



## Teaching Notes: **Santa's High-Tech Christmas**

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### SYNOPSIS

Santa has discovered high-tech gear. With his techno pad, a soft reclining seat in his sleigh and a rocket pack, he is well prepared to deliver presents for Christmas Day. But as things start to go wrong, Santa needs the help of a young girl to ensure all the presents get delivered on time.

### AUTHOR BACKGROUND AND STYLE

Mike Dumbleton is a writer and Literacy Consultant. He has worked in South Australian high schools, New York City schools and as a Literacy Curriculum Officer for the South Australian Education Department. In addition to children's books, he has written a range of educational texts. Part of his interest in writing stems from the fact that his grandfather was a local poet in an Oxfordshire village in England, who regularly recited his poems to the family, with or without requests!

### ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND AND STYLE

Angelia Perrini creates contemporary images that are watercolour based. Angela was born in Putignano, Italy. She is a freelance illustrator with a degree in Art History.

### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

***Santa's High-Tech Christmas*** is an innovative look into using technology whilst promoting kindness, generosity and being helpful towards others. It uses many literary techniques including rhyme and rhythm.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before and during reading the book:

1. Introduce **Santa's High-Tech Christmas** to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about?
  - a. Get the children to look closely at the front cover:
  - b. What can they see?
  - c. What are the most common colours used and why?
2. What do they think the characters on the front cover are doing?
3. Ask the children what they think a High-Tech Christmas might be like?
4. What kind of technology do they have at home? Does it help them around the house?

After reading the book:

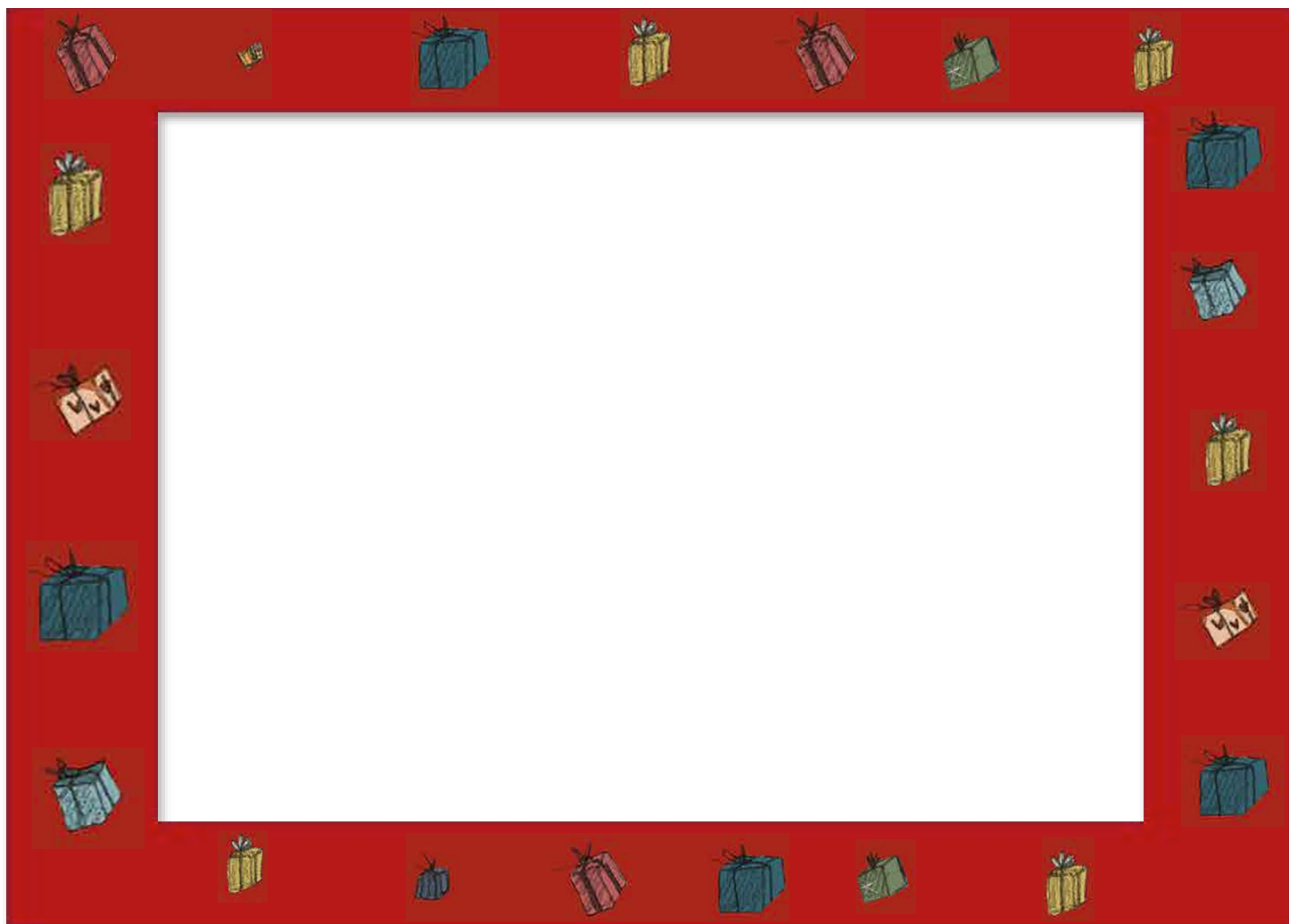
1. Ask the children:
  - a. What did they think of the story?
  - b. What were their favourite parts or least favourite parts and why?
  - c. Would they have done anything differently to Santa or Jasmin?
2. Ask them to think of ways that they could use technology to help around the house?
3. If they could receive one present from Santa this year that allowed them to help others what would it be?



**Santa's naughty or nice list is very disorganised.  
Design an app for Santa that will sort through  
the list, making sure every child in the world has  
been checked twice!**

Name : .....

Class : .....



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# Santa's High-Tech Christmas Word Search

Can you find all the words?

Name : ..... Class: .....

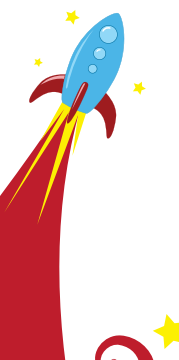
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CHRISTMAS  
NAUGHTY

SANTA  
IPAD

NICE  
SLEIGH

LIST  
PRESENTS



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Techno-Pad

# **Santa's High-Tech Christmas Storybook Dictionary**

Sleigh

Name : .....  
Class: .....

When you find these words in the  
storybook draw pictures of them.

Jasmin



Phone

Present

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Roof

Santa

Seat

Rocket Pack

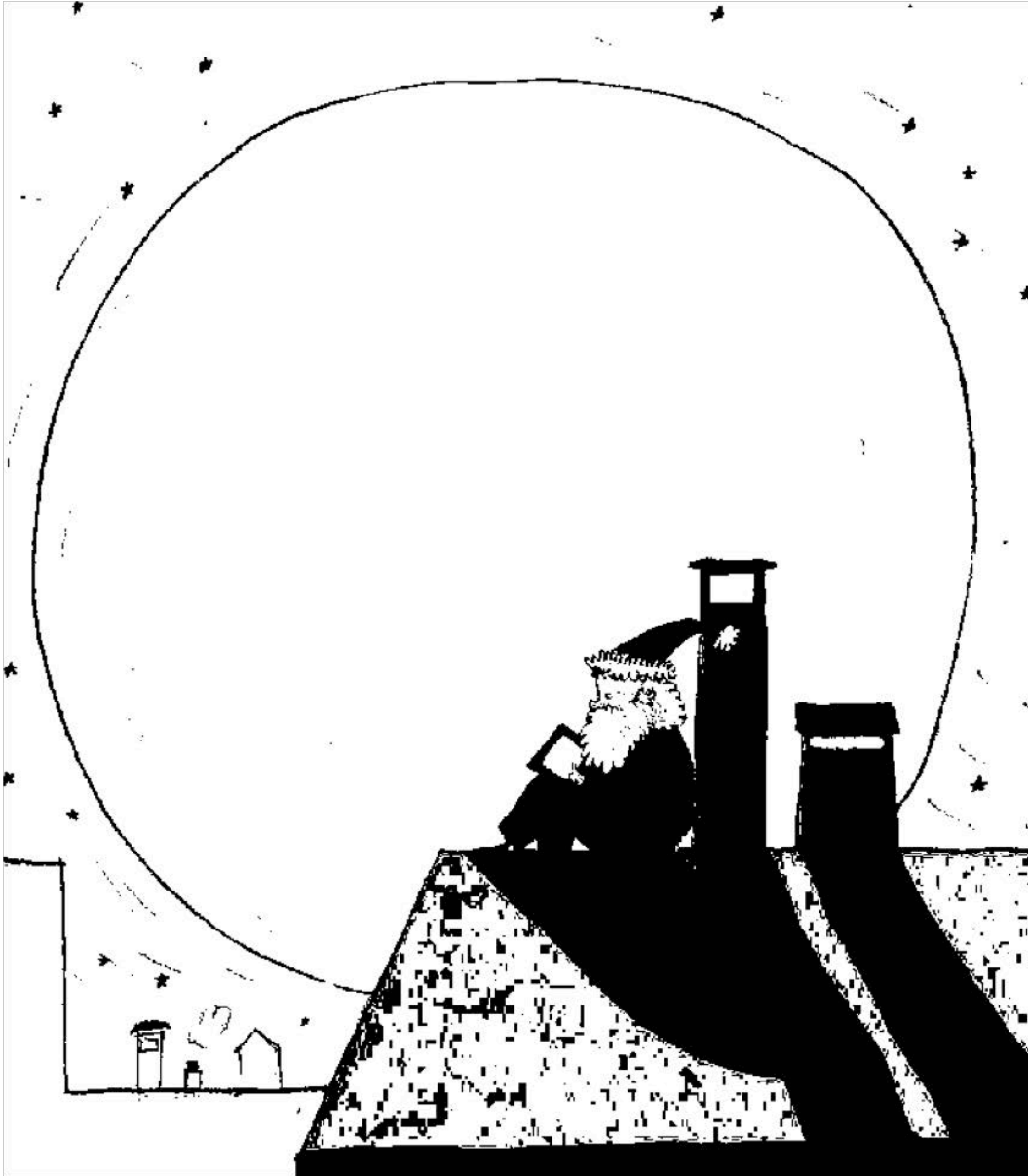
Pocket

Paint

Christmas



**Colour the moon in your favourite  
Christmas colours to light the way for  
Santa so he can deliver all his presents!**



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