

Santa Claus vs. Sinterklaas

Sinterklaas (also called **Sint-Nicolaas** in Dutch and **Saint Nicolas** in French) is a traditional holiday figure in the Netherlands and Belgium, celebrated every year on Saint Nicholas' eve (December 5) or, in Belgium, on the morning of December 6. **Saint Nicholas** is the patron saint of, among other things, children. The figure of **Santa Claus**, and his role during Christmas, is largely based on the Dutch Sinterklaas. However, there are some differences between the two.



	Santa Claus	Sinterklaas
Appearance	Casual red and white attire.	Formal church attire.
Family	Mrs. Claus	No family
Transportation	Reindeer-drawn sleigh that can fly	Steamer called Pakjesboot 12 and a white horse called Amerigo, who can walk on rooftops and make great leaps through the air.
Helpers	Elves	Zwarte Pieten
Delivery	Santa delivers the gifts himself via the chimney.	Sinterklaas waits on rooftops while his Zwarte Pieten do the work.
Gifts	Made in Santa's toy factory with the help of elves	Made in his factory by the Zwarte Pieten
Personality	Punctual	Almost senile
Punishment	Lenient; leaves only coal to children who have been naughty	Strict; children who have been naughty are beaten with bundles of small branches or taken to Spain.

Reference

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