

**EXCERPT FROM CLEMENT MOORE’S “T’WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS”**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I:** *Underline phrases in Moore’s poem that use **similes**. Write these phrases in the box provided.*

...Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;...

**Write all similes you find.**

Source: Moore, C. (1822). *A visit from St. Nicholas* (excerpted). Poetry Foundation. Retrieved from:  
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43171/a-visit-from-st-nicholas>

**Part II:** *What did Clement Moore leave out when describing Santa Claus? His boots? His hair? His red Santa suit? His reindeer? His sleigh? With your partner, write three separate sentences using **metaphors** to describe three of Santa’s features that Moore left out.*