

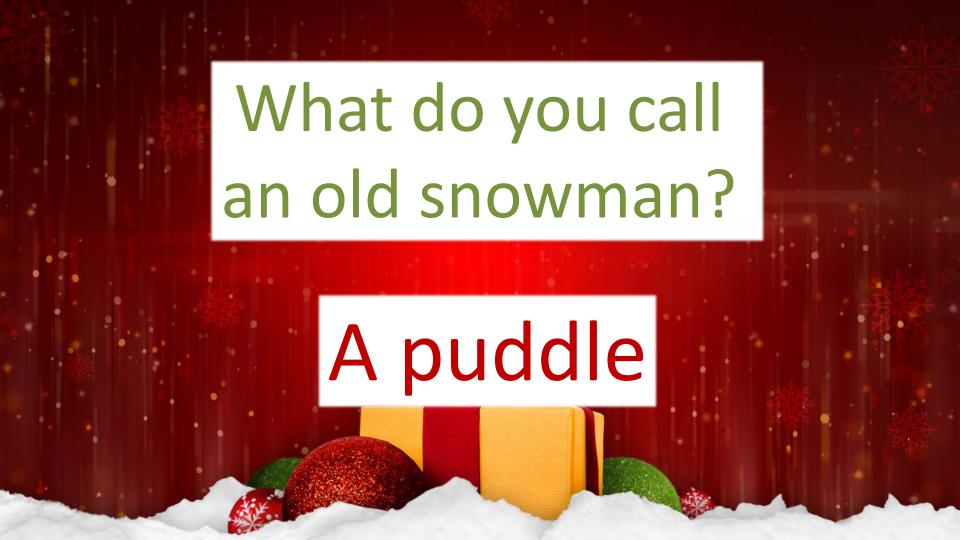
# What does an English teacher call Santa's helpers?



## What do they teach at the North Pole elementary school?







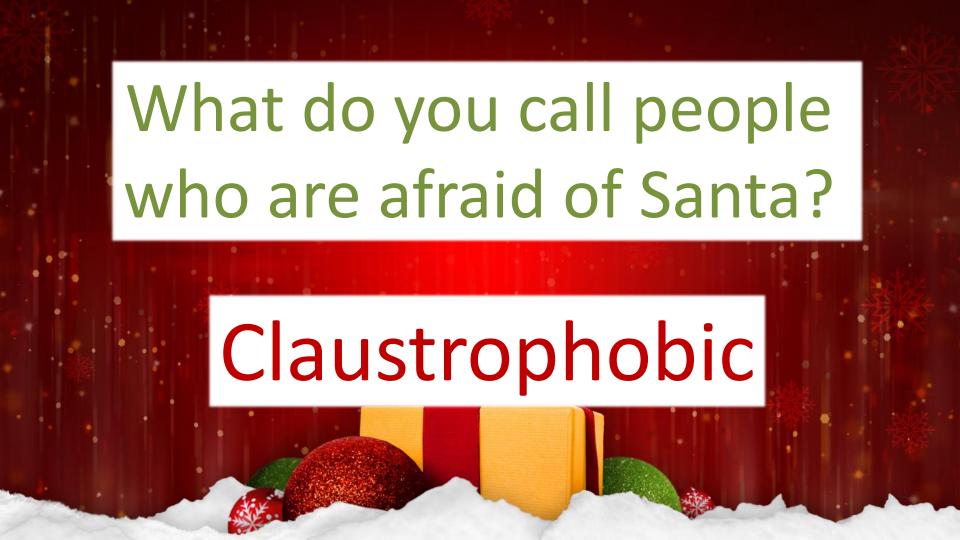


What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?

"Thanks! I'll never part with it."

## What do you get when you eat the Christmas decorations?







## Why is Christmas just like an office job?

You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit



## POPQUIZ

Thanks to Dr. Norm Geisler

### T/F? Jesus was born in a manger.

- False
  - —He was born in a stable and laid in a manger (Luke 2:7)

### T/F? The Bible places great emphasis on the birth of Jesus.

- False
  - -Two gospels don't even mention it
  - —The emphasis throughout is on His death, not His birth

### T/F? Jesus was born on December 25.

- False? (we don't know)
  - -12/25 is the end of the winter solstice (i.e. *rebirth of the sun*)
  - -Was adopted in the 4<sup>th</sup> cent.



#### Hypostatic Union

- Jesus had two natures
- Chalcedon: United without mixture, without change, without division, and without separation
- Omnipotent, yet weary (John 4:6)

### T/F? Christians Shouldn't Celebrate Christmas.

- Why not? just not the world's way!
  - -Focus on the Savior, not the stuff
  - -Celebrate Jesus' life and death
  - -We can still have holy-days

### "Holy" Day

- Set apart, special; not common, not familiar
- Set apart to help us remember (like communion; birthday; anniversary)
- Keep the right focus Rom. 14

#### Significance of His Birth

- Hebrews 2:14-18 (cf. 1 John 4:1-3)
  - –Needed to be like us
    - To conquer death & the devil
    - To relate and propitiate (Heb. 10)
    - To help us in temptation

#### So What?

- Conversation, not condemnation
- Celebrate the whole Person of Jesus:
  His humanness and God-ness
- Celebrate His whole life: birth, death, resurrection, ascension

#### So What?

- He experienced life's circumstances just like you (Heb. 4:14-16)
  - -He can relate (15)
  - -He can help (16)