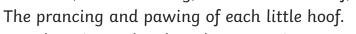


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🐉 An Extract from Clement Clarke Moore's 🐇

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

10 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,



- As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
- **37** Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
- 49 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
- 59 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
- 69 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
- 79 And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.
- 86 His eyes how they twinkled! His dimples,
- 88 how merry!
- 95 His cheeks were like roses, his nose
- 98 like a cherry!
- **105** His droll little mouth was drawn up
- 108 like a bow,
- **115** And the beard of his chin was
- **120** as white as the snow.





1. How did St. Nicholas enter the house?



2. And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes... In this sentence, what does 'tarnished' mean?



3. Why do you think the author described his nose as **like a cherry**?



4. What do you think is going to happen in the next few verses of the poem?



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Answers



 How did St. Nicholas enter the house?
St. Nicholas entered the house by coming down the chimney.



 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes... In this sentence, what does 'tarnished' mean?
Pupils' own responses, such as: Tarnished means his clothes were ruined by the ash in this sentence.



3. Why do you think the author described his nose as **like a cherry**?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author described the nose as like a cherry because of the bright-red colour.



4. What do you think is going to happen in the next few verses of the poem?

Pupils own responses, such as: I think St Nicholas will leave presents beneath the tree in the next verse of the poem.



