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圣诞老人

在 2020 年，非常现代化的圣诞老人用计算机设计玩具，然后由机器圣诞老人和一只机器驯鹿把这些玩具分送给孩子们。一个圣诞节的前夕，有个玩具机器人囚禁了圣诞老人和他的小矮人们。忠诚的驯鹿鲁道夫能拯救圣诞老人、小矮人……以及圣诞节吗？

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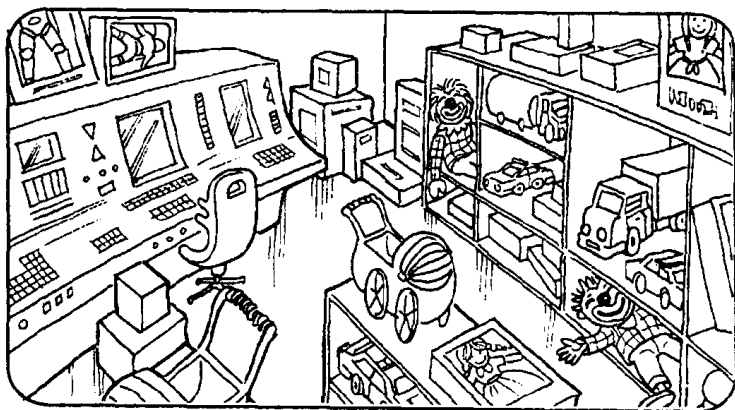
SANTA CLAUS

Barbara Chatwin

In the year 2020, a very modern Santa designs his toys on a computer and a robot Santa and a robot reindeer deliver the toys to the children. One Christmas Eve, a toy robot takes Santa and his elves prisoners. Can the faithful reindeer Rudolf save Santa, the elves... and Christmas?

SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus, alias Father Christmas, alias Saint Nicholas was in his workshop. It was absolutely chock-o-block¹ with toys, which was only natural... it was Christmas Eve². There were toys and games of all sizes, shapes³ and colours. Santa Claus of the year of 2020 was very different from the first Santa. He didn't work with his elves⁴ making dolls and soldiers by hand. Those days were over.



1. **chock-o-block:** very, very full.
2. **Christmas Eve:** the 24th of December.
3. **shapes:** square, round, rectangular, etc.
4. **elves:** gnomes.

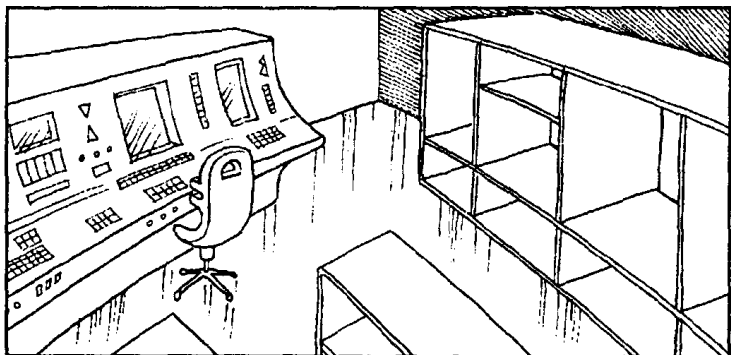
ACTIVITY



What toys are in Santa's workshop and what colour are they?

Listen to the cassette and complete the picture.

*dolls - soldiers - robots - clowns - police cars
- lorries - fire engines*



Write some sentences about the picture, beginning:

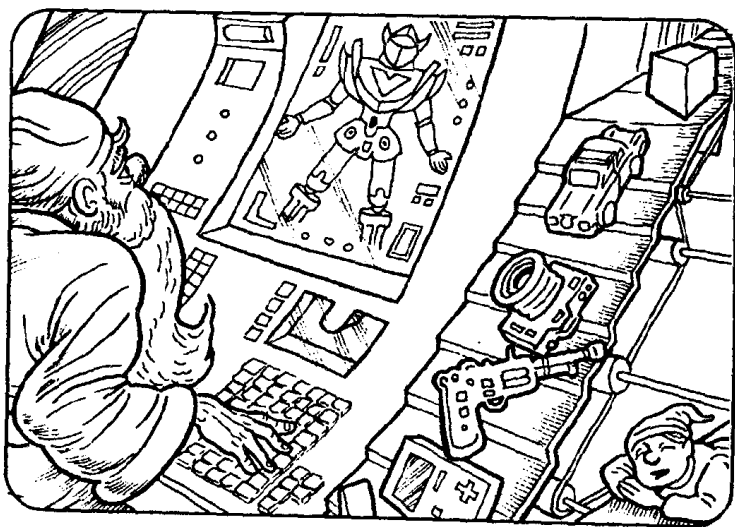
Santa's workshop is

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The modern Santa sat¹ at his computer and designed the toys automatically and they came out of a machine! The Christmas elves snored² all day because they had nothing to do. Santa's beard³ was very, very long because he was too bored⁴ to cut it. Even Rudolf, Santa's famous red nosed reindeer was out of a job. A robot reindeer helped a robot Santa deliver the toys to the children now!



1. **sat:** past tense of *to sit*.
2. **to snore:** the noise some people make when they sleep.
3. **beard:** whiskers or hair that grow on a man's face.
4. **bored:** opposite of *interested*.

ACTIVITY



Make sentences with the words below. Listen, repeat and correct.

Santa Claus is too bored
to cut his beard!

(cut/beard)

John is
.....!

(tired/play)

Sandra is
.....!

(hot/run)

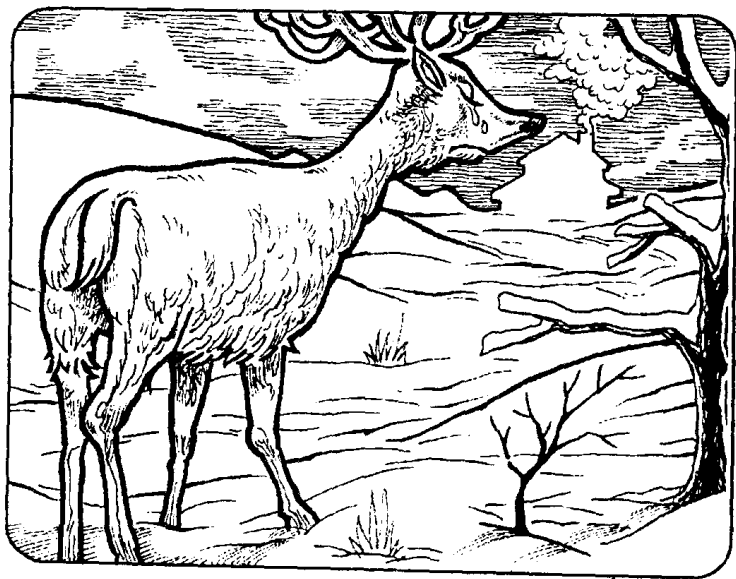
Paul is
.....!

(hungry/study)

Susan is
.....

(sad/sing)

Poor Rudolf lived in a field two miles away from Santa's toy factory¹. Rudolf was very sad and lonely². He missed³ Father Christmas and all the elves. Only one little elf called Berry talked to him. The others were always too tired. "The old traditional Christmases were happy times," thought Rudolf with tears⁴ in his eyes.



1. **factory**: place where things are manufactured.
2. **lonely**: to feel sad because no one is with you.
3. **to miss**: when someone you love is not with you, you miss them.
4. **tears**: drops of water from your eyes when you cry.

ACTIVITY



Answer the questions. Listen and correct.

Who is Rudolf?

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Where is he?

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Why is he there?

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Who is Berry?

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Why doesn't Santa cut his beard?

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What day is Christmas Eve?

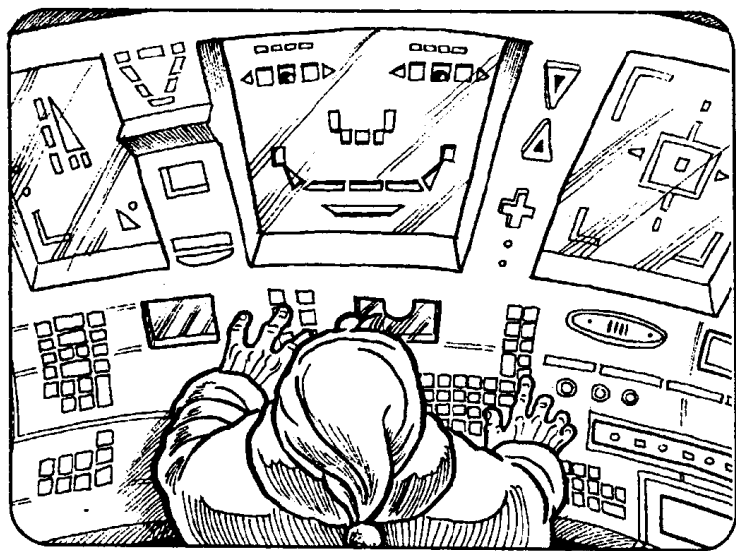
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What toys are there in Santa's workshop?

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"What toys do you want?" asked the computer. "Robots," yawned¹ Santa. "The children only ask for robots."

"What colour robots?" the computer asked again². "Oh, any colour... metalized blue, red and green," Santa answered, "with yellow eyes and terrifying³ faces. The children like those," the old man answered. "What shape robots?" the computer asked. "Oh, any shape. Square, triangular or round," replied Father Christmas.



1. **to yawn:** people open their mouths and yawn when they are tired.
2. **again:** another time.
3. **terrifying:** horrible.

ACTIVITY



Listen and write the correct words under the shapes.

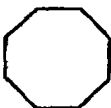
square - circle - rectangle - triangle - hexagon - octagon



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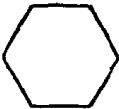
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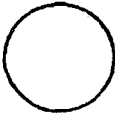
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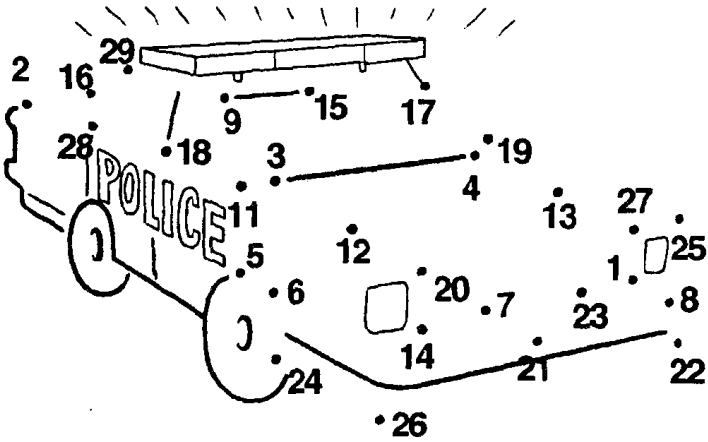
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What toy is this? Listen and join the numbers.

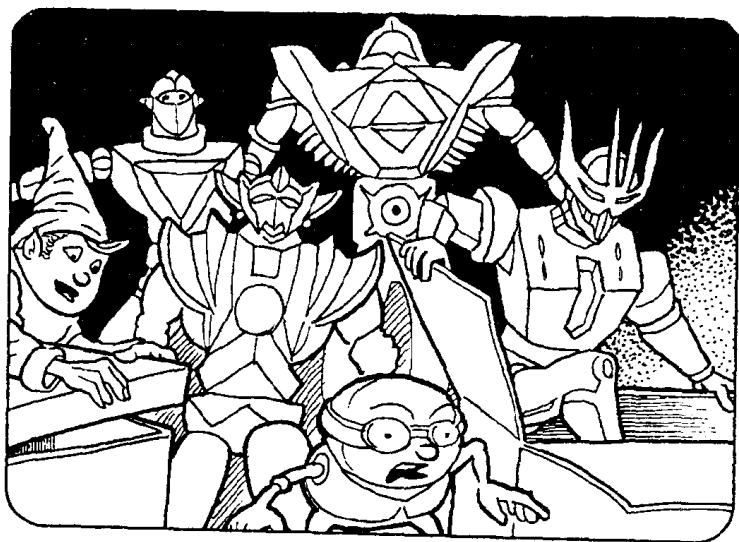


The computer drew¹ a picture of a robot. "Is this OK?" it asked.

"No, no, no," said Santa.

"The children don't like NICE robots! The robots must be horrible... terrible and ugly²... NOT beautiful!"

Fifteen minutes later, terrifying robots walked out of the machine. They jumped off the machine and walked to the Christmas boxes that were behind Santa. One by one, the horrible robots got in the boxes and a computerized elf put the lids³ on.



1. **drew:** past tense of *to draw*, to design.
2. **ugly:** opposite of beautiful.
3. **lid:** a lid goes on top of a box to close it.

ACTIVITY

 **Draw a line between the opposites.**

BEAUTIFUL

OFF

INTERESTED

COLD

HUNGRY

UGLY

BIG

HAPPY

ON

BORED

HOT

THIRSTY

SAD

SMALL

 **Make sentences similar to the example.**

August is a hot month, but December is a cold month.

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