

# Santa Claus' Present Hunt

## Curriculum links and teaching notes



This is a resource I use with my 16-19 (and adult!) ESOL learners before Christmas. It's basically an Easter egg hunt but with Christmas presents instead of eggs.

Before the lesson the presents are printed onto different coloured card and hidden around the room / building. In class I review prepositions of place with the learners, then I set up the activity.

The learners work in pairs or small groups: one person has to go out and find the presents, remember where they are (don't touch them - they're somebody else's presents after all) and come back to tell their partner verbally. The partner then has to write the location on the letter to Santa using the prepositions of place practised earlier.

After a given time, learners come back together and proof-read their answers. Letters are then swapped and the answers reviewed as a class. Points are awarded for accuracy and correct use of prepositions; the winners are the pair with the most points.

The number of presents and lines can be tailored to the class. I've used this with E1/E2 ESOL groups, although there may be a use for Numeracy and Literacy. It's a fun, lively activity which I hope you find useful.

### Main Curriculum References

Actual references will vary with the learner group and the way the resource is used. Also covers E1 and E2 sentence and word level writing criteria.

### Entry 1 ESOL

**Rw/E1.1a** recognise a limited number of words, signs and symbols (ii) understand that some words and symbols occur in texts more frequently than others, e.g.: articles - a, the, an; forms of verb to be, to have; prepositions - in, at, on, with, by; negatives - no, not (iv) understand and recognise use of in, out, off, down, in signs

**Rs/E1.1a** Read and recognise simple sentence structures (iii) recognise common patterns of simple sentences for statements e.g. subject-verb-object, subject-verb-prepositional phrase e.g. He lives in London.

**Ws/E1.1a** Construct a simple sentence, using basic word order and verb form. E.g. Subject-verb-object *I have a son.* Subject-verb-prepositional phrase, e.g. *I live in Devon.* Simple instructions. *Come out of the station. Turn left.*

### Entry 2 ESOL

**Rs/E2.1a.** use grammatical structures that link clauses and help identify sequence

(iii) recognise simple prepositional phrases of time and place *By Monday ... In the end, ...*

**Rs/E2.1b** use knowledge of simple and compound sentence structure to work out meaning

(iii) understand that sentences follow grammatical patterns and that certain types of word are more likely to recur in some places than others:

- know that prepositional phrases of time can come at the beginning or end of sentences

*The ESOL curriculum also lists prepositions under the 'Key Grammatical Structures' as follows:*

#### Entry 1

Adverbs and prepositional phrases - common prepositions and prepositional phrases of place, e.g. at home, on the left, on the table

#### Entry 2

Adverbs and prepositional phrases (simple and compound sentences)

- prepositions and prepositional phrases of place and time, e.g. until tomorrow, by next week, by the river, at midnight, at once

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill-in letter



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Something terrible has happened! Santa Claus's sack has a hole and all the presents have fallen out!

Santa needs your help. Can you find the presents around the building and tell Santa where they are!



*Dear Santa,*

*I've looked for your presents and I found.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*See you soon?*

*Lots of love*

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