

'Father Christmas' (or 'Santa Claus') has become the human face of Christmas. Pictures will be seen everywhere of the old man with long white beard, red coat, and bag of toys. Children are taught that he brings them presents the night before Christmas (or in some countries on December 6th - St. Nicholas' Day), and many children up to the age of 7 or 8 really believe this is true. In most countries, it is said that he lives near the North Pole, and arrives through the sky on a sledge (snow-cart) pulled by reindeer. He comes into houses down the chimney at midnight and places presents for the children in socks or bags by their beds or in front of the family Christmas tree.

In shops or at children's parties, someone will dress up as Father Christmas and give small presents to children, or ask them what gifts they want for Christmas. Christmas can be a time of magic and excitement for children.

What do you want from Christmas?

Many people do hope for more than presents at Christmas. We want to somehow return to a time in our childhood (or some other good time in the past), when life was simpler and made more sense, before the troubles of adult life arrived. We feel sure that behind all the fun and decorations, there must somehow be a message, something more, some key to life, hope and happiness.

Polish word	English word
Boże Narodzenie	Christmas
choinka	Christmas tree
Wigilia	Christmas Eve
kartka świąteczna	Christmas card
świeczki	candles
łańcuch	chain
zabawka	toy
obrus	tablecloth
siano	hay
zwyczaj	custom
kolędy	carols
pierwsza gwiazda	the first star
potrawy	dishes
makowiec	poppy-seed cake
Mikołaj	Santa Claus
sanie	sledge
renifer	reindeer
prezenty	presents
Wesołych Świąt	Merry Christmas
pierwszy dzień świąt	Christmas Day
drugi dzień świąt	Boxing Day
świętowanie	celebration
kominek	fireplace
skarpeta na prezent	stocking
worek Mikołaja	Santa's sack

Every year as the clock nears midnight on December 31st, the eyes of the world turn once more to the dazzling lights and bustling energy of Times Square. Anticipation runs high. New Year's Eve at the symbolic center of New York City has become more than just a celebration - it's a global tradition. The world holds its breath...and cheers as the clocks strike twelve. As the famous New Year's Eve Ball descends from the flagpole atop One Times Square, an estimated one million people in Times Square, millions nationwide and over a billion watching throughout the world are united in bidding a collective farewell to the departing year, and expressing our joy and hope for the year ahead.

Christmas Wishes

May this Christmas be so special that you never ever feel lonely again and be surrounded by loved ones throughout!

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