

- Santa -

Santa Claus / is another name / for St Nicholas of Myra.// Once, three sisters / did not have **enough** money to **marry**.// If they could not marry, / they would be taken as **slaves**.// St. Nicholas / **secretly** threw money / through their window.// It landed / in a **stocking** / hung by the fire to dry.// The **eldest** sister was saved.// Again, he secretly gave to the second sister.// When the **youngest** sister needed to be married, / they waited to catch the secret giver.// They did, / and found him to be St. Nicholas.// This is why / children hang "Christmas stockings" / in hopes for gifts from "Santa."// One traditional gift is a mandarin orange / representing a ball of gold.// Another long-standing tradition / is to give gifts **secretly**.//

Americans imagined / St Nicholas with **helper** elves in 1823, / his red and white coat in 1931, / and created Rudolph in 1939.// Though Santa might look different from St. Nicholas, / he still **represents** / the **ideal** of **humble** giving.//

サンタクロースは / 別名である / ミラの聖ニコラウスの //かつて、三人の姉妹が / 結婚するためのお金がなかった / 結婚できなければ / 彼女たちは奴隸として連れ去られることになっていた // 聖ニコラスはこっそりとお金を投げ入れた / 窓から // それは落ちた / 靴下の中に / 暖炉のそばに干してあった // こうして長女は救われた // そして、ふたたび次女にもこっそりと贈り物をした // 末娘が結婚の時を迎えると / 彼らは秘密の贈り主を捕まえようと待ち構えた // 彼女らはその人物を捕らえ / 聖ニコラスであることを知った // この出来事をもとに / 子供たちは「クリスマス・ストッキング」を吊るすようになった / 「サンタ」からの贈り物を期待して // 伝統的な贈り物の一つはみかんである / 金の球を象徴する // もう一つの長い伝統は / こっそり贈り物をすることである //

アメリカ人は想像した / 1823年には聖ニコラウスにはお手伝いの妖精がいると / 1931年には赤と白のコート着ていると / そして1939年にはルドルフ(赤鼻のトナカイの名前)を創り出した // サンタは聖ニコラスとは見た目こそ異なるかもしれないが / 彼はいまだに象徴している / 贈り物を謙虚に贈るという理想を //

Vocabulary and Phrases

enough	十分	youngest	末っ子
marriage	結婚	tradition	伝統
slave	奴隸	imagine	想像
secretly	こっそり	helper	助手
stocking	靴下	represent	表す
eldest	長男 / 長女	ideal	理想
		humble	謙虚

Total Number of words used

: 157 words

Time for 100 wpm

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Time for 120 wpm

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

Santa Claus is _____ name for St Nicholas of Myra. Once, three sisters did not have enough money to _____. If they could not marry, they would be _____. St. Nicholas secretly threw money through their window. It landed in a _____ hung by the fire to dry. The eldest sister was saved. Again, he _____ gave to the second sister. When the third _____ needed to be married, they waited to catch the secret giver. They did, and found him to be St. _____. This is why children hang "_____ " in hopes for gifts from "Santa." One traditional gift is a mandarin orange representing a ball of gold. Another long-standing _____ is to give gifts secretly.

Americans _____ St. Nicholas with helper elves in 1823, his red and white coat in _____, and created Rudolph in 1939. Though Santa might look different from St. Nicholas, he still _____ the ideal of humble giving.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: Why did St. Nicholas give money to three sisters?

Question 2: What does a mandarin orange represent in a Christmas Stocking?

Question 3: What is your favorite way to give?

Ask 1: 答えが「St Nicholas」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: Stockingsについての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1: So they could marry./ So they could avoid slavery./
To save them from slavery by letting them get married./
etc...

Sample Answer 2: Gold.

Sample Answer 3: I like to give by giving money or gift cards / I like to give by delivery, that way I can order the gift online / I like to give by making people tasty food / I like to give by secretly throwing things through windows / etc...

Sample Question 1: What is another name for Santa Claus? /
What was Santa Claus' original name? /
Who saved three sisters from slavery by secret giving? /
etc...

Sample Question 2: Where did St. Nicholas' gifts land when he threw them through the window? /
What do some children hang to receive gifts on Christmas?/
etc...

Sample Question 3: Where is Myra? / Why do people need money to get married? / How did the gold land in a stocking each time? / Why do Americans love Santa so much? / etc...