



When Santa's Sled Hit a Blimp Set 4 (89 words)

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Special words

a, the, so, go, to, their, do, falls

Santa's sled hits a blimp.

Santa falls off the sled and so do lots of sacks of presents.

Santa is helpless.

'Help! Help!' cries Santa.

A flock of pelicans go to Santa's aid. Flap, flap, flap.

Santa gets a lift back to his sled on the bill of a pelican.

The rest of the pelicans grab the sacks of gifts in their bills and drop them on the sled.

Then, Santa sets off again, keen to get the gifts to the kids.

Questions

After reading the text ask students one or more of the following questions. If students are working in pairs, alternate Partner 1, then Partner 2.

- Have you ever seen a blimp? Describe a blimp.
- What are blimps used for?
- What is a 'flock'? What other group of animals is called a flock?
- What do you call a group of cows; a group of loins; a group of emus or kangaroos?
- Is a pelican's beak longer than your arm? Have a guess. Discuss how you could work out the answer.