

A. Before you read

You are going to read an extract from a local newspaper, The Ersham Chronicle. Look at these sentences from the text. Choose the correct words.

- 1 On Saturday | **evening** | **afternoon** |, at 3 o'clock, a young policeman stopped an old man in Ersham Market Square.
- 2 The old man, | **that** | **who** | had a long white beard, was wearing a red suit.
- 3 He had a sack | **which** | **who** | was filled with Christmas presents.
- 4 The old man was ringing a bell and asking shoppers in the market | **buy** | **to buy** | a Christmas present from one of the local shops.
- 5 The man said he would give the presents | **for** | **to** | children in Ersham.
- 6 The old man said he didn't have a driving license | **why** | **because** | he didn't drive a car.
- 7 Constable Davis asked him if he had any | **else** | **other** | document to prove he was Santa Claus.
- 8 "I | **must** | **have** | to go home, clean my sledge and feed my reindeer."
- 9 Sergeant Harris laughed | **when** | **if** | he heard the story.
- 10 "Young man, we | **need to** | **can** | have a little talk."

B. Read the text

Read the text and check your answers to Exercise 1. Look carefully at the wrong answers. Think about why they are wrong. Read the sentences below. Mark them TRUE, FALSE or DON'T KNOW.

- 1 It was dark, when Constable Davis spoke to the old man. **T / F / DK**
- 2 The old man's jacket and trousers were the same colour. **T / F / DK**
- 3 The old man was wearing black boots. **T / F / DK**
- 4 The old man's sack was empty. **T / F / DK**
- 5 The old man was making a noise. **T / F / DK**
- 6 Constable Davis thought that the old man was a policeman. **T / F / DK**
- 7 The old man was driving without a driving license. **T / F / DK**
- 8 Constable Davis wanted to know if the old man was really Santa Claus. **T / F / DK**
- 9 Constable Davis told the old man to go to the police station. **T / F / DK**
- 10 The old man's sledge was dirty. **T / F / DK**
- 11 Sergeant Harris was angry when he heard about the old man. **T / F / DK**
- 12 Sergeant Harris was older than Constable Davis. **T / F / DK**