

A Magical Christmas Story

Learning objective: To comprehend a short Christmas story and answer questions to demonstrate understanding.

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

It was Christmas Eve and the Smith family was bustling around the house. They were decorating the tree and hanging up stockings by the chimney. Emma, who was eight years old, was excited to see what Santa would bring her. She loved listening to Christmas carols and singing along with her family. They were having a special Christmas dinner at Grandma's house the next day, and Emma couldn't wait to taste her favourite turkey and pudding. As they finished decorating the tree, they heard a loud 'Ho ho ho' outside. It was Santa Claus! He came in, filled their stockings with small toys and treats, and left a big gift under the tree for Emma. She was overjoyed and thanked Santa with a big hug.

Word bank: tree · sleigh · gifts · carol · family

1. What was Emma's age? (1 mark)

2. What did Emma love listening to on Christmas? (1 mark)

3. Why was Emma excited on Christmas Eve? (1 mark)

4. What did Santa leave under the tree for Emma? (1 mark)

5. How do you think Emma felt when she saw Santa? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Emma's Christmas tree and the gifts that Santa left for her. _____

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Emma and write a letter to Santa telling him what you would like for Christmas.