



Don't lie about
Christmas
warn
psychologists

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Father Christmas, Santa Claus, the chimney and the reindeer. It's the story we all grew up with. But a new report says it is harmful to tell children the Christmas myth is true. Really?

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The story of Father Christmas has enchanted children for decades. But two academics, Professor Christopher Boyle and Dr Kathy McKay, say that the lie can undermine children's trust in their parents. 'If they are capable of lying about something so special and magical, can they be relied upon to continue as the guardians of wisdom and truth?' they write.

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Children tend to stop believing in Father Christmas between the ages of five and ten. Many come to this conclusion through reason and logic. But others are either brusquely informed by their more knowledgeable friends or are told the truth in an earth-shattering conversation with Mum and Dad.

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What an overreaction this is, say many parents. Children are not mentally scarred by being told the truth about Father Christmas; in fact it is healthy for them to prove that something is not true. And in any case the tale, with its rich folklore spanning many countries, promotes children's imaginations. It makes Christmas fun, so let's ignore these Scrooge-like academics.

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Does lying to children
about Father
Christmas damage
them?

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Did your parents tell you
Father Christmas existed
— and would you do the
same to your own children?

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top 10
Christmas
traditions from
around the
world

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adjective of the day

curmudgeonly

Word used to describe someone who is easily annoyed or difficult to please: *baa-temperea*, *irritable*, *moody*.

Sarah stumbled onto a job working for a **curmudgeonly** photographer

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Noun of the day

aspersions

a damaging or derogatory remark or criticism; slander:

*casting **aspersions** on a campaign rival.*

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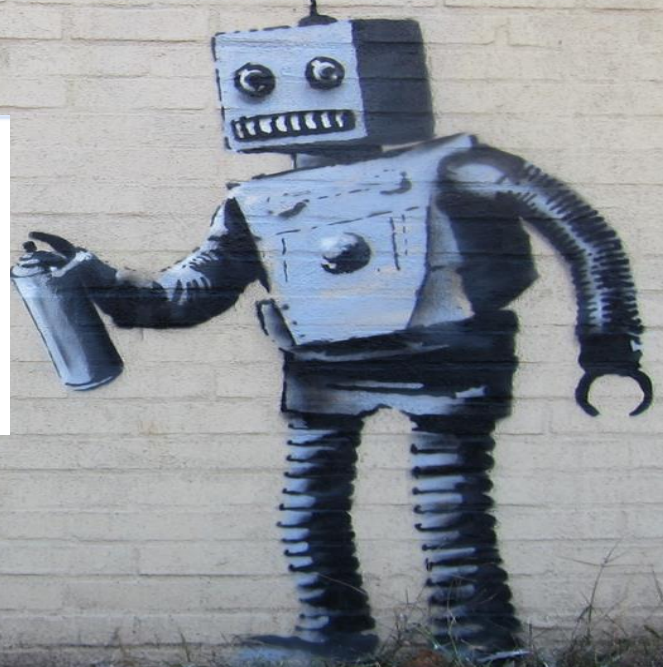
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