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# **Catching Santa**

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Grammar Exercise for Reading

## (Present) I do

- Present tense usually refers to the time around the moment of writing or speaking.
- We use present simple tense to refer to general truths or habits.

#### **Example** The sun rises in the east.

It fades in the west.

I go to school on weekdays.

He drives to school.

Their house is far from school.

#### Which is right? Suppose all sentences are in present tense.

- 1. I (wash / am washing) my teeth 20 minutes after a meal.
- 2. Do you (think / thought) that food is okay to eat?
- 3. Christmas (is / was) a holiday when people celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- 4. The earth (went / goes) around the sun.
- 5. An interpreter (translates / is translating) from one language to another.
- 6. The Pacific Ocean (is / was being) the largest ocean in the world.
- 7. What time do the bank (close / closed) here?

#### Make a sentence with these words.

- 1. (It rains / a lot / in Korea / in the summer)
- 2. (reads the news / He usually / online)
- 3. (tells her / what to do / No one / after dinner)
- 4. (very quickly when / you get older / Time passes)
- 5. (in the summer / We always / have a holiday)
- 6. (makes / one thousand / Hundred times ten)
- 7. (She doesn't / teaches my sister / teach me but)
- 8. (live in / Suwon? / Do you)

#### **Exercise**

Choose three sentences from the answer and say them in 3 seconds to your teacher without your book.

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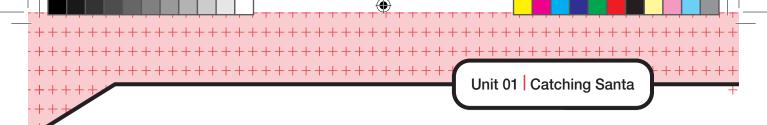
On Christmas Eve, four children planned to stay awake until Santa Claus came. As night fell, they waited and waited. Then, Dan said, "Oh, **I hear** something." "**It sounds** like sleigh bells," said Brody. "Is it Santa?" Andrew whispered. The sleigh bells got closer and closer. Carlos ran to the door and opened it. "It is Papa!" cried Carlos. He had sleigh bells on his hat and boots.

"Merry Christmas!" said Papa. He hugged all the boys and sat in a chair next to Mother. Carlos hopped on his lap. (a) ■ "Did you see Santa Claus?" he asked. "Oh! You know that Santa won't come unless you're asleep," said Papa. "That's right," Mother said. The boys groaned, but they went back to bed. Mother and father kissed them goodnight and turned off the lights.

"I want to see Santa Claus," thought Carlos. It was very late. (b) All the boys fell asleep—all except Carlos. Carlos took his flashlight and snuck downstairs. Soon, he heard sleigh bells coming closer and the pitter-patter of reindeer feet on the roof. He listened to Santa Claus coming down the chimney. Then,  $\bigstar he$  turned on his flashlight and shouted, "Ha! I see you!"

Santa Claus was so surprised. "Oh! What are you doing up, Carlos? You know you're supposed to be asleep!" Carlos was also so stunned that he dropped his flashlight and hid in the closet under the stairs. "I'm sorry I was bad!" Carlos

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whimpered. Carlos could hear Santa filling the stockings with something. He was sure it was lump of coal for naughty children. Then, he heard him going up the chimney. (c) ■ Carlos regretted it, but it was too late.

Mama and Papa ran downstairs next morning, and Dan, Brody, and Andrew followed them. "Where is Carlos?" asked Papa. No one could find him. "Look at this!" Andrew shouted, pointing to a note taped to Carlos's stocking. It read: "I met Carlos last night, and we both were quite frightened. You'll find him beneath the stairs." Dan opened the closet door, and found Carlos. "Santa Claus filled my stocking with coal, didn't he?" Carlos' eyes were filled with tears. "Come and see for yourself," Mother smiled. Carlos was delighted to find his stocking full of gifts just like the other boys'. Then Carlos found another note at the bottom of his stocking. (d) I tread: "Santa Claus is very shy, but  $\bigstar$  will never pass you by." Carlos smiled. "I will never try to catch Santa again," he said.



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## Vocabulary

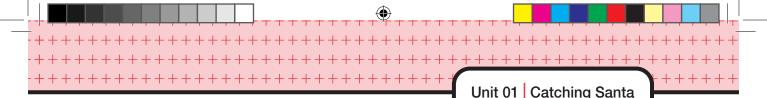
■awake[adj]	not sleeping Amy was <b>awake</b> until 4am, doing her homework.		
■whisper[v]	to speak very quietly, using the breath but not the voice We should <b>whisper</b> since we are at the library.		
■ reindeer[n]	a type of deer that has horns like branches and lives in colder, northern parts of the world Actually, <b>reindeers</b> don't have red noses.		
■surprised[adj]	shocked or amazed by something unexpected I was <b>surprised</b> when I saw Santa dropping my gift from the chimney.		
■stun[v]	to shock or surprise someone very much The women were too <b>stunned</b> to speak.		
■ regret[v]	a feeling of sadness about something sad or wrong or about a mistake that you have made I never <b>regret</b> my choice because I can't go back to the past.		
■ follow[v]	to move behind someone or something and go where he, she, or it goes I shouldn't <b>follow</b> her nonsense rules.		
■quite[adv]	completely, a little or a lot After the accident, she seems <b>quite</b> sad.		
beneath[prep]	in or to a lower position than someone or something, under someone or something Dad, there is a monster <b>beneath</b> my bed.		
■catch[v]	to find and stop a person or animal that is trying to escape I'm still trying to <b>catch</b> the boy who stole my wallet yesterday.		

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### **Reading Comprehension**

- [1~3] Write T if statements are true of F if statements are false according to the passage.
  - 1. Mother and father never kissed the boys goodnight.
  - 2. Carlos saw Santa Claus.
  - 3. Carlos regretted that he tried to catch Santa Claus.
  - **4.** Reorder the sentences to make a full summary of the story.
    - **a**. Carlos decided that he will never try to catch Santa again.
    - b. Mother and father were able to find Carlos by Santa's note.
    - C. Four children planned to stay awake until Santa Claus came.
    - d. Carlos saw Santa Clause, but both of them were too surprised.
    - e. All the boys fell asleep except Carlos.

5. What does ★he in paragraph 3 refer to?

- a. Carlos
- b. Dan
- C. Father
- d. Reindeer

#### 6 What does ★he in paragraph 5 refer to?

- a. Mother
- b. Flashlight
- C. Andrew
- d. Santa Claus



7. Examine the four ■s in the story. Where is the best place for the following sentence?

Since Carlos had decided to see Santa Claus, he wasn't sleepy at all.

- a. 🔳 1<sup>st</sup> square
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> square
- **C. 3**<sup>rd</sup> square
- d. 🔳 4<sup>th</sup> square
- 8. According to the passage, what did Santa do after facing Carlos?
  - a. He waited until morning
  - b. He wrote notes
  - **C**. He called the center
  - d. He gave Carlos coals
- 9. According to the passage, where was Carlos found in the morning?
  - a. on his bed
  - b. at his friend's
  - **C**. on the couch
  - d. beneath the stairs

**10.** The phrase turned off in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to

- a. joined
- b. jumped off
- C. shut down
- d. called up



- **11.** The phrase **coming down** in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to
  - a. climbing down
  - b. eating up
  - **C**. beating up
  - d. pop out

12. What is NOT true according to the story?

- a. Carlos was so stunned when he saw Santa Claus.
- b. Santa Claus was so stunned when he was Carlos.
- c. Carlos hid beneath the stairs.
- d. Carlos got coal from Santa Claus.
- **13.** All of the sentences are true about the story, EXCEPT:
  - a. Carlos pointed his flashlight at Santa Claus.
  - b. Santa Claus yelled and scolded Carlos about his naughty attitude.
  - **c**. Carlos regretted for trying to catch Santa Claus.
  - d. Santa Claus left some notes for Carlos.
- 14. According to the passage, who did Carlos want to see?

15. According to the passage, where was Carlos in the morning?

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