**Santa Claus - Funnies**

**Dennis calls up Mr. Wilson during the night and says: “Hi, Mr. Wilson! Santa’s already been to our house. How about yours?” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**Snoopy: “I just don’t know. Anyone who would fly around from house to house in a sleigh with a bunch of reindeer, at night yet, has to be out of his mind! But I appreciate it!” *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**President Bush is sitting on Santa’s lap as Santa responds to his Christmas wish: “Really, Sir, is ‘Me dancin’ the funky chicken on Saddam’s grave’ an appropriate Christmas wish*?” (Rocky Mountain News cartoon)***

**The little boy begins to write a letter to Santa which is dated June 1: Dear Santa, Hi, how are you? Just fine, I hope. The reason I’m writing is because I think it’s a crying shame that everybody writes to you just to ask for toys and stuff at Christmas. Which is why I’m writing this way back in the summer; just to say hi and such. So, how are Rudy and the flying beasts? And how is your wife? I saw a picture of her and she’s not a bit fat. Well, take care, and have a great summer. I’ll be writing to you again in the winter. Signed, Joe. P.S. I sure hope I remember to mail this letter on time. The last part of the cartoon pictures the little boy dating a letter December 14 which starts out: Dear, Santa, Guess what happened? *(Rick Detorie, in One Big Happy comic strip)***

**The boy says as he spits out his words: “Hey, kid. Is this your first time seeing Santa?” Heart: “Uh, no. Just nervous, I guess.” Boy: “Listen, the trick is knowing what to ask for before you actually get up to the big guy’s throne. This way there’s no last minute panic, see? Anyway, that’s what I always tell my sister. You know what she wants for Christmas?” Sister: “One of those shields, like over a salad bar?” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart Of The City comic strip)***

**Dean: “Look, I didn’t mean to tease you, Heart. C’mon, tell me what you’re gonna ask Santa for.” Heart: “Sorry, Dean, it’s very personal.” Dean: “Oh, I get it. Time to restock the underpants department, eh?” Heart: “Might I suggest asking Santa for a sense of humor!” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart Of The City comic strip)***

**Dolly asks her Mom: “Is it too late to ask Santa to bring me a baby sister?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**The child goes up and sits on Santa’s knee and says to him: “About that pony you back-ordered last year!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Mother says to children: “We’ll see what Santa brought as soon as Daddy gets the battery into his camcorder.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**The child says to Santa: “I have to be in bed at eight, so get there about five minutes past.” *(Jim Unger, in Classic Herman comic strip)***

**On Christmas Eve, my nine-year-old, David, put out milk and cookies for Santa, plus an extra treat – a beer. The next morning, David came tearing into our room. “Santa came!” he shouted. Holding up the half-full bottle of beer, he said, “See! There really is a Santa, because Dad would have drunk the whole thing!” *(Karen Bellamy, in Reader’s Digest)***

**First, you believe in Santa Claus. Then you don’t believe in Santa Claus. And before you know it, you are Santa Claus. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph. *(Shirley Temple)*
Stop believing in Santa Claus and you get underwear. *(Robert Orben)***

**A week before Christmas, a man asked his son what he wanted from Santa for Christmas. “Anything,” said the boy, “as long as it isn’t a bike!” “Why is that?” asked the father. “I found one hidden in the garage last night,” the boy replied. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Grimm: “So he lives at the North Pole and he brings toys to every little girl and boy. But to some kids he just gives a lump of coal. Santa sounds a little bipolar to me.” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)***

**Billy says to Santa Claus: “If your sleigh breaks down, just use one of those scooters from your pack.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**During the summer when Dennis is bored with everything, he says to his friend while swimming: “This year I’m gonna ask Santa to bring half of my stuff in the summer an’ the rest at Christmas.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**Charlie Brown: “When Santa Claus brings me the dog, will he leave it on the front porch or in the back yard? He wouldn’t drop it down the chimney would he?” Lucy: “There’s something I sort of feel I should tell you.” Charlie Brown: “Maybe he’ll just leave a gift certificate.” *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**Dennis notices Santa ringing a bell for Salvation Army and goes up to ask him: “You an’ Missus Claus aren’t broke, are you?” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**The little girl says to Santa: “You'd better not bring my brother anything!” *(Jim Unger, in Classic Herman comic strip)***

**One store is so busy they have two Santa Clauses -- a regular one and a Speed Santa for kids who want ten toys or less. (Robert Orben)**

**Dennis asks Santa: “How come you don’t have your own cable channel?” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**Andrew: “Mom, I decided for New Year’s I’m gonna make some positive changes in my life. I’m gonna make my bed, and not fight with Royboy, and then work toward world peace!” Mom: “That’s wonderful, Andrew.” Andrew: “Plus I figure Santa Claus will notice and then I’ll get a lot more presents next Christmas!” *(Rick Stromoski, in Soup To Nutz comic strip)***

**A grandmother took her grandson to see Santa Claus in a department store after purchasing about a dozen Christmas gifts. Santa gave the boy a little present. “What do you say to Santa?” prompted grandma. “Charge it,” said the boy. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Son: “Come on, Dad! Santa’s been here!” Dad: “He has?” Son: “Yeah, look!” Dad: “Wow!” Son: “I wonder how Santa got all this stuff down the chimney?” Dad: “I don’t know.” Son: “Because you don’t even have a chimney.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Shirley & Son comic strip)***

**Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney? Because it soots him! *(Tidbits of Loveland)*The little boy begins writing Santa a letter: “Dear Santa, Don’t worry. I plan to leave out some milk and cookies on Christmas Eve for you. Considering all the houses you visit, you must consume a lot of milk and cookies. Have you had your cholesterol checked recently?” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**What is claustrophobia? It is either the fear of buying Christmas gifts or the fear of getting stuck in a chimney. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**As Dennis walks along with his friend he notices Santa and says to his friend: “That’s the third one today. I think somebody’s been cloning Santa.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**Dennis says to Mr. Wilson: “Since Santa didn’t bring me a computer, I guess the Easter Bunny is my last hope.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**Santa: “Well now, little lady, what can Santa bring you for Christmas?” Heart: “I want my Dad. Let me give ya the back story. See my Dad left me and my Mom when I was a baby. Heck, I never even saw him in real life. Just in videos and pictures, like a movie star or something. Anyway, I found this tree ornament he gave me before I was born. It says ‘Our First Christmas Together,’ and I figure it’s a sign! A sign that we’ll be together at last! And who best to make a Christmas sign come true but Santa Claus? So what do you think, big guy?” Santa: “I think I should’ve taken that job in men’s shoes.” Heart: “C’mon, Nick, you did it for Natalie Wood! She wanted a whole house! I just want a lousy Dad!” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart Of The City comic strip)***

**Billy says to his mother: “Santa Claus’ mommy sure dresses him funny.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Billy asks his mom: “Can I just e-mail my list to Santa?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Son: “I’m home.” Mom: “Where have you been?” Son: “Me and Max had a very enlightening discussion about whether or not Santa really exists.” Mom: “And what did you decide?” Son: “We decided that some things are better left undecided.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Shirley & Son comic strip)***

**Why is Santa so fast on his feet? He has mistle-toes. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)*

“And what would you like for Christmas this year?” a department-store Santa asked the cute kid sitting on his lap. The little girl was indignant. “Didn’t you get the fax I sent you?” *(Quoted by Elston Brooks in Fort Worth Star-Telegram)***

**Santa: “The sleigh is ready and the reindeer are hitched! Yo, elves! The Time is nigh! Fill my bag!” Elves: “Paper or plastic?” (Art Samsom, in The Born Loser comic strip)**

**What does Santa use when he goes fishing? The North Pole. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

**Santa: “Were you a good boy all year, Spencer?” Spencer: “Well, um!” Santa: “Oh! So you were naughty?” Spencer: “Well, um!” Santa: “How many times were you naughty?” Spencer: “If I didn’t get caught does it count?” *(Bud Grace, in Piranha Club comic strip)*
Of course I don’t hate Santa Claus,” says a modern Scrooge. “I just wish he’d stop using my charge accounts.” *(Leo Aikman, in Atlanta Journal-Constitution)***

**As the child leaves Santa’s knee with a long list of Christmas wishes the size of a roll of toilet paper, the next boy gets up on his knee and says to Santa: “I’ll have what he’s having!!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Santa: “So, young man, tell Santa, have you been good?” Boy: “Define ‘good’?” *(Rick Stromoski, in Soup To Nutz comic strip)***

**Santa: “So have you been kind to your brother and sister?” Sister: “Yes, Santa.” Brother: “She’s lyin’! She tortures us!” Sister: “He’s the devil!” Third child: “Shut up, you mooks, or I’ll pound yer brains in! Of course I meant that in a good way.” *(Rick Stromoski, in Soup to Nutz comic strip)***

**The little boy jumps up on Santa’s lap, gives him a present, and says: “It’s a hearing aid. Obviously you didn’t hear me last year.” *(The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)***

**With a whole package of paper in his hand Billy asks: “Who wants to help me write a letter to Santa?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Dennis: “I’m sure I’ll get what I want this year. I’ve already talked to five different Santas.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**The child says to Santa: “Naughty or nice? Umm—don’tcha have something in between?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Dolly: “Instead of REINdeer at the North Pole, shouldn’t Santa have SNOWdeer?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Dennis: “Isn’t that elf kinda tall?” Santa: “Well, uh, eats a lot.” Dennis: “An’ how come he’s wearin’ a camera?” Santa: “Ahem…Missus Claus and I run a photography school in Greenland.” Dennis: “Greenland?!! I thought you lived at the North Pole!” Santa: “That’s just in the winter. It’s Greenland in the spring, France in the fall, and Florida in the summer!” Dennis walks away and says to himself: “Boy! Ya think you know a guy!” Santa: “I need a vacation!” Elf: “It’s just your first day on the job!” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)*
I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus. Sure enough, one day he said, “Mom, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy.” Taking a deep breath, I asked him, “What is that?” He replied, “They’re all nocturnal.” *(Marie Warren, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Santa: “Who's that lady who brought you here?” Little girl: “My Grandma!” Santa: “Tell you what . . . Santa will bring you that Barbie doll you want . . . if you give me Grandma's phone number!” *(Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

**The little girl starts writing her letter to Santa: Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very good girl this year. Mom: “Okay, that’s a pretty good start. Now what?” Little girl: “How much paper do we have?” *(Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, Baby Blues comic strip)***

**The child says to Santa: “Listen up, fat boy! You didn’t get me that pony I asked for last Christmas! What we have here is a failure to communicate!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Dad: “What are you going to ask Santa Claus to bring you this year, Nelson?” Nelson: “A bicycle, a scooter, a video game, a baseball mitt, a chemistry set, and a toy garage with cars and trucks.” Dad: “Wow. That’s a lot of stuff. Santa will probably have to check in his book to see if you were good.” Nelson: “If I just settled for a scooter would he still have to check in his book?” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**A man who had just won millions in the lottery wrote his first letter to St. Nicholas: “Dear Santa, If there’s anything you want for Christmas, just ask.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Santa: “Well, now! What can I bring you for Christmas, little lady?” Heart: “Two words . . . magic feed corn.” Santa: “That's three words.” Heart: “Magic feed corn, Santa! I saw it on a T.V. show! Isn't that what you give to your reindeers so they can fly?” Santa: “Uh . . . yeah . . . I suppose . . . See, my elves handle all that stuff.” Heart: “Well, you can put some magic feed corn in everybody's stocking this year! Then people could just eat some and fly to any place they wanted to go! Think about it, Santa! No more cars! No more buses! No more SUVs. You could get rid of air pollution and global warming in a one-shot deal!” Santa: “Yes, but if everybody could fly, what would we do with all the roller skates?” Heart: “Good ol' Santa . . . always the voice of reason.” Santa: “And a right jolly elf to boot.” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart Of The City comic strip)***

**Santa Claus comes to us under many names: Kriss Kringle, Saint Nicholas, MasterCard. *(Phyllis Diller)***

**Dolly says to her mother: “Why don’t they get Santa new clothes? He wears that same red suit every year.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Dennis says to his mother and father: “Did ya notice that Santa used our wrapping paper?” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**Grandpa: “Where do you want me to put the plastic Santa this year?” Grandma: “Where do we usually put him?” Grandpa: “Sometimes on the roof, sometimes on the lawn, sometimes on the porch. Okay.” Grandma: “Well, just put it wherever you want.” Grandpa then throws it in the trash can. *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)*
Why you don’t let a 5-year-old play Santa Claus: “And here’s one for me, and another one for me, and look, this one’s for me too!” *(Michael Fry, in Committed comic strip)*
I played Santa Claus many times . . . check out the divorce settlements awarded my wives. *(Groucho Marx)***

**Dolly asks her Grandma: “Grandma, were you and Santa Claus playmates when you both were little?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Son: “A plate of rice cakes and a glass of water? I thought Santa liked cookies and cocoa!” Mom: “He does, but believe me, Santa has really been putting on the poundage since Thanksgiving!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**After the little girl climbed onto Santa’s lap, Santa asked the usual question: “And what would you like for Christmas?” The child stared at him, open-mouthed and horrified, then gasped: “Didn’t you get my e-mail?” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Christmas was fast approaching when my friend Dawn reminded her eight-year-old son, Ken, that he would soon be visiting with Santa Claus. He seemed unusually resistant to the idea. “You do believe in Santa, don’t you?” Dawn finally asked her son. He thought hard, then said, “Yes, but I think this is the last year.” *(Penny Harrison Gill, in Reader’s Digest)***

**My wife and I took our six-year-old nephew, Nicholas, to see Santa.  While waiting in line, we remarked that both he and Santa had the same first name. When Nicky’s turn came, he enthusiastically climbed up onto Santa’s knee.  “What’s your name?” Santa asked.  “The same as yours,” the youngster replied. “Well, isn’t that nice,” said the tired and harried Santa. “And what would you like for Christmas, Leonard?” *(Neil Scott)***

**Because of my fluency in American Sign Language, I was hired to be a Santa Claus in a mall. My employer wanted to provide deaf children with a Santa who could communicate with them. I sat for hours, performing for the children who came to visit. But none of them was deaf. Then, two girls approached shyly. One explained that her sister was deaf and could not speak. “What is your name?” I signed slowly. “J-A-S-M-I-N-E,” she replied with her fingers, grinning from ear to ear. I was bubbling over with pride when I absent-mindedly signed, “My name is H-E-N-R-Y, nice to meet you.” The startled child pulled back and furiously began signing, “I thought your name was Santa Claus!” *(Henry E. Lowe, in Reader’s Digest)***

**As Santa enters the house, the sign next to the milk and cookies says “For Santa.” Santa sees it and responds: “Cookies and milk again. No wonder I’m so fat.” *(The American Legion magazine cartoon)***

**The three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus. (Jim Guthrie)**

**As the mother enters the room and sees the kid’s toys all over the floor she says to the children: “That does it. I warned you three times that if you didn’t pick up these toys, I was going to take them away. Well, you didn’t pick them up, so here they go! Now maybe you’ll learn that when I tell you something and you don’t listen, there will be consequences. What the heck was Santa Claus thinking?” *(Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)***

**Child: “Montgomery, what are your thoughts on Santa Claus?” Montgomery: “Well, let’s be realistic. It’s hard to believe one man could do all that in just one night’s work.” Child: “But you still sent him a list, didn’t you?” Montgomery: “And some no-doz in case we’re at the end of the route.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)***

**Dear Santa, my wife is really angry with me. I just now asked her what she wanted for Christmas. Therefore, please bring me a time machine so I can transport myself back to October. *(Brian Basset, in Adam comic strip)***

**As the house begins to be covered by the falling snow, Hagar says to his wife: “This is the worst possible timing, Helga! If it doesn’t stop snowing soon, how will Santa find our house?” *(Chris Browne, in Hagar comic strip)***

**While working as a mall Santa, I had many children ask for electric trains. “If you get a train,” I would tell each one, “you know your dad is going to want to play with it too. Is that okay?” The usual answer was a quick yes. But after I asked one boy this question, he became very quiet. Trying to move the conversation along, I asked what else he would like Santa to bring him. He promptly replied, “Another train.” *(George T. Faure)***

**Dolly says to Santa Claus: “We wanted to trick-or-treat at your house, but we can’t go off our block.” *(Bil Keane, The Family Circus comic strip)***

**A department-store Santa Claus asked a little boy if he had anything to say. Came his reply, “My daddy says to use your head this year and not bring anything he has to assemble.” *(Leslie B. and Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips, p. 51)***

**Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people once a year. (Victor Borge)**

**First boy: “And I want a new dump truck and ice skates and a new bike and . . .” Second boy: “Why are you yelling? Santa hasn’t a hearing problem.” The first boy after noticing Grandma sitting in the next room says to the second boy: “I know, but Grandma might.” *(Bud Blake, in Tiger comic strip)***

**Billy crawls up on Santa’s knee and says: “Doesn’t your mommy make you get out of those winter clothes when you’re inside?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Mooch: “What’s it like to work for Santa on Christmas eve?” Elf: “It’s great, Mooch! Santy and I have a very special arrangement. He gets the cookies -- I get the milk.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**Santa Claus is that jolly old gent who goes “Ho! Ho! Ho!” Then again, if you had to work only one day a year, you'd laugh too. (Orben's Current Comedy)**

**Yes, folks, Sid is working as a Santa at the 7-11. Santa asks the child approaching him: “So what do you want for Christmas?” Child: “A quart of milk, a 6-pack of coke, a Slim Jim, and a lottery ticket.” Santa responds: “Aisle 1, aisle 1, aisle 1, and aisle 1.” *(Bud Grace, in Piranha Club comic strip)***

**As holiday preparations began around the house, our seven-year-old was relaying all his worldly knowledge of Santa Claus to a neighbor’s four-year-old. “Santa Claus works real hard making all those toys,” he said, “and if you’re not good, you won’t get any.” “Well,” the four-year-old replied, “he can’t be working that hard. He’s always hanging out at the mall.” *(William D. Olson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Dennis says to his Mom: “Margaret said I should write to Mrs. Claus first ‘cause she probably handles the important things.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**Charlie Brown: “I just don’t think you should write to Santa Claus and call him “Snooty.’” Linus: “Why not? He made me mad last year. I refuse to call him Mr. Claus!” Charlie Brown: “Well, give it some thought.” Linus says “I will.” as he writes Dear Shorty. *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**Shortly before last Christmas my four-year-old daughter Vicki was laboriously writing on a piece of paper. “What are you writing, Vicki?” I asked her. “I’m writing a letter to Santa Claus,” she answered. “What are you telling him?” I inquired. “I don’t know,” she replied. “I can’t read.” *(Mrs. Beverly Bulligan, in Catholic Digest)***

**Charlie Brown: “I’m writing to Santa Claus, which should I ask for, a bicycle or a dog?” Lucy: “I think, maybe a dog.” Charlie Brown: “You can’t fall off a dog.” *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***