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## Santa Claus and the police

On Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a young policeman stopped an old man in Ersham Market Square. The old man, who had a long white beard, was wearing a red suit. He had a sack which was filled with Christmas presents. The old man was ringing a bell and asking shoppers in the market to buy a Christmas present from one of the local shops. The man said he would give the presents to children in Ersham.

The young policeman, Constable Davis, approached the old man and asked him who he was, and what he was doing. The old man told the policeman that he was Santa Claus. He said he was collecting Christmas presents for the children in Ersham.

Constable Davis was suspicious and did not believe him. He asked to see the old man's

driving license. The old man said he didn't have a driving license because he didn't drive a car. Constable Davis asked him if he had any other identity document to prove that he was Santa Claus.

Santa Claus said he didn't have any documents, so Constable Davis asked him to come to the police station.

"I can't come to the police station now," said Santa Claus, "I have to go home, clean my sledge and feed my reindeer."

Constable Davis phoned Sergeant Harris at the police station and explained the situation. Sergeant Harris laughed when he heard the story. He told Constable Davis to come to the police station. "Young man, we need to have a little talk," said Sergeant Harris.