

Santa Claus is real

You may think of Santa as living at the North Pole. But this Santa Claus lives in the USA. Is he real? Watch the video to find out!

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. You can also read the transcript.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

Vocabulary

1. a pickup truck
2. vanity plates
3. an exaggeration
4. to be into something
5. a backyard
6. to be committed to something

Definition

- a. the outside space behind a house
- b. licence plates with a personalised combination of letters and numbers
- c. a vehicle with an open part at the back
- d. to like something; to be interested in something
- e. to be willing to give your time and energy to something
- f. a way of making something bigger, better, etc. than it really is

Task 1

Circle the best answer.

1. Where does Santa Claus live?
 - a. On Long Island
 - b. In Iceland
 - c. At the North Pole
2. What vehicle does Santa Claus drive?
 - a. A sleigh
 - b. A motorbike
 - c. A pickup truck
3. What was Santa's name before he was called Santa?
 - a. Nicholas
 - b. Frank
 - c. Chris
4. How long has Santa been married?
 - a. 13 years
 - b. 23 years
 - c. 33 years

5. How long has he been Santa?
a. Almost two years b. Almost 10 years c. Almost 20 years
6. How many tattoos does Santa have?
a. Zero b. Three c. Five
7. What does Santa love?
a. Barbecuing b. Making toys c. Reading
8. What does Santa have in his backyard?
a. A sleigh and reindeer b. A tiki hut and a pool c. A table and chairs

Task 2

Write the words in the gaps to complete the sentences.

committed

into

legal

name

planet

refrigerators

suit

traditional

1. This man's name is Santa Claus.
2. This Santa is not like the Santa.
3. His wife didn't want to change her
4. His photo is on thousands of
5. He designed his own
6. He's very zombies.
7. He's fully to being Santa.
8. The poem says that Santa is the 'most loved person on the

Discussion

What do you think about the Santa Claus in the video? Would you ever legally change your name?

Transcript

Presenter: We're driving out to Long Island today because we've found out there's a man out there who legally changed his name to Santa Claus. So, yeah. We're gonna go interview Santa. It turns out this Santa's not so traditional.

Santa: I drive a black Dodge pickup truck. With vanity plates. Oh, yes, I have vanity plates. It says 'SANTASLA' [Santa's sleigh].

Presenter: Before he was Santa, he was Frank.

Santa: I was born in Brooklyn but we lived here on Long Island. I've been married 23 years now.

Presenter: So, how do you tell your wife that you're changing your name to Santa Claus?

Santa: She said, 'As long as I don't have to change my name, go right ahead.'

Presenter: Santa has been Santa for almost two decades and he's good at it.

Santa: I'm probably on – and this is not an exaggeration – thousands of refrigerators.

Presenter: He's got the laugh ...

Santa: Ho, ho, ho, ho. Ho, ho, ho, ho. You know, that's my Santa laugh.

Presenter: ... the suit ...

Santa: I designed my suit.

Presenter: But here are some other things about Santa that might surprise you.

Santa: I have three tattoos on me, of me. I'm very into zombies. I love barbecuing. I have a smoker. It can fit 150 pounds of meat in it.

Presenter: He's got this tiki hut, an above-ground saltwater pool in his backyard.

Santa: Yes, I'm that extreme when it comes to my idea of relaxation.

Presenter: So there's a little Frank left in there, but no question: he's fully committed to being Santa.

Santa: I want to look like the poem says. 'I'm the most loved person on the planet.'

Presenter: We totally met Santa.

Answers

Preparation task

1. c
2. b
3. f
4. d
5. a
6. e

Task 1

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. b
5. c
6. b
7. a
8. b

Task 2

1. legal
2. traditional
3. name
4. refrigerators
5. suit
6. into
7. committed
8. planet