



HO, HO, HO... hello!

Thank you so much for writing me. It's a delightful morning here at the North Pole and I can't think of anything more fun to do than answer your letter. We're running out of time to get these last few letters delivered before Christmas, but I will make sure they get to you soon!

There's a blanket of snow covering the village right now and everything is sparkling. Rudolph and the other reindeer were so excited to stomp around the snow this morning when they woke up. I can still hear the clip clop of their hooves ringing in my ears! I hope that you are finding time in your day to enjoy the outdoors. There are so many great activities to do this time of year. Snowshoeing and roasting marshmallows are two of my favourites.

Of course there's plenty to do indoors, too! After a long day of toy-making in the workshop, I like to gather all the elves around the fireplace to sing carols and drink hot cocoa. The elves always ask questions about what children are like, just like kids love asking questions about the elves. I tell them that like every snowflake, every child is unique and beautiful, bringing joy to those around them.

Oh my, now I smell something wonderful! Someone must be baking. I'm tempted to go see. Santa has to keep up his energy. Off to the kitchen I go!

Your friend, *Santa*

