

Hi

Thank you so much for writing to me. I get such a lot of mail at this time of year that I've had to task a whole team of elves to get the letters from the mailbox! I love setting aside a bit of time every day so that I get to read every single letter. Rudolph loves collecting the stamps - he's got quite a collection going, ho ho ho!

I love visiting New Zealand when delivering presents - I think it might be my favourite stop. I can hear the kiwi and the morepork as I fly over the rural towns and the reindeer love the smell of the pohutukawa trees. Plus the treats Kiwis leave out are just the best - I think I've gone up a suit size since visiting last time, ho ho ho!

The reindeer have been playing rugby and cricket in anticipation of visiting, so don't be surprised if you hear them playing a quick game in the backyard on Christmas Eve. But you'll need to head straight back to sleep, or else we can't deliver your presents. The elves have helped me make my list and check it twice, and they tell me you've been extra nice this year. Be sure to spend lots of time with the people you love this Christmas - it's what Christmas is all about after all!

I've gotta go, I think I can hear the reindeer playing cricket inside - I ought to stop them before they break anything. See you soon!

Merry Christmas from myself, Mrs Claus and all the elves and reindeer at the North Pole.

Love,
Santa

