

1 Read the text and complete the gaps with: food, North, home, children, carrot, bed, December, stockings, excited.

The Night Before

Christmas



Christmas Eve is on the 24th of 1) . It is a special day in the UK and one of the happiest days of the year. Everyone is very 2) . They go shopping for presents and 3) for Christmas Day. It's a busy day, but in the evening, everyone comes back 4) and spends time together. The 5) get everything ready for Father Christmas. They hang up their 6) so he can leave their presents inside. They also leave a mince pie for Father Christmas under the Christmas tree, and a 7) for his reindeer. Then, they jump into 8) , go to sleep and dream about the big day ahead.

At the same time, in the 9) Pole, it is the busiest day of the year. Father Christmas has got lots of work to do! Let's take a look at what his Christmas Eve is like.

- 1 First, Father Christmas gets up very early and has a cup of coffee.
- 2 Then, his elves and Mrs Christmas help him get ready.
- 3 Once he is ready, the elves prepare the presents.
- 4 Then, Father Christmas jumps onto his sleigh.
- 5 Father Christmas travels around the world on his sleigh and visits every house.
- 6 At each house, he leaves presents for the boys and girls.
- 7 Then, he eats his mince pie and gives the carrot to his reindeer.
- 8 Finally, Father Christmas returns home to the North Pole and rests.

2 Read what Father Christmas does on Christmas Eve and put the pictures in the correct order.

