

Christmas Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Christmas trivia explores the holiday's origins, traditions, symbols, and pop-culture footprint across centuries of celebration. From Saint Nicholas and evergreen trees to classic films and modern customs, it offers a mix of easy, family-friendly, funny, and challenging facts for curious readers.

HARD CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. In what year was the first commercial Christmas card produced in London?

Answer: 1843

2. Who composed the music for "Silent Night," whose lyrics were written by Joseph Mohr?

Answer: Franz Xaver Gruber

3. By what Latin title is "O Come, All Ye Faithful" also known?

Answer: Adeste Fideles

4. Which writer authored the Christmas hymn "Joy to the World"?

Answer: Isaac Watts

5. The tune most commonly paired with "What Child Is This?" comes from which older melody?

Answer: Greensleeves

6. "Carol of the Bells" is based on what Ukrainian composition?

Answer: Shchedryk

7. The 1881 Thomas Nast image "Merry Old Santa Claus" appeared in which publication?

Answer: Harper's Weekly

8. Before its authorship became famous, the 1823 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" first appeared anonymously in what newspaper?

Answer: Troy Sentinel

9. The poinsettia takes its name from which person?

Answer: Joel Roberts Poinsett

10. Many Eastern Orthodox churches using the Julian calendar observe the Feast of the Nativity on what date?

Answer: January 7

11. The famous Christmas truce happened during which year of World War I?

Answer: 1914

12. In Spain, major Epiphany gift-giving is chiefly associated with which calendar date?

Answer: January 6

13. If you wanted to visit the native region of the Mexican poinsettia, what country would

definitely be on your itinerary?

Answer: Mexico

14. Which Roman December festival is frequently brought up when comparing ancient customs with Christmas traditions?

Answer: Saturnalia

FUNNY CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. Who plays Clark Griswold, the man determined to turn Christmas cheer into a full-contact sport, in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*?

Answer: Chevy Chase

2. On what street do the Griswolds live in *Christmas Vacation*, where decorative ambition meets suburban danger?

Answer: Hemlock

3. In *Scrooged*, who plays Frank Cross, the television executive who could use several ghosts and maybe a nap?

Answer: Bill Murray

4. Which actor plays Buddy in *Elf*, proving that enthusiasm can, in fact, wear tights?

Answer: Will Ferrell

5. In *Elf*, where does Buddy work in New York City when he's not treating sugar like a food group?

Answer: Gimbels

6. Who plays Howard Langston in *Jingle All the Way*, a man locked in combat with holiday shopping?

Answer: Arnold Schwarzenegger

7. In *Jingle All the Way*, what toy sends grown adults into maximum festive panic mode?

Answer: Turbo-Man

8. Who stars as Scott Calvin in *The Santa Clause*, where one rooftop mishap changes a career path forever?

Answer: Tim Allen

9. Who plays Willie T. Soke in *Bad Santa*, a holiday figure with impressively low workplace standards?

Answer: Billy Bob Thornton

10. Who stars as the Grinch in the 2000 live-action *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, bringing green gloom to maximum volume?

Answer: Jim Carrey

11. Which 1988 Christmas film is a modernized retelling of *A Christmas Carol*, in case Dickens needed television executives?

Answer: Scrooged

12. What is the name of the boy at the center of "A Christmas Story," whose holiday wish list is extremely focused?

Answer: Ralphie Parker

13. In "A Christmas Story," what gift does Ralphie want so badly that he practically turns it into a seasonal campaign slogan?

Answer: Red Ryder BB gun

FUN CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. Which region is famous for the cheeky Christmas figurine tradition known as the caganer?

Answer: Catalonia

2. The pre-Christmas custom called the Burning of the Devil is famously held in which country?

Answer: Guatemala

3. If you're browsing Prague's best-known Christmas market, which square are you standing in?

Answer: Old Town Square

4. What German word means a Christmas market and sounds extra festive while saying it?

Answer: Christkindlesmarkt

5. Which German city is especially famous for its Christkindlesmarkt?

Answer: Nuremberg

6. "Silent Night" was first performed in what Austrian town?

Answer: Oberndorf bei Salzburg

7. The tune used for "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" was adapted from music by which composer?

Answer: Felix Mendelssohn

8. Who composed the oratorio "Messiah," a work often performed at Christmas?

Answer: George Frideric Handel

9. What poem opens with the famous line "Twas the night before Christmas"?

Answer: A Visit from St. Nicholas

10. Which 19th-century illustrator helped popularize the modern look of Santa Claus?

Answer: Thomas Nast

11. Which organization has been tracking Santa as a public holiday tradition since the 1950s?

Answer: NORAD

12. At Christmas parties in many English-speaking places, what plant is tied to the kissing tradition?

Answer: mistletoe

13. Which spiky-leaved plant with bright berries is a classic Christmas decoration?

Answer: holly

CHRISTMAS FAMILY TRIVIA

1. In the Nativity story told in Matthew, what name is commonly given to the visitors who come to see Jesus?

Answer: Wise Men

2. According to the carol, how many total days are counted in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

Answer: 12

3. Which ballet is most closely linked with the Christmas season?

Answer: The Nutcracker

4. Who composed the music for "The Nutcracker"?

Answer: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

5. Who wrote the beloved Christmas song "White Christmas"?

Answer: Irving Berlin

6. Which actor plays George Bailey in the classic film "It's a Wonderful Life"?

Answer: James Stewart

7. What is the name of the main character in "It's a Wonderful Life"?

Answer: George Bailey

8. In New York City, what famous place is especially known for its giant Christmas tree?

Answer: Rockefeller Center

9. Which London square receives a well-known Christmas tree gift from Norway?

Answer: Trafalgar Square

10. St. Peter's Square, where the Vatican's large public Christmas tree is displayed, is in what city-state?

Answer: Vatican City

11. At what official residence is the U.S. presidential Christmas tree displayed?

Answer: White House

12. Who is credited with establishing the custom of having a Christmas tree at the White House?

Answer: Edith Roosevelt

EASY CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. On what date is Christmas celebrated in many countries each year?

Answer: December 25

2. In the Nativity story, who is the mother of Jesus?

Answer: Mary

3. In the Nativity story, who is Mary's husband?

Answer: Joseph

4. Who is described as visiting the newborn Jesus in the Nativity account?

Answer: Shepherds

5. Who is traditionally associated with delivering gifts on Christmas Eve or Christmas night?

Answer: Santa Claus

6. What animals traditionally pull Santa's sleigh?

Answer: Reindeer

7. Who wrote the Christmas song "Jingle Bells" ?

Answer: James Lord Pierpont

8. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol" ?

Answer: Charles Dickens

9. What is the full name of the boy at the center of "Home Alone" ?

Answer: Kevin McCallister

10. Who created "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" ?

Answer: Dr. Seuss

11. Which group recorded the holiday song "Last Christmas" ?

Answer: Wham!

12. Who recorded "All I Want for Christmas Is You" ?

Answer: Mariah Carey

13. What two colors are candy canes commonly striped?

Answer: Red and white

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