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DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT SANTA

Although we all know Santa Claus, many children have a number of questions they wonder about this jolly old man with the long white beard. Professor Elves from every corner of the globe held a huge conference on this issue, where together they considered the questions children had. With the help of Santa and Mrs Claus, the Professor Elves gathered together a massive pile of frequently asked questions and wrote down the answers for everyone to see. So, now we want to ask from you: Did you know this about Santa Claus?



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Santa's age

When we asked Santa this question, he thought for quite a while before replying: Do you know, I'm not even sure myself. *Once I tried to sit down and think how many Christmases I could remember, but once I had got to about 364 Christmases I fell asleep in my very comfortable rocking chair...*



Santa's beard

The length of Santa's beard varies according to who measures it. The most recent measurement was conducted by the Head Professor Elf who used his right foot to make the measurements, and the dimensions were found to be a whopping three feet and a few sticking out hairs!

In order to make sure Santa's beard stays handsome and bushy, the elves have established Santa's very own Elf Barber Shop. Taking good care of Santa's

beard is quite a task indeed; just keeping the beard curly requires hard work performed by a dozen elves!



How tall is Santa?

Santa's height varies according to who what he is doing at the time. Santa is much shorter when he wanders the fell hillsides to pick berries or talks with small children, and he's much taller when he is looking out to the horizon or staring at the starry skies. However, one thing we do know for certain: Santa Claus is taller than the tallest elf, but shorter than the oldest grandest pine trees in Lapland.



Santa's favorite food

This question is not very hard to answer: Santa Claus believes that the best food in the whole world is naturally the Christmas porridge prepared by Mrs Claus! The recipe for the porridge is top secret, and no-one but Mrs Claus actually knows the secret recipe. The Wisdom Elves did, however, reveal one of the secret ingredients for the porridge: A spice called "*Where'd -I-put-it?*"



What Santa Does during His Time Off

Santa Claus takes his holidays in the summertime! This is a time when he relaxes by wandering the forests and fells picking berries or fishing. Santa Claus also enjoys gold panning at his very own secret gold claim accompanied with his Golden Elves. His favourite hobby is definitely reading: even as we speak he is reading ten books at the same time.



Santa Claus lives at Korvattunturi (Ear Mountain) in the heart of the Lappish wilderness with Mrs Claus and the elves.

Lapland's snowy winters and warm summers also provide the perfect climate for Santa's reindeer. Indeed Santa Claus himself lives his life to the rhythm of the reindeer's year.





Santa's animals

Many believe that reindeer are Santa's most important animals. For Santa Claus, the welfare of all animals is very important. Consequently, in a number of locations all over Finland the animals also celebrate Christmastime. For instance, at the Ranua Zoo you can experience the Animal Christmas when the smallest of mice to the biggest of bears wish each other a very Merry Christmas! Did you know that polar bears do not hibernate?

Santa Claus is a true friend of all animals and he can also speak in animal languages. This skill is especially important during the summertime in the Lappish wilderness when the mosquitoes dominate the landscape. The mosquitoes are helpers for Santa's Reindeer Elves, as they help to gather all the reindeer together to receive their earmarks.



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