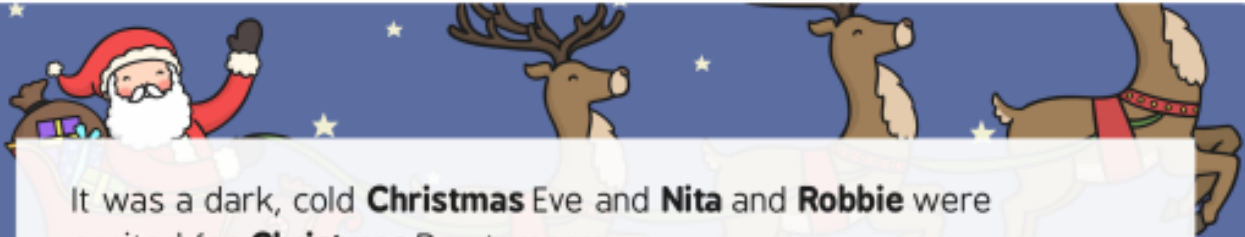


Christmas Eve Listening Story



It was a dark, cold **Christmas** Eve and **Nita** and **Robbie** were excited for **Christmas** Day tomorrow.

'Come and help,' shouted **Dad** from the kitchen. 'That way the day will go quicker.'

Nita and **Robbie** raced to the kitchen to help **Dad**. He was busy making **mince pies** and icing the **Christmas** cake for tomorrow.

Dad let **Nita** and **Robbie** finish icing the **Christmas** cake.

'I'm going to make a snowman,' said **Nita**.

'I'm going to make holly leaves,' said **Robbie**.

Dad watched them as he finished the **mince pies**.

'What do you think **Santa** will bring you?' asked **Dad**.

'Maybe a bike?' thought **Robbie**.

'I've asked for a pogo stick,' **Nita** said.

'What have you asked **Santa** for **Dad**?' wondered **Robbie**.

'Well, I'd just like a relaxing day. We've Granny, Grandad, Uncle Mike, Auntie Jo as well as Emma, Danny and Angiel! It's going to be busy,' said **Dad**.

Nita and **Robbie** finished decorating the **Christmas** cake. They added a snowman, holly leaves, ribbons and sprinkles.

'Let's hang out your stockings and then bed for you two,' announced **Dad**.

'And a **mince pie** and carrot?' asked **Nita**.

'Yes, yes we can leave out a **mince pie** for **Santa** and a carrot for Rudolph,' said **Dad**.

Nita, **Robbie** and **Dad** hung their stockings by the fireplace and left out a **mince pie** and carrot.

'Time for bed!' said **Dad**.

'I can't sleep!' grumbled **Nita**.

'Me neither,' agreed **Robbie**.

Dad read a story to **Nita** and **Robbie** to help them sleep.

'Goodnight **Nita**, goodnight **Robbie**. Sleep well and **Santa** will come,' whispered **Dad** as he turned out the light. **Nita** and **Robbie** were soon fast asleep dreaming about **Christmas** Day.



Nita



Robbie



Dad



Christmas

Hand out the cards to the children in the group.

When they hear the word on their card, they have to stand up or wave the picture card.

This can be used as an initial activity to focus on listening and attention.



Santa



mince pie