Phrases to practice before the Santa visit

ReadySetSay

A free printable for families, to practice at home and take along

These are whole phrases for a grown-up to say, the same way each time: at home before the visit, and again while you wait in line.

Your child doesn't have to say anything. Pointing to a card, a look, a wave or a talking device all count.

The visit, in order

Cut out the cards, or point to them on the page.

① When you reach Santa

Hello, **Santa!**

② When Santa asks what you'd like

I want **_____, please.**

③ Before the photo, if your child wants it

Picture, **please.**

④ Before the photo, if your child doesn't

No **picture.**

⑤ Any time, in line too

Too **loud!**

⑥ Any time, in line too

I need **a break!**

⑦ Whenever your child has had enough

All **done!**

⑧ As you leave

Bye-bye, **Santa!**

Three tips

1. **Practice with a toy Santa or a photo.** Go through the cards in order, a few times, in the days before.
2. **Keep the visit short.** Saying hello and bye-bye is a whole visit.
3. **"All done" always works.** When anyone says it, the visit ends, without fuss.

Calm games to play together

ReadySetSay makes calm picture games for iPad and iPhone that use short, steady phrases like these. Rocket Launch is free in any web browser: readysetsay.com/play.html

Or scan the code with your phone's camera to open ReadySetSay on the App Store.

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