**Actuele lesbrief Engels – St. Nick**

**Voor de docent**

De leeftijd waarop kinderen hun eerste mobiel krijgen, is in de afgelopen jaren steeds verder gedaald. Wat zijn de voors en tegens?

**ERK-niveau – Lezen A2**

Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan korte, beschrijvende teksten over vertrouwde onderwerpen begrijpen. (LEA2-3c)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*St. Nick, Sinterklaas, Father Christmas, Grandfather Frost... There are many versions of Santa Claus in countries all over the world*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

**a** Name 5 or more words related to December and/or the December holidays.

**St. Nick**

Let’s take a look at some of [the many versions of Santa Claus](https://www.cbc.ca/kids/articles/legends-of-st-nick-from-all-around-the-world) from around the globe.

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text.

Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. beard | *a.* a saint who protects a place or a group of people |
| 2. *to deliver* (delivers) | *b.* behaving badly, doing things you are not allowed to do |
| 3. Christmas Eve | *c.* to bring |
| 4. various | *d.* candy; small things such as toffees, chocolates, and mints |
| 5. sleigh | *e.* to choose or like better than something else |
| 6. toys | *f.* the day before Christmas |
| 7. chimney | *g.* different |
| 8. cookies | *h.* the hair that grows on the chin and cheeks of person |
| 9. *to prefer something* (prefers) | *i.* a large cart which can slide over snow |
| 10. gifts | *j.* a pipe on a building through which smoke goes up into the air |
| 11. sweets | *k.* playthings, like dolls and games |
| 12. potatoes | *l.* presents |
| 13. naughty | *m.* round vegetables with brown or red skins and white insides; they grow under the ground |
| 14. gnomes | *n.* small creatures, like a dwarfs, who you read about in fairy tales and children’s stories |
| 15. patron saint | *o.* small, flat, baked and round food made from flour and sugar |

Assignment 3

a Choose the best summary.

1 People in many countries have special holidays with some version of Santa Claus.

2 Santa Claus is really a woman who travels through the chimney.

3 St. Nick is just another name for Santa Claus.

4 The North American version of Santa Claus is the only real version of Santa Claus.

b Match the countries and regions on the left with the items on the right.

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| *1.* Italy | *a.* a bowl of porridge with butter |
| *2.* Russia and other eastern Slavic countries | *b.* rotten potatoes |
| *3.* Iceland | *c.* small bags of gold |
| *4.* Scandinavia | *d.* toys and coal or ash |
| *5.* Ukraine | *e.* a troika |

c What are ways of travelling? Choose all the correct answers.

1 carrying a long magical staff

2 climbing through the chimney

3 driving a sled

4 driving a troika

5 eating sausages

6 using a sleigh