



A CHRISTMAS QUIZ

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Traditions

1. What gimmick did Londoner Tom Smith invent in 1847 to increase his sweet sales at Christmas? **Cracker**
2. Which board game has sold the most copies worldwide? **Monopoly** (over 250,000!)
3. The first charity Christmas card was printed in 1949, but who was it in aid of? **UNICEF**
4. How many people are you permitted to kiss under a sprig of mistletoe? **One kiss per berry**
5. The first British monarch to broadcast to the people on Christmas day was George V in 1932. Who wrote his speech? **Rudyard Kipling**
6. What are the names of the three wise men said to have brought gifts to the baby Jesus? **Balthasar, Caspar Melchoir**
7. Boxing Day is also known as the feast of which saint? **St Stephen**
8. Name four things which make a Christmas pantomime different to an ordinary play? **Lead man played by young woman, dame played by man, script full of innuendos, audience participation ("look behind you"), sing-a-long songs, animals played by actors, slap stick comedy involving pretending or actually throwing things at the audience (such as sweets).**

Food and Drink

1. What alcohol would you use to make a snowball cocktail? **Advocaat**
2. What is the name of the sweet Italian bread traditionally served at Christmas? **Panetonne**
3. According to tradition, eating at least one what on each of the 12 days of Christmas is thought to bring luck for the coming year? **Mince Pies**
4. True or False: Christmas puddings should be stirred east to west in honour of the three wise men. **True**
5. Brandy is made from distilling what? **Wine**
6. Traditional in Germany at Christmas, what sort of food is stollen? **Cake**
7. Yorkshireman William Strickland is believed to have brought the first what to Britain from North America in 1526? **Turkey**
8. What token vegetable is often included in the ingredients of a Christmas pudding? **Carrot**

Music

1. In 1965, which Christmas song became the first song to be broadcast from space? **Jingle Bells**
2. What is the all-time best-selling Christmas recording? **White Christmas**
3. In the song "Frosty the Snowman" what are the eyes made of? **Coal**
4. The first line of the song "Do They Know It's Christmas?" by Band Aid was originally intended for which singer, who finally got to sing it during Live Aid? **David Bowie**
5. If the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is taken literally, are there enough presents given for each day of the year? **No - there would be 364**
6. What was the title of Cliff Richard's last Christmas number one single? **Saviour's Day**
7. Who wrote Auld Lange Syne? **Robert Burns**
8. Choirboy Peter Auty sang the film version of which song later recorded as a hit record by Aled Jones? **Walking in the Air**



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Christmas Stories

1. In Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker", who is the nutcracker's main enemy? **The Mouse King**
2. Who wrote "How the Grinch Stole Christmas?" **Dr Seuss**
3. Name Santa's eight reindeers according to the poem "A Visit from St Nicholas". **Dasher, Dance, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen**
4. Which 2004 film sees Tom Hanks take a boy on a trip to the North Pole to visit Santa Claus? **The Polar Express**
5. In the movie "Home Alone", Macaulay Culkin plays the boy accidentally left alone at Christmas. What is the name of this character? **Kevin**
6. Which Wallace & Gromit movie, set at Christmas and first aired on 24 December, won the 1995 Oscar for best Animated Short Film? **A Close Shave**
7. Who are the four ghosts in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"? **Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come and Jacob Marley**
8. What did Harry Potter get for his first Christmas at Hogwarts? **An Invisibility Cloak**

Around the World

1. On the Twelfth Night, what do Spanish children leave out for the three Wise Men to fill? **Shoes**
2. The name Santa Claus originates from European settlers in America who called St Nicholas, Sinter Klass. Where did the settlers come from? **Holland**
3. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees? **Canada**
4. Which city, famous for its Christmas market, is known as the "Gingerbread Capital of the World"? **Nuremberg (Germany)**
5. Which country only declared Christmas Day a public holiday in 1958? **Scotland**
6. Which city donates the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree to London each year? **Oslo (Norway)**
7. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate? **Mexico**
8. Which country did St Nicholas come from? **Turkey**

Trivia

1. How many sides does a snow flake have? **Six**
2. What is the birth sign of people born on 25 December? **Capricorn**
3. According to the Meteorological Office what year was the last white Christmas in Britain? **2004**
4. In Victorian England what people were popularly called robins because of their red uniforms? **Postmen**
5. Approximately how many destinations does Father Christmas visit? **Around 150 million**
6. Which of the following places is NOT a real US city or town: Mistletoe, Kentucky; Sleigh Bells, North Dakota; Santa Claus, Indiana; Christmas, Florida? **Sleigh Bells, North Dakota**
7. In what year did Coca Cola begin featuring Santa in their advertising at Christmas? **1931**
8. The Santa World Cup takes places in Switzerland each year. Which of these disciplines is not included in the cup: chimney climb, geography quiz, karaoke or reindeer race. **Reindeer Race**