



Dear friend,

I'm so happy to hear from you! I arrived at the workshop this morning to find a big, new bag of letters delivered by our postal elves. I opened the bag and sure enough there was your letter!

I loved reading about what you've been up to this past year and am so pleased that you have learned so many new skills. Up here at the North Pole, I'm excited to share that the reindeer have been learning new skills, too. Rudolph took an art class so he can paint. He's getting much better, but so far, he only wants to use the colour red! Meanwhile, Donner and Blitzen have been working with Lucille, the head chef at Santa's workshop, to learn how to bake delicious gingerbread cookies. I tasted some of their batches and they are very tasty, but I still prefer the ones Mrs. Claus makes. And, in the lead-up to this Christmas, Dasher wanted to get better at reading maps, so we enrolled him in cartography lessons where he's learning to draw and read maps. I'm very proud of his progress and even let him help plan out parts of our route on Christmas Eve.

The big day is fast-approaching, and I hope you have a truly merry Christmas this year. I can't wait to receive another letter from you next year!

Your friend,

*Santa*

