

Santa Claus – Glossary

associate verb [transitive]

be associated with: to be connected with something in some way

His social problems were associated with heavy drinking.

brandy noun [uncountable]

a strong alcoholic drink made from wine

Christmas tree noun [countable]

a tree that you cover with lights and other decorations at Christmas. Christmas presents are often placed under the tree.

connected (with/to) adjective

things such as ideas, events, or facts that are connected are related to each other

costume noun [countable/uncountable]

clothes that are typical of a particular place or of a period in history

They were all dressed in 18th-century costume.

do with phrasal verb [transitive]

be/have nothing to do with somebody/something: used for saying that someone or something is not connected with or involved in a particular fact or situation

Reynolds has always claimed that he had nothing to do with her disappearance.

Dutch adjective

relating to the Netherlands, or to the language and culture of the Netherlands

exist verb [intransitive]

to be real, or to appear in the real world

Dragons don't exist.

feast noun [countable]

a religious festival such as Christmas or Passover

the Feast of St Nicholas

figure noun [countable]

someone who is important in some way

She was the dominant figure in British politics in the 1980s.

generosity noun [uncountable]

kindness, especially in giving things to people

He was known for his generosity to his colleagues.

image noun [countable]

a photograph, painting, or other work of art that represents a person or thing

Images of strange-looking animals are carved into the rocks.

mince pie noun [countable]

a type of pie that is filled with mincemeat, usually eaten at Christmas

northern hemisphere, the noun [singular]

the northern half of the Earth, north of the *equator* (the imaginary line that marks the middle of the Earth)

popular culture noun [uncountable]

the types of entertainment that most people in a society enjoy, for example films, television programmes, and popular music

reindeer noun [countable]

an animal like a deer with large antlers growing from its head that lives in the Arctic and in northern regions of Europe and America

saint noun [countable]

someone who the Christian church officially honours after their death because they have lived an especially holy life. Saint is often written as *St* before a person's name.

It was a holy place, the shrine of a saint.

spirit noun [singular]

the attitude of people in a group

You become aware of a powerful community spirit.

supposed adjective

believed or said by some people to be true, although you may not agree with this

well behaved adjective

a well-behaved child or animal behaves in a way that is polite or gentle and does not upset people