

## CHRISTMAS LETTER SORTING MACHINE

Step 5: The name of the sender is scanned in the ScanTronix Letter Reading System. Next, it is checked against the Naughty or Nice database. The arrow will swing to either Nice or Naughter. After that, the letter will be pushed towards one side of the conveyor belt.

Step 6a: Any letters from children on the Nice list are sent straight to Santa Claus's bedroom. He opens them and reads them all.

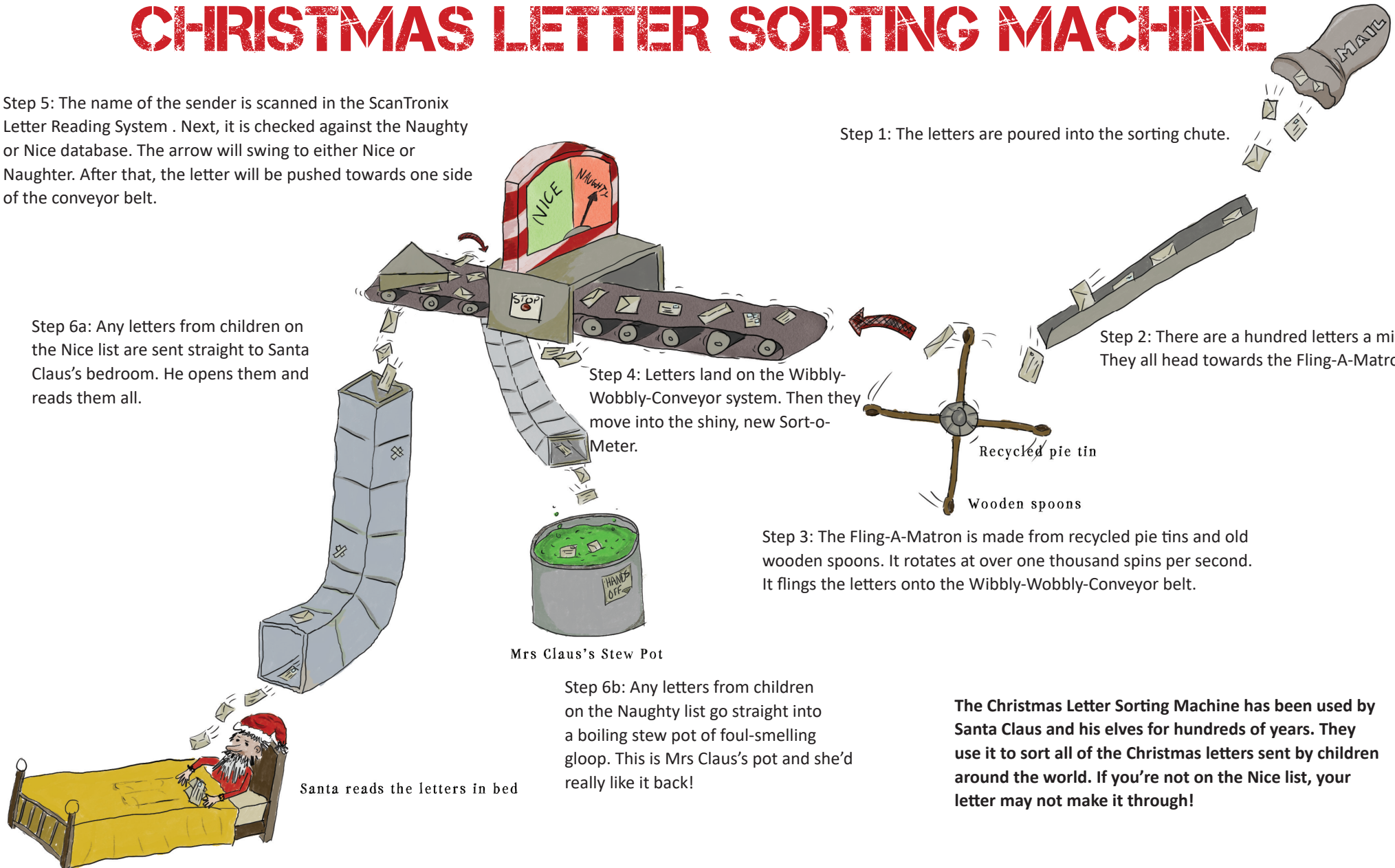
Step 4: Letters land on the Wibbly-Wobbly-Conveyor system. Then they move into the shiny, new Sort-o-Meter.

Step 1: The letters are poured into the sorting chute.

Step 2: There are a hundred letters a minute. They all head towards the Fling-A-Matron.

Step 3: The Fling-A-Matron is made from recycled pie tins and old wooden spoons. It rotates at over one thousand spins per second. It flings the letters onto the Wibbly-Wobbly-Conveyor belt.

Step 6b: Any letters from children on the Naughty list go straight into a boiling stew pot of foul-smelling gloop. This is Mrs Claus's pot and she'd really like it back!



**The Christmas Letter Sorting Machine has been used by Santa Claus and his elves for hundreds of years. They use it to sort all of the Christmas letters sent by children around the world. If you're not on the Nice list, your letter may not make it through!**

## RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. Whose stew pot is it?
2. How many letters are there each minute?
3. How many steps are there?
4. Where do letters on the Nice list get sent?
5. For how long has Santa been using the machine?

## VIPERS QUESTIONS

**V**

Why is the Fling-A-Matron called this?

**I**

How does Mrs Claus feel about her pot being used for the naughty letters?

**V**

What words tell you about the Sort-O-Meter?

**S**

Write down each step that a letter goes through in order.

Answers:

1. Mrs Claus
2. A hundred
3. 7
4. To Santa's bedroom
5. A hundred years

V: Because it flings letters

I: She wants it back

V: Shiny and new

S: Any suitable summary of the text