

## Ch 8. A Real Santa Claus

### Word Meanings

1. chimney: a vertical tube used to emit smoke.
2. spy: spot; see
3. to the brim: to the point of being full; almost overflowing.

A Fill in the blanks to complete these sentences.

- 1 I hang for you stockings by our chimney.
- 2 There is a chimney in the town.
- 3 There is a room which is all bare.
- 4 In a broken bed you would see someone like me.
- 5 You would find the shoes that no boy would care for.

B Answer these questions.

1. What does Santa Claus do?

Ans. Santa Claus comes and gives gifts to the children on every Christmas eve.

2. What does the boy hang by the chimney?

Ans. The boy hangs two stockings by the chimney.

3. Describe the other boy's house.

Ans. The other boy's house had a room without toys or gifts. There was no stocking but a very worn- out pair of shoes. There was also a broken bed.

- Q4. What does the poor boy dream around Christmas time.

Ans a. The poor boy dreams of gifts and toys around Christmas time.

- Q 5. Who wants to be Santa Claus to the poor boy and why?

Ans. The small boy himself wants to be real Santa Claus to the poor boy because he wants to make his Christmas a really merry and happy festival.

C. Answer these questions with reference to the context

1. There is a chimney in the town ,

You have never travelled down

a. Who has been referred to as 'you' in these lines?

Ans. 'You' is referred to as Santa Claus.

b. What kind of a house does that chimney belong to?

Ans. The house of the poor boy where the chimney belonged to had bare room without any gifts or toys and even no stocking.

C. How does the speaker know that the listener has never climbed down that chimney?

Ans. The speaker knew that the listener has never climbed down that chimney as the room was bare without any gifts or toys.

2. Dreaming of the pretty toys,

Which you bring to other boys

a. Who is dreaming of pretty toys?

Ans. The poor little boy in the broken bed is dreaming of pretty toys.

b. What is the occasion for bringing these toys?

Ans. Christmas is the occasion for bringing these toys.

c. Why do other boys get the toys? What is stopping this boy from getting them?

Ans. The 'other boys' get the toys as they were rich. The little boy was so poor that he did not have even any stocking. Poverty is stopping the boy from getting them.

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