indeed. The reindeer like carrots rather than sweet things when they are working. Dancer once ate too many chocolate chip cookies on the job, got a cramp and had to rest for most of Alberta. Both of you print very well and your lists are very concise and orderly. It is interesting that you, Kelly, have been a good girl and Shawna has tried to be a good girl. Remember, you can both learn from each other. I know there is a lot of good and a little bad in both of you and I love you for it.
Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good. How are the reindeers? I like you. Please could I have a hockey stick, a hockey net, and a hockey puck. Or a Kit car. I am 6 years old. I know what 3 plus 1 is - 4.
Love Adam Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? Is Misses Claus Baking yet? Can I please have the Voltrol lion set. I have been good this year. By by.
By Steven Jackson

Dear Adam and Steven,
Those were brave calculations you made in your letter Adam. I'm glad you have the confidence to show your math skills to Santa. Math is an important part of my work. Not only is there all that accounting and ordering of materials for toys but I also have to navigate my sleigh all over the world. Practice your hocky and perhaps some day you will get three goals and one assist in a game. That's four points. I guess you knew. Thank you for asking about the reindeer Steven. They like to know they are thought of. Each one of them is working on a get into shape program that will make them as strong as they can be for Christmas. Mrs. Claus has had to stop baking carrot cake so they will remain fit. The reindeer love it and eat it regularly throughout the year, except near Christmas. Mrs. Claus starts to bake with the help of a few elves just before Christmas so when we return from our world tour there is plenty to eat, including carrot cake.
Love Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kevin Bauer and I am 4 years old. I have a baby brother named Andrew. He is 3 months old. I would like for Christmas: Cyclone Character, Coptor GoBot, Scooter GoBot, Staks GoBot. My brother would like Brown Teddy Bear, Rattle. Thank you very much and Merry Christmas!
Love Kevin and Andrew Bauer,
Georgetown

Dear Kevin and Andrew,
Writing your letter in bright pink is a good way to get Santa's attention. I was just about to take a nap, but your bright ink gave me new energy. Thank you I need it this time of year. Well I can see our Go Bot toys are appreciated. Coming up with new toys to suit the times is a difficult chore. It's nice to see that teddy bears are still enjoyed too.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
Have you and your elves been working hard? My brother Jeffrey and me are good children most of the time. I do helper jobs for my mommy like making my bed and setting the table. My brother wants a new riding toy and some cars. I would like Bed Bugs, She-Ra, and striped socks. Thank you.
Leanne Knapp, age 6
Mary St., Georgetown

Dear Leanne,
You are earning extra good points by putting your brother's requests before your own. Santa does not overlook these things. I also appreciate the honesty you show when you say, "My brother Jeffrey and me are good most of the time." It should not be too difficult getting you striped socks because I often wear them. Mrs. Claus is a terrific knitter. I will try to bring the right kind of bed bug too. Ho Ho Ho.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! We hope there will be lots of snow on Christmas Day. I would like a new guitar, a microphone and a toy piano.
Ryan Bailey
I would like a toy guitar, a motorcycle and a motorcycle man.
Mark Bailey
We love you Santa and we'll leave you some cookies and milk for you to

eat at our house on Christmas Eve.

Dear Ryan and Mark,
I'm glad to hear from two young musicians. When we are not working at the North Pole music is one of our favorite pastimes. I sing bass, Mrs. Claus plays piano and the elves take care of the high notes. It is a good thing when brothers have similar interests. "Music in the family is always a blessing", my mother used to say. I hope you learn some Christmas songs. Thank you for your letter and the promise of the treat.
Love Santa

Cher Pere Noel:
I am in grade one at Ecole Sacre-Coeur. I was good this year. Four Noel je voudrais le camlon "animal" rouge, un livre des calmours, et un jeu. Thank you for the gifts last Christmas. Joyeux Noel.
Ryan Jenkins

P.S. Say Hi to Rudolph
Dear Ryan,
Your French, what I saw of it anyway, is excellent. I am glad you liked the gifts I gave you last year. Sometimes children aren't happy. Sometimes I get mixed up and deliver gifts to the wrong homes. It sounds like you got the right things last year. I will try to maintain my record and get you the right things this year too. Give your parents a merry Christmas hug for good luck just in case I need it. I hope you don't mind me not answering your letter in French. It is a beautiful language to speak, but my writing of it is not as good as my writing in English.
Joyeux Noel, Santa

Dear Santa,
I hope your elves are feeling good and you too. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve. From you I would like a walkie-talkie or a magic show or a G.I. Joe radio or a learning game.
Love Lee

P.S. Before I go to bed I will leave you out some hot chocolate and snacks for everyone.
Dear Lee,
Thank you for the promise of the hot chocolate and snacks. I will try to arrive before it becomes cold chocolate. Don't worry about us. We take special care Christmas night and rarely are there any accidents. The skies usually co-operate. Sometimes it is a little difficult landing, especially on homes with narrow roofs, but we manage. I will try and get you your walkie-talkie. I know they can be a lot of fun when a friend also has one. The elves love to use them in the workshop during breaks. Take care.
Love Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? My name is Casey Lynn and I am 18 months old. I wrote my own letter but Mommy didn't think you would be able to understand it, so she re-wrote it. I would like a bike for Christmas so when all the other kids are out riding I will be able to ride with them. I would also like a pair of slippers to wear in the basement. And the last thing I would like is a cradle for my baby dolls. I hope you will be able to bring these things to my house. I will have cookies and beer waiting for you. Merry Christmas!
Love Casey Miller,
Kingham Rd., Acton

Dear Casey Lynn,
Well, I thank your mother for rewriting your letter, although it really wasn't necessary. I have elves trained to read me the most difficult requests, I mean the ones that are difficult to read. If you start riding a bicycle now you will be riding in the Olympics some day for Canada. You sound like a practical fellow. Like you I need slippers so I can go into the basement at my home at the North Pole. I would rather you left me milk instead of beer. We must all do what we can to prevent drinking and driving. My reindeer refuse to fly for me if they suspect that I have had so much as a sip of beer. For that reason I never drink it. I'll see you soon.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a couple of things. First I would like a Barbie car and a Barbie bubble bath then I would like a Barbie dream home, one side has a bed and a closet I hope I can get what I'm asking for. P.S. Have a Merry Christmas. Thank you.
Love Angie Thibeault,
Poplar Ave., Acton

Dear Angie,
There is never anything else but a merry Christmas for Santa. Especially when I receive letters with so many hearts. I never tire of hearing I am loved. Few people ever do, especially moms and dads. You're a real Barbie fan. There are thousands of fans like you. Ask your mother? I bet she liked Barbie when she was small.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
I know your busy but I wanted to let you know ahead of time so you can be sure to bring my presents I want a dream Dancer Barbie doll and a real looking doll and a cabbage patch kid and what ever else you want to bring me. Santa I forgot to ask you how old

are you? I'm 5.
Love, Tammy Wainwright,
Fredrick St., Acton

Dear Tammy,
I hope my eyes have as much sparkle as in the picture of me you drew. It was tremendous. If only I had a physique like that. You flatter me and impress me with your artistic skill. Santa is never too busy to read letters from his friends. I only wish I could get to know you more personally. But there are so many children and there's so little time. I guess we will have to do with my brief visits and the records I keep of you. Your record now has a bigger list of toys on it.
Love Santa

Pony and Rainbow doll. Jim would like Soundwave, Blaster and G.I. figure. I would like Optimus prime, Megatron and slides for my microscope. Thank you.
William, Jim and Amy Harper,
Langstone Cres., Georgetown
Dear William, Jim and Amy,
Your handwriting certainly is coming along. William. Santa's very pleased with you. When I showed your letter to Mrs. Claus she had to put on her glasses to read it and then all she could say was "My my, that's marvellous". She was very impressed too. Tell Amy and Jim that I won't forget them Christmas Eve, and of course, not you. Lots of love to all, Santa



These three artists were presented with \$25 by Santa for winning the Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area's Coloring Contest. Roseanne Sones (left) from Ballinfad won for children between 5 and 8. Annie Parent (middle) of 55 Market St. in Georgetown won the tiny tot prize for children 2 to 4. And Graham McNeil (right) of 20 Charles St. in Georgetown had the best picture of all children between 9 and 12. The prizes were presented Saturday at the Union Gas building on Main Street South in Georgetown. (Herald photo)

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves and reindeer? This year I am four years old and I would like a wagon and a gold fish for Christmas. My baby sister, Jessica would like a doll. We're going to leave out a carrot for your reindeer and tea and cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Hope you have a good ride.
Love, Alan and Jessica Fiddler,
Mary Street, Georgetown
Dear Alan and Jessica,
Even though we are overworked at this time of year, we almost always seem to be in better health. There is something healthy about Christmas. I hope you feel it too. Pets are always difficult to bring on the sleigh, but we will do our best to deliver them safely. Mr. Harriot the elf is in charge of live gifts. If the trip is too rough we can't bring as many, but we will try to bring your fish. Don't worry Jessica, dolls travel well.
Love Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a Trans-Fomer called smoke screen and in my stocking I would like Power-glide. He is a mini Trans-fomer. By the way my sister is very hipster and loses her temper for no reason. My other little sister Suzanne is two so I am writing for her. She would like a pram and a care bare that is all I have to say.
Love your friend Chris Scruton, 8,
Market St., Georgetown
P.S. Don't go hard on the cookies.
P.P.S. Dear Santa, I would like some peace and quiet for Christmas. With love and hope. Their Mother.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a cabbage patch seat and cabbage patch pram and My little Pony baby. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love Katie Scruton, 8,
Market St., Georgetown
Dear Katie, Chris and Suzanne,
Cookies? Did you say cookies? Santa loves cookies. Shhh though, or once my reindeer get wind of cookies at your house, they'll jump down the chimney after me. They love cookies too. Thank you for your letters Katie and Chris. Are you really such a bad-tempered six year old, Katie? I certainly hope that's not true, little one. Please try harder to be nice with Chris and Suzanne, and especially mommy. They love you, though I'm sure sometimes it's hard for them to remember that. Santa won't forget any of his children Christmas but asks you to try harder to be nice to each other.
With much love, Santa

Dear Santa,
Hi. How are you? This letter is for my sister, Amy, my brother Jim and me, William. Amy would like My Little

Love Tracy Rees,
Rosetta Street, Georgetown

Dear Tracy,
If your mother says you haven't done "too bad" at being good I know you haven't been very bad. Mothers are one of the ways I find out who has and who has not been good. In that way I am just like your Dad. Your list isn't too long. I will do what I can to get some of those things. Grapes sound great. Carrots sound great. You have picked two foods the Christmas delivery team, me and the reindeer love. A long list is never a mistake. It gives me plenty to choose from if there are shortages.
Merry Christmas, Santa

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! My name is Jennifer and I am 3 1/2 years old. My Mommy is writing this for me because I can't write yet. I wrote you last week but there was so much I wanted to tell you. I have been a pretty good girl most of the year. I hope you and Mrs. Claus had a happy year. I have a baby sister who is 1 1/2 years old. Her name is Patricia, and I am teaching her how to walk. She is just starting to walk, so maybe you could bring her some nice walking shoes. She can't talk much yet but she does laugh a lot. I love her very much. Could you bring her "a glo worm", "a baby doll with moving eyes" and "a jack in the box". She'd really like that. I would like "a real sleepy baby doll", a Barbie exercise set for my Barbie, and maybe some jogging suits (sz 3X). I like to wear them alot because they keep me warm. Could you bring my mommy some slippers and mitts so her hands won't get cold when she takes me and my sister out in the snow. Could you bring my daddy a tool caddy carrier for his tools when he is working upstairs. So they won't get lost. I am leaving milk and cookies for you and apples and carrots for your reindeer. I love you Santa. Merry Christmas.
Jennifer Browne,
Victoria Street, Georgetown
Dear Jennifer,
It sounds like you have a jolly time with Patricia. I think you have done an excellent job picking out toys for her. I could use someone with your choosing skills to help me pick toys for children. Sometimes I don't get to see a child before Christmas, and I have to do some guessing, if my records don't show me what children want. Thank you for including information on the whole family. It makes my job much easier. Keep helping your sister. It is one of the things that pleases me most. I know you have been good when you write about her. I will reward you and so will she.
Love Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I am writing to let you know what I might like for a Christmas present. If it was possible Construx 'The Allen' would be great. Also if it's possible a nice tent for my sister Addie and I, would be terrific. Don't worry about Christmas Eve, there will be lots of cookies left out for you to eat!
Yours truly, Michael Ruhl,
RR5, Georgetown

Dear Santa Claus,
Just a note to let you know what I'd like for Christmas. I've spent a lot of time looking through the catalog at dolls. If you had room in your sack for a small doll, I think that's what I'd like. I'll be looking forward to hearing you on our roof on Christmas Eve.
Yours truly, Addie Ruhl,
RR5 Georgetown

Dear Addie and Michael,
Oh Addie, I doubt if you will hear me on your roof. I don't want to give away all of my secrets so I will just tell you that weeks of practice perfect our quiet skills. The reindeer take pride in the fact that only once or twice a year do we wake anyone up. That usually happens when the snow is very fluffy and deep. Normally the reindeer don't even leave prints in the snow; they are so light footed. A tent sounds like a nice gift to bring. Often we make more than we have orders for. I will do my best to get all you want.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
It's that time of year again. I get to say Hi and ask you how you have been. I also get to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I have been a good boy most of the year except when my horns show, I will try harder next year. I would really like to have a ghetto blaster with Mrs. Claus around. Some Christmas night I should take her with me. I know she would refuse. You see, she acts as a back up for me should anything go wrong. It's a job she takes very seriously. Oh well, who can be fun all of the time anyway.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are fine. My name is Tracy Rees and I have tried to be a good girl this past year. My mom says I haven't done too bad! For Christmas I would like a few of the following toys, I know you can't bring them all because you have so many kids to bring toys to. I would like Robot Girl, Barbies Swimming Pool, She-Ra, Rub-a-Rounds, Mop Top Hair Shop and Teddy Rubbear. I will leave some grapes for you and some carrots for

your reindeers. I am 4 years old.
Love Tracy Rees,
Rosetta Street, Georgetown

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing? Did you get a good rest this summer? How has Rudolf been? Have you been feeding him well? How is your wife Mrs. Claus? I have been trying to be a good girl since last Christmas. I wash up and brush my teeth when mommy tells me to. Thank-you for all the great toys you left for me last year. I really loved them a lot. I'm leaving a carrot out for the reindeer and a big cookie for you, on Christmas eve. Please don't forget to eat them like you did one year. Could you check in your sack to see if there is a transformer in there for me? I like Optimus-Prime the best. Also I would love a pound-puppy - the black one (he's so cute!). A bake set would be great - so my mommy wouldn't have to do all the baking around here!
I love you Santa,
Mikki Cowill,
Ewing St., Georgetown

Dear Mikki,
Everyone at the North Pole is well, and I hope you are too. If curiosity is a sign of good health then you must be in perfect condition. I will try not to forget to eat the snacks you leave for me. Mrs. Claus says I have a weight problem, and that I should trim down through exercise the way most people are doing. I can't see it for myself. How would children recognize me? Besides, I love snacks. Next year maybe you can bake a snack for me or you could help your mother do some baking. On second thought, why wait until next year?
Love Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
My sister and I have been good all year. We have kept our room clean and do our chores. We help my mom and dad look after my baby brother, Trevor. If you can we would like a few things for Christmas: a pound puppy, peaches and cream barbie, a wuzzle and secret jewelry. My brother is asking for a big tractor and a choo choo train. Lots of love and a Merry Christmas,
Cheryl, Mandy and Trevor Frost,
Elmore Dr., Acton

P.S. We will leave you and your reindeer a snack on Christmas Eve.

Dear Cheryl, Mandy and Trevor,
I guess you don't need a Real Baby for Christmas. It sounds like you are doing a good job with your baby brother, Trevor. Being good all year is a commendable accomplishment. I guess you had a good year. Ho Ho Ho Santa has never been known for his terrific sense of humor, but I am a nice guy. Santa gets a little tired writing these responses and sometimes a bad joke wakes him up. Now I am completely awake and ready to get down to business. Well, I have taken note of your list. I have even checked it twice, just like in the song. That song has caused me some grief. Every time I don't check things twice I feel guilty. I hope you have the best Christmas ever. Help Trevor open his gifts if he needs a hand.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
This is my first letter to you. My mommy is writing for me as I am only 2 years old. I have been a good boy this year and would like to have a Go-Bot and trucks for Christmas. Mom and Dad said they will leave some milk and cookies, beside the tree for you.
Love Christopher Atkinson,
Lynen Circle, Georgetown

Dear Christopher,
Every good boy should have a go-bot. That's what Mrs. Claus says to me! But then, not every good boy wants one, ho ho ho! Thank you for leaving me some cookies, but I'll need all the energy I can get to deliver so many presents!
Love Santa

Dear Sonny,
Thank you for your list of gift ideas. It sure helps when you little people give me some hints. Are you sure those Elvis tapes aren't for your dad? Be sure I'll bring you something nice, also for your mother and sisters.
Love Santa

Dear Santa,
Mummy is writing this letter for me, but I am telling her what to put because I can only write some letters in the Alphabet, not all. I am 3 1/2 years old. Mummy said you would like to know what I would like for Christmas. Well I am going to let you know what my young sister, Ashley, would like too, as she is only 23 months old and can't write yet. I would like very much to have a Bike, a cassette player, a little dog with batteries which barks and a purse with a lipstick. Ashley would also like a purse with a lipstick, Care Bear Cousin, a Cabbage Patch Doll and a My Little Pony. I will make sure I leave you your glass of milk and a couple of cookies on the kitchen table. We hope you and Mrs. Claus have a very Merry Christmas. Thank you very much, Santa.
Love from Paige and Ashley,
Rosemary Road, Acton

Dear Paige and Ashley,
Hello to my little friends on Rosemary Road! Ho, ho, ho! I bet you can't wait to try out a new bicycle, even though it's getting quite cold down there in Acton. Mrs. Claus said we need a pet in our house that doesn't shed any hair so maybe I too could use a little dog with batteries that barks! Thank you for the milk and cookies (my favorites are chocolate chip, peanut butter and oatmeal with raisins).
Bye for now, Love Santa

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