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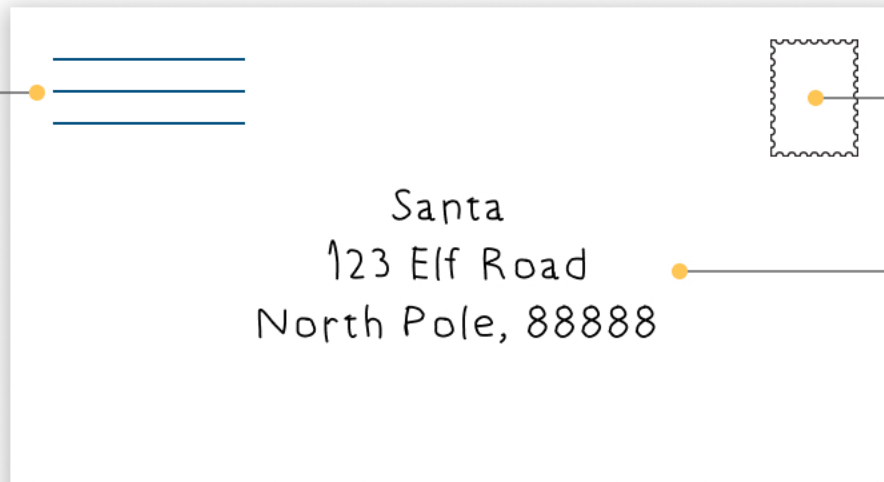
Santa can't wait to hear from you!

The USPS Operation Santa® program has shared holiday magic for more than 100 years.

To participate, write a letter to Santa and include helpful details such as age, shoe size and home address. USPS will hide personal information from the public.

How to address your envelope to Santa

Write your full name and return address along with your apartment number on the envelope here



Attach a First Class™ stamp here

Write Santa's address here. He lives at 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888

- **For a family:** Families that send their letters together have a better chance of being posted together. Group all your family's letters in one envelope and include additional stamps depending on the weight.
- **For an organization or classroom:** Send each letter individually in its own standard letter-size envelope. Each letter should have a First-Class stamp and a return address that shows where the child will be staying during the holiday, so Santa knows where to send gifts.
- **Good to know:** You do not need an account to write or mail a letter to Santa, and sending a letter does not guarantee that your letter will be posted for adoption, adopted, or that a gift will be received.

Letters should be postmarked by **December 5**, but earlier submission is encouraged!



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Writing to Santa: A Helpful Guide

Whether your children are old enough to write on their own or need more help, these suggested prompts might get the ideas flowing—and pencils moving. You can use the provided templates or any paper at all.

What does it mean to write a letter to Santa?

We might reflect on what we have, what we are thankful for and what we might wish for. Or, we might make wishes we would only make at this time of year to Santa.

What do we want to ask Santa for?

Think of things we need and things we want, knowing both are OK to ask for. Perhaps we might mention our siblings or parents.

What are the 7 key parts in a letter to Santa?

1. Greeting (Dear Santa, for example)
2. Introduction (My name is Susie, for example)
3. Why he should visit you (I have been good this year, for example)
4. What you want (Toys and clothes, for example)
5. Some detail (Shoe size or coat size, for example)
6. Closing (Thank you Santa, for example)
7. Signature (Love Susie, for example) with your full home address

Do we want to decorate our letter to make it even more special?

We can draw a picture of Santa, gifts we like, our family, or anything at all. Skip 3D art like glitter, glue or noodles—it's cute, but makes the letter tough to sort!

What are the 3 key parts on an envelope to Santa?

1. Your full name and home address, including any apartment number
2. Santa's special address, so we know Santa will get it
3. A stamp, so that the United States Postal Service can deliver it to him

Where do we put our envelope when it is sealed and ready?

We can give it to the mail carrier who visits our home, put it in our mailbox or a blue collection box, or give it to our teacher, counselor or other adult to send it.





Dear Santa,

Thank
you,

Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City	
State	ZIP Code™

Dear Santa,

Thank you,

Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
City	State	ZIP Code™

Dear Santa,

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

CityStateZIP Code™

This year, I would like:



Thank you,



Dear Santa,



Thank you,

Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
City	State	ZIP Code™