

*Dear (Child's Name),*

*Ho, Ho, Ho! Merry Christmas!! Rudolph and the other reindeer are getting ready for our big trip around the world. They are taking practice runs every day to get ready for Christmas Eve.*

*The elves are very busy making toys for all of the good boys and girls on my list. The North Pole is humming with the excitement of Christmas time - hammers pounding, saws buzzing, and voices of eleven-hundred and one elves singing as they work! Paint in every color is splashing all over the place. Mrs. Claus is baking her yummy gingerbread cookies. Everyone here at the North Pole is smacking their lips just waiting to get a taste of those cookies when they come out of the oven.*

*I have to check my list to see who has been extra good and who I am bringing presents to. But not to worry (Child's Name), if you've been good, and I know you have, and then you will receive a gift from me for Christmas. I'm proud of you for doing so well this year.*

*I have many more letters to write so I'd better go now. Don't forget to leave me some cookies; I get very hungry on my long trip around the world. And I know that the reindeer would love a carrot or two. They get quite hungry also! Don't let mom and dad eat them before I get there! Remember to go to bed early on Christmas Eve. I only visit houses where children are asleep and (City) is one of my first stops!*

*Love,*

*Santa*