



## Santa: Fact or Fiction

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**T**his news breaking item just in from the Serverson Foundation...

The Severson foundation, after extensive research, brought to the world today interesting facts about a jolly old man who brings toys to children world wide, via flying reindeers, called Santa Clause.

### Here are the facts:

**Reindeers:** There are no human sightings of flying reindeers. Over 300,000 species of animals, insects and germs are yet to be classified. We can't rule the possibility of flying reindeers.

**Travel Route:** If Santa travels east to west, which would be the logical way to fly, Santa has 31 hours to work, thanks to the different time zones.

Time would have to be on Santa's side to visit approximately 91.8 million homes (homes who believe in Santa = 378 million children).

**Time Factor:** Old Santa has only 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, delivery presents, eat what children leave out for him and on his way again. Santa would have to travel 650 miles per second to accomplish all this.

**Santa's Payload:** If each 378 million children receive one gift totaling no more than 2 pounds Santa's sleigh must hold 321,300 tons (plus Santa himself) worth of presents.

The average reindeer (non -flying) can pull only 300 pounds. A grand total of 214,200 reindeers would do the job.

**Dangerous Speeds:** We have concluded that 353,000 tons (Santa's sleigh with toys) traveling 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance. All the 214,200 reindeers would heat up in the same fashion as a spacecraft would re-enter earth's atmosphere.

The lead reindeers would receive 14.3 quintillion joules per second. This means they would burst into flames almost instantaneously,

exposing the other reindeer behind them and creating deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire team of reindeers would be vaporized within 4.26 thousands of a second. Santa would be subjected to centrifugal forces 17,500 times greater than gravity. If Santa weighed 250 pounds (slim for Santa) he would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by 4,315,015 pounds of force.

In conclusion, whoever said Santa was human? There are still numerous planets still unclassified. Could it be possible that Santa is in fact an alien from another planet? This would explain a lot of the many mysteries we call Santa Clause.

