



Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
WEB'TECTIVES

1. Can reindeer swim? Check out this site to find out the difference between caribou and reindeer.
http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/html/caribou_reindeer.html
2. What exactly is an elf? Where were they first "reported"?
<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/kids/2003/12/elves.html>
3. The American version of Santa Claus was inspired by the Dutch settlers in which of the original colonies?
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/4821/schistory.html>
4. Which famous Clement Moore poem first introduced the idea of Santa's eight reindeer? <http://www.holidayfires.com/rudolph.php>
5. Name the other eight reindeer.
<http://www.the-north-pole.com/carols/rudolph.html>
6. Visit this site to see actual North Pole pictures.
http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/gallery_np_moods.php?year=2006
7. Vote for your favorite reindeer to guide Santa's sleigh in 2006.
http://www.christmassantaclaus.com/north_poll.asp
8. Who wrote the music for "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"?
http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns_and_Carols/rudolph_the_red_nosed_reindeer.htm
9. Name the man who created the story of Rudolph. Why did he write it?
<http://www.bookrags.com/history/popculture/rudolph-the-red-nosed-reindeer-bbbb-03/>
10. Take a reindeer quiz! <http://www.siec.k12.in.us/~west/proj/claus/facts.htm>

Answers:

1. They are excellent swimmers because of their unique fur which keeps them buoyant
2. A kind of fairy; little people with magical powers; Germanic folklore
3. New York
4. *The Night Before Christmas*
5. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen
8. Johnny Marks
9. Robert May, to draw people into his store during the holidays