

A Christmas riddle, wrapped in a mystery

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Christmas riddle

Your leg might be one!

Dictation activity

Numbers 1-8

1 = your first name

2 = a number

3 = an adjective

4 = an activity (-ing form)

5 = a strong emotional state

6 = a countable noun (something you love)

7 = an adjective

8 = your first name

A letter to Santa

Fill the gaps with your answers

Dear Santa

My name is (1) and I am (2) years old. I am a teacher. This year I have been very (3). The students say my lessons are just like (4).

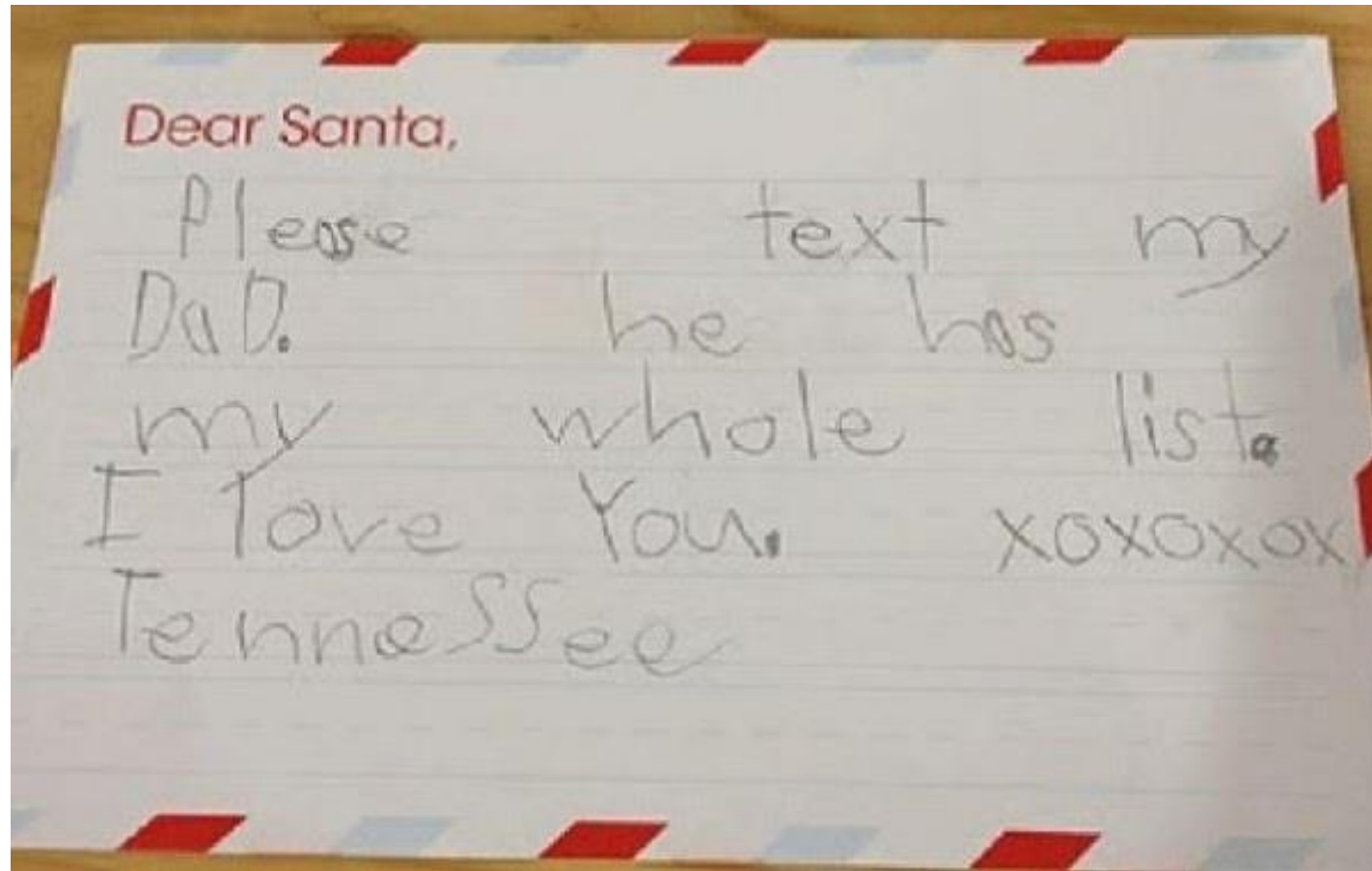
I love teaching, but at the end of a long semester I sometimes feel (5). For Christmas this year I would like a new (6) – my old one is much too (7).

Thanks in advance!

Lots of love

(8)

Dear Santa...



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Postal worker

What makes the job hard at Christmas?



The letter

What happened? What's the problem?



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God, can you please help me?

What could you do to help?



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Good King Wenceslas looked out
 On the Feast of Stephen
 When the snow lay 'round about
 Deep and crisp and [redacted]
 Brightly shone the moon that night
 Though the frost was cruel
 When a poor man came in sight
 Gath'ring winter [redacted]



"Hither, page, and stand by me,
 If thou know'st it, telling
 Yonder peasant, who is he?
 Where and what his [redacted]
 "Sire, he lives a good league hence,
 Underneath the mountain
 Right against the forest fence
 By Saint Agnes' [redacted]"



"Bring me flesh and bring me wine
 Bring me pine-logs hither
 Thou and I shall see him dine
 When we bear them [REDACTED]
 Page and monarch, forth they went
 Forth they went together
 Through the rude wind's wild lament
 And the bitter [REDACTED]"



The good deed

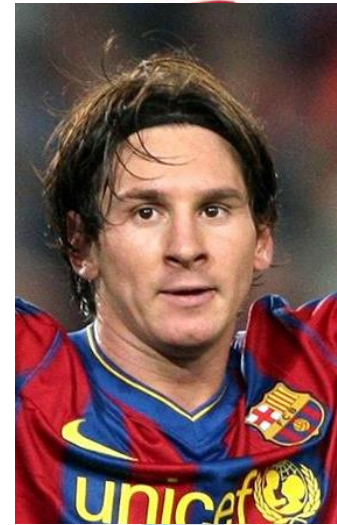
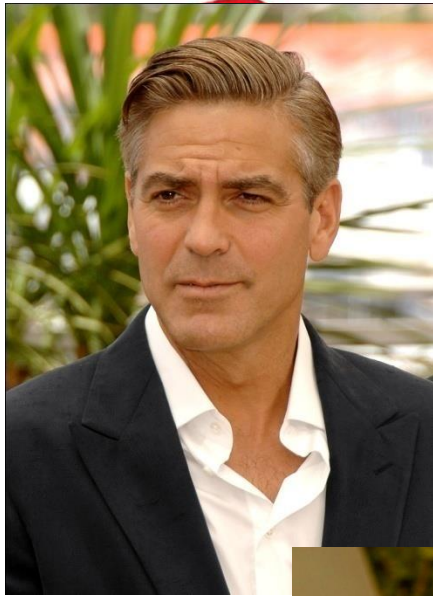


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Whip-round activity

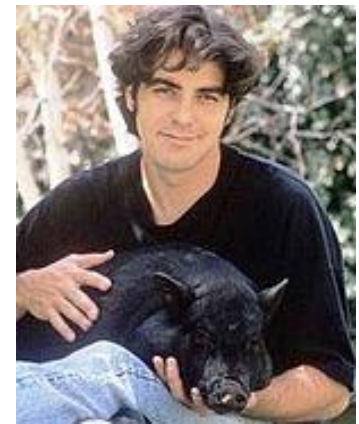
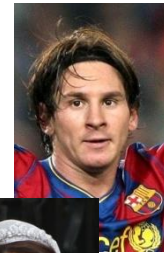
See how much money you can raise

- Ten questions
- £10 per correct answer



Who...

- was given the middle name Mungo?
- got a dance scholarship to the University of Michigan?
- got a contract to sign written on a paper napkin?
- was given a second-hand engagement ring?
- gave a loved-one a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig?



The good deed



- Put a copy of the letter on the noticeboard
- Postal workers had a whip-round
- Raised £95 in cash and sent it to her address

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Christmas Dinner





Christmas cracker jokes

What do you call a cat in the desert at Christmas time?

Sandy claws

Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party?

Because he had no body to go with.

What's the best Christmas present you could get?

A broken drum - you just can't beat it.

How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus was 7lb 5oz when he was born?

They had a weigh in a manger.

What is Good King Wenceslas' favourite pizza?

Deep pan, crisp and even.

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A thank-you letter activity

Part One

- Choose a room in the house
- Think of an object from that room
- Draw it
- Present your drawing to your neighbour as a gift

A thank-you letter activity

Part Two

- You look delighted with your present – better say thanks.
- Thank your partner – use the following phrases:

Thanks so much for this brilliant...

Now I'll be able to...

The best thing about it is...

The next time I see you I'll...

A thank-you letter

Dear God



How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your generosity, I was able to provide a lovely lunch for my friends.

We had a wonderful day, and I told my friends all about your extraordinary gift. Father John, our parish priest, is beside himself with joy.

By the way, there was £5 missing. I think it must have been those thieving fellows at the Post Office.

Yours sincerely

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