

Autumn 2 week 7 : A visit to St Nicholas Clement Clarke Moore : Text retrieval questions

T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St Nicholas, soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar plums (small sweets made from sugar) danced through their heads.

And Mamma in her nightdress, and I in my cap, had just settled down for a long Winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon falling on to the new fallen snow, made it look like midday to the objects below.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.

More rapid than eagles, his horses they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

Now Dasher! Now Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen! On Comet! on Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all !

Then up to the house top the coursers they flew, with a sleigh full of toys, and St Nicholas too.

1. Which birds are the reindeer compared to?
2. Find and copy **two** words that tell you how St Nicholas communicates with his reindeer.
3. What does St Nicholas have in his sleigh?
4. How many reindeer are there, and what are their names?