



Christmas Quiz Questions

1 Name Santa's reindeer.

2 Which ocean is Christmas Island in?

3 Name 3 things people put in a Xmas tree.

4 What do people do under the mistletoe?

5 What does a 'white Christmas' mean?

6 What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of?

7 Name three Christmas carols.

8 Name 3 animals that live near the North Pole (in the Arctic Circle).

9 Where was Saint Nicholas born?

10 How old is Saint Nicholas?

11 Which continent is the turkey from?

12 What sound do Christmas crackers make?

13 What is checked twice?

14 What kind of tree is a Christmas tree?

15 Name a Christmas movie.

16 Name 5 parts or items of a snowman.

17 In which season is Christmas in Australia?

18 Name 3 countries near the North Pole (in the Arctic Circle).

19 Name three typical kinds of Christmas food.

20 What are the 'leaves' of a Christmas tree called?

Answer Key

1

9 reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolf

2

Indian Ocean (Christmas Island is part of Australia and is located near the Indonesian coast)

3

star, tinsel, baubles (balls), lights, (fake) snow, chocolates, decorations etc.

4

kiss

5

when it has snowed at Xmas

6

a button

7

Silent Night, Jingle bells, We wish you a merry Christmas, Rudolph the...

8

polar bear, seal, walrus, snow owl, arctic fox etc...

9

village of Para, Greece

10

born around 270 AD, so 1741 years old

11

South America

12

a pop, bang, explosion etc.

13

Santa's list (of naughty and nice kids)
pine, fir, spruce

14

(evergreen trees)

15

The Polar Express, Bad Santa, Santa Claus, I'll be home for Christmas, I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus etc.

16

button or carrot (nose), hat, broom, scarf, (pieces of) coal (eyes), pipe etc.

17

in summer

18

Russia, Norway, Canada, USA (Alaska), Greenland (Denmark), Iceland

19

roast turkey, Christmas pudding/cake/ham, roast potatoes, cranberry sauce, gingerbread etc.

20

needles

1. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
2. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
3. In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on holiday when they leave Kevin behind?
4. Which country did Eggnog originate?
5. How many gifts were given in total in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
6. What year did Mariah Carey's 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' come out?
7. In which Christmas movie does Tom Hanks play 6 of the characters?
8. In which country is it tradition to eat KFC for Christmas dinner?
9. In the movie Love Actually, which character sang 'Christmas Is All Around'?
10. How many of Rudolph's fellow reindeers' names start with 'D'?
11. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
12. Which city has been donating Trafalgar Square's Christmas tree to London every year since 1947?
13. If you're born on Christmas day, what's your star sign?
14. What is the best-selling Christmas single of all time?
15. UK
16. In the episode of Friends, 'The One with the Holiday Armadillo', who dresses up as an armadillo?
17. In Mean Girls, which Christmas song do the plastics get up on stage to perform?
18. What time is the Queen's speech traditionally broadcast on Christmas Day?
19. What colour are mistletoe berries?
20. In Home Alone 2, who does Kevin run into in the hotel lobby?
21. What colour suit did Santa wear until Coca-Cola rebranded him in red?
22. What decoration do elves traditionally have on their shoes?
23. Miracle on 34th Street centres on what real-life department store?
24. Which Christmassy song plays at the end of the 1988 film Die Hard?
25. What is the opening line to Shakin' Stevens' 'Merry Christmas Everyone'?
26. What was the UK Christmas number one in 2010?
27. When do the 12 days of Christmas start?
28. According to Buddy the Elf, what are the four food groups elves can eat?

29. What fruit is traditionally put inside a Christmas stocking?
30. According to tradition, when should you have your Christmas decorations down by?
31. Traditionally, when should you start making a Christmas pudding?
32. Who was killed off in the 2012 Downton Abbey Christmas special cliffhanger?
33. In Elf, what's the first rule in the Code of the Elves?
34. What gift did Harry Potter receive from the Dursleys during his first Christmas at Hogwarts?
35. Which U.S. state was the first to declare Christmas Day an official holiday?
36. What is the Grinch's dog called?
37. What type of tree is most commonly used for Christmas trees?
38. In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' what was the gift given on the seventh day?
39. In the 2008 Gavin & Stacey Christmas special, what gifts does Nessa give to everyone?
40. What is Iris's job in The Holiday?



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Answer Key

1. Germany
2. Four: former business partner Jacob Marley and the spirits of Christmas past, present, and future.
3. Paris
4. Britain
5. 364
6. 1994
7. The Polar Express. He plays Hero Boy, Father, Conductor, Hobo, Scrooge, and Santa Claus.
8. Japan
9. Billy Mack, played by Bill Nighy
10. Three: dancer, dasher, and doner.
11. A coin
12. Oslo, Norway
13. Capricorn
14. Bing Crosby, 'White Christmas', according to the Guinness Book of World Records.
15. X
16. Ross Geller
17. Bobby Helms, 'Jingle Bell Rock'
18. 3pm
19. White
20. Donald Trump
21. Green
22. Bells
23. Macy's
24. Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne: 'Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!'
25. "Snow is falling all around me."
26. When We Collide by Matt Cardle
27. Christmas Day
28. Candy, candy canes, candy corn and syrup

Answer Key

29. Orange or tangerine
30. January 5th
31. On a Sunday, five weeks before Christmas
32. Matthew Crawley [Dan Steves]
33. Treat every day like Christmas
34. A 50-pence piece
35. Oklahoma
36. Max
37. Nordmann Fir
38. Seven swans swimming
39. One chocolate each from a box of Celebrations
40. Journalist



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Christmas Quiz - 100 Questions and Answers

History and Traditions

1. In which modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
- Answer: Turkey (in the ancient city of Patara)
2. What year did Coca-Cola first use Santa Claus in their advertising?
- Answer: 1931
3. Which medieval Christmas tradition involved appointing a "Lord of Misrule"?
- Answer: The Feast of Fools, where a commoner would be appointed to oversee Christmas festivities
4. What was the original name for Santa Claus - Sinterklaas - derived from?
- Answer: Saint Nicholas
5. In which century did Christmas trees become popular in England?
- Answer: 19th century (popularized by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert)

Religion and Culture

6. What gifts did the Three Wise Men bring to Jesus?

Answer: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

7. In which town was Jesus born?

Answer: Bethlehem

8. What does "Advent" mean?

Answer: "Coming" or "Arrival" (from the Latin "adventus")

9. On what date is Epiphany celebrated?

Answer: January 6th

10. Which angel visited Mary to tell her she would give birth to Jesus?

Answer: Angel Gabriel

Christmas Around the World

11. In Australia, what do they call Santa Claus?

- Answer: Father Christmas

12. What is "Juleaften"?

- Answer: The Danish word for Christmas Eve

13. In which country did the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree originate?

- Answer: Germany

14. What do Japanese people traditionally eat for Christmas dinner?

- Answer: KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken)

15. In Ireland, what tradition involves leaving a candle in the window?

- Answer: To guide Mary and Joseph to shelter

Christmas Food and Drink

16. What is a traditional Christmas bread from Germany called?

- Answer: Stollen

17. What meat was traditionally served at Christmas before turkey became popular?

- Answer: Goose

18. What is "figgy pudding"?

Answer: A traditional British Christmas pudding containing figs

19. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?

Answer: A silver coin

20. What is "eggnog" made from?

Answer: Milk, cream, sugar, whipped egg whites, egg yolks, and usually rum or brandy

Christmas Entertainment

21. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol"?

Answer: Charles Dickens

22. In which year was "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby released?

- Answer: 1942

23. Who narrated the 1966 animated version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?

Answer: Boris Karloff

24. What was the first Christmas movie to be made in color?

Answer: "The Life of Christ" (1898)

25. Who composed "The Nutcracker"?

- Answer: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Christmas Characters

26. What are the names of Santa's eight reindeer from "The Night Before Christmas"?

Answer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen

27. When did Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer first appear?

- Answer: 1939

28. What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in "It's a Wonderful Life"?

Answer: Clarence Odbody

29. Who is Krampus?

Answer: A horned creature from Central European folklore who punishes misbehaving children

30. What is the name of Kevin McCallister's neighbor in "Home Alone"?

Answer: Old Man Marley

Christmas Music

31. Who wrote "Silent Night"?

Answer: Franz Xaver Gruber (music) and Joseph Mohr (lyrics)

32. In what year was "All I Want for Christmas Is You" released?

- Answer: 1994

33. Which band holds the record for most UK Christmas Number 1 singles?

Answer: The Beatles (4 times)

34. Who wrote "Last Christmas"?

Answer: George Michael

35. Which Christmas carol was the first to be played in space?

Answer: "Jingle Bells."

Christmas Decorations

36. When was tinsel invented?

Answer: Early 1600s in Germany

37. What plant is known as the "Christmas Flower"?

Answer: Poinsettia

38. What does the red color of holly berries symbolize?

Answer: The blood of Jesus Christ

39. Why are candy canes striped?

Answer: The white represents purity, and the red represents the blood of Jesus

40. What year was the first Christmas card sent?

- Answer: 1843

Modern Christmas Traditions

41. When did NORAD begin tracking Santa?

- Answer: 1955

42. What year did Elf on the Shelf debut?

- Answer: 2005

43. When did Queen Elizabeth II give her first televised Christmas message?

- Answer: 1957

44. Which department store first offered a Santa Claus for children to visit?

Answer: James Edgar in Brockton, Massachusetts
(1890)

45. What year did Amazon first offer gift wrapping?

- Answer: 1999

Christmas Records and Statistics

46. What is the best-selling Christmas single of all time?

Answer: "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby

47. What is the tallest Christmas tree ever displayed?

Answer: 221 feet tall (in Seattle, 1950)

48. What is the most expensive Christmas tree ever?

Answer: The Emirates Palace hotel tree (worth \$11.4 million)

49. Which country produces the most Christmas trees?

- Answer: Germany

50. What is the longest Christmas celebration in the world?

Answer: The Philippines (September to January)

Christmas Legends and Folklore

51. According to legend, why do we kiss under mistletoe?

Answer: Norse mythology: Frigg declared mistletoe a symbol of love after her son Baldur was killed by an arrow made of mistletoe

52. What does the traditional Yule Log represent?

Answer: The light returning after winter solstice

53. Why are stockings hung by the fireplace?

Answer: St. Nicholas threw gold coins down a chimney, which landed in stockings drying by the fire

54. What is the origin of the Christmas pickle tradition?

Answer: A German tradition where a pickle ornament is hidden in the tree

55. Who invented electric Christmas tree lights?

Answer: Edward Johnson (1882)

Christmas Movies

56. What is the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?

Answer: "Home Alone" (1990)

57. In "Miracle on 34th Street," what store hires Kris Kringle?

- Answer: Macy's

58. What is the name of the train in "The Polar Express"?

Answer: The Polar Express

59. Which actor played six different roles in "The Polar Express"?

Answer: Tom Hanks

60. What year was "A Charlie Brown Christmas" first broadcast?

- Answer: 1965

Christmas Literature

61. Who wrote "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?

Answer: Dr. Seuss

62. What is the first gift in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

Answer: A partridge in a pear tree

63. Who wrote "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"?

Answer: Clement Clarke Moore

64. What was the original title of "A Christmas Carol"?

Answer: "A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas."

65. Which famous author wrote "The Snowman"?

Answer: Raymond Briggs

Christmas Food Origins

66. In which country did gingerbread houses originate?

- Answer: Germany

67. When was the first Christmas cracker made?

- Answer: 1847

68. Which country started the tradition of Christmas cookies?

Answer: The Netherlands

69. Where did the tradition of Christmas fruit cake originate?

Answer: Ancient Rome

70. What year was the first chocolate advent calendar produced?

- Answer: 1958

Christmas Shopping

71. What is "Black Friday"?

Answer: The day after Thanksgiving, traditionally the start of Christmas shopping

72. Which day is traditionally the busiest shopping day before Christmas?

Answer: Super Saturday (the last Saturday before Christmas)

73. What percentage of annual retail sales occur during the holiday season?

Answer: Approximately 20%

74. When was the first Christmas stamp issued?

Answer: 1962 (in the United States)

75. What year did online Christmas shopping first become popular?

Answer: Late 1990s

Christmas Weather and Science

76. What are the odds of a white Christmas in London?

Answer: 1 in 10

77. At what temperature do snowflakes form?

Answer: 32° F (0° C) or below

78. How fast does Santa need to travel to deliver all presents?

Answer: 650 miles per second

79. What causes the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights)?

Answer: Solar particles colliding with atmospheric gases

80. What creates the "Christmas Star" effect on lights?

Answer: Diffraction of light

Christmas Crafts and Activities

81. What year was artificial snow first used in Christmas decorations?

Answer: 1800s (made from cotton)

82. What material were the first artificial Christmas trees made from?

Answer: Goose feathers dyed green

83. When did paper Christmas crackers become popular?

Answer: Victorian era

84. What is the traditional way to stir Christmas pudding?

Answer: East to West, in honor of the Three Wise Men

85. What year were glass baubles first made?

- Answer: 1847

Christmas Symbols

86. What do the colors red and green symbolize at Christmas?

Answer: Red represents the blood of Christ, and green represents eternal life

87. Why are bells associated with Christmas?

Answer: They were used to announce the birth of Christ

88. What does the star on top of the Christmas tree represent?

Answer: The Star of Bethlehem

89. Why are Christmas wreaths circular?

Answer: To represent God's eternal love

90. What do the four candles of Advent represent?

Answer: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Christmas Vocabulary

96. What does "Yuletide" mean?

Answer: The Christmas season

97. What is a "wassail"?

Answer: A hot mulled cider traditionally drunk at Christmas

98. What does "Noel" mean?

Answer: "Christmas" in French

99. What is "Boxing Day"?

Answer: December 26th, traditionally when servants received gifts from their employers

100. What does "Christingle" mean?

Answer: A symbolic object used in Advent services (meaning "Christ Light")