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Christmas Trivia Questions and Answers

Sixty questions in three levels so the whole family can play: easy ones for kids, traditions and carols for the family, and history and science for the grown-ups who think they know everything.

Ages 5 to adult · teams of 2 to 6 · US Letter

Inside

- 20 kids questions (ages 5 and up).
- 20 family questions (ages 9 and up): traditions, carols, Christmas around the world.
- 20 hard questions: history, music and science.
- Host sheets with every answer, and a team answer sheet to copy.



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How to run Christmas trivia

Three ways to play, depending on who's at the table.

Teams

Split into teams of two to six, mixing ages. Give each team an answer sheet. The host reads ten questions a round, teams write their answers, then swap sheets to mark. Three rounds, one per level, takes about 40 minutes.

Mixed-age family

Ask each player a question at their own level: kids questions to the kids, hard ones to the grown-ups. A right answer is a point, and nobody gets stuck with a question they have no chance at.

Car or dinner table

No paper needed: read from the host sheet and let anyone shout an answer. First right answer earns a point.

Scoring

One point per right answer. In the hard round, give half a point for a close answer ("1860s" for 1870). The host's ruling is final.

Christmas Trivia: Kids level

Host sheet: questions with answers. For ages 5 and up. Read the question out loud; little ones can answer with a grown-up's help.

1. What month is Christmas in?
   Answer: December
2. What do lots of families leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve?
   Answer: Cookies and milk (and often a carrot for the reindeer)
3. Which animals pull Santa's sleigh in the stories?
   Answer: Reindeer
4. Where does Santa live, according to the stories?
   Answer: The North Pole
5. What do you build out of snow and give a carrot nose?
   Answer: A snowman
6. How many points does a snowflake usually have?
   Answer: Six
7. What red-and-white striped candy is shaped like a hook?
   Answer: A candy cane
8. What do people hang by the fireplace for Santa to fill?
   Answer: Stockings
9. What is the day before Christmas called?
   Answer: Christmas Eve
10. What do we call a tree that stays green all winter?
    Answer: An evergreen
11. What kind of house can you make out of cookies and candy?
    Answer: A gingerbread house
12. What spice gives gingerbread its name?
    Answer: Ginger
13. What do you call a ring of evergreen branches hung on a door?
    Answer: A wreath
14. What green plant with red berries and spiky leaves is a Christmas decoration?
    Answer: Holly
15. What do we call the songs people sing at Christmas, sometimes door to door?
    Answer: Carols
16. Which season is it at Christmas in the United States?
    Answer: Winter

Christmas Trivia: Kids level (continued)

17. What do you call a big sled pulled by animals?
    Answer: A sleigh

18. In the stories, how does Santa get into the house?
    Answer: Down the chimney

19. What do Santa's elves make in the stories?
    Answer: Toys

20. How many days are there in December?
    Answer: 31

Christmas Trivia: Family level

Host sheet: questions with answers. For ages 9 and up, and the grown-ups. Traditions, carols and Christmas around the world.

1. In which country did the tradition of decorating a Christmas tree indoors begin?
   Answer: Germany
2. Which carol counts up to a partridge in a pear tree?
   Answer: The Twelve Days of Christmas
3. In that carol, what is given on the fifth day?
   Answer: Five gold rings
4. The poem that begins "'Twas the night before Christmas" was published in 1823. What is its real title?
   Answer: A Visit from St. Nicholas
5. How many reindeer are named in that 1823 poem?
   Answer: Eight
6. True or false: female reindeer grow antlers too.
   Answer: True. Reindeer are the only deer where both males and females usually grow antlers
7. Which red-leaved Christmas plant comes from Mexico?
   Answer: The poinsettia
8. The red parts of a poinsettia look like petals. What are they really?
   Answer: Leaves (called bracts)
9. What date is Boxing Day?
   Answer: December 26
10. "Feliz Navidad" means Merry Christmas in which language?
    Answer: Spanish
11. "Joyeux Noël" means Merry Christmas in which language?
    Answer: French
12. How do you say Merry Christmas in German?
    Answer: Frohe Weihnachten
13. What three gifts did the wise men bring, in the Christmas story?
    Answer: Gold, frankincense and myrrh
14. Which US state has a town called North Pole?
    Answer: Alaska
15. What season is it at Christmas in Australia?
    Answer: Summer
16. What is the four-week season leading up to Christmas called?
    Answer: Advent

Christmas Trivia: Family level (continued)

17. What do reindeer mostly eat in winter?
    Answer: Lichen (sometimes called reindeer moss)

18. In North America, what do people usually call wild reindeer?
    Answer: Caribou

19. What is the shortest day of the year, around December 21 in the north, called?
    Answer: The winter solstice

20. Which country gives London a giant Christmas tree for Trafalgar Square every year?
    Answer: Norway

Christmas Trivia: Hard level

Host sheet: questions with answers. For teens and adults who think they know Christmas. History, music and science.

1. In 1882, who put the first electric lights on a Christmas tree, while working with Thomas Edison?
   Answer: Edward H. Johnson
2. Which US president lit the first National Christmas Tree, in 1923?
   Answer: Calvin Coolidge
3. In what year did Christmas become a federal holiday in the United States?
   Answer: 1870
4. Who commissioned the first commercial Christmas card, in England in 1843?
   Answer: Sir Henry Cole
5. Which holiday song was played on a harmonica in space by the Gemini 6 crew in 1965?
   Answer: Jingle Bells
6. What is the total number of gifts given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" if you add up every verse?
   Answer: 364
7. The poinsettia is named after Joel Poinsett. What was his job?
   Answer: The first US minister (ambassador) to Mexico
8. What do people in Mexico call the poinsettia?
   Answer: Flor de Nochebuena (Christmas Eve flower)
9. Frankincense and myrrh both come from what part of a tree?
   Answer: The sap (dried resin)
10. In "Xmas," the X stands for the first letter of Christ in which language?
    Answer: Greek (the letter chi)
11. The word "Noel" comes from a Latin word meaning what?
    Answer: Birth (natalis)
12. In what language was "Silent Night" first written?
    Answer: German ("Stille Nacht")
13. Which composer wrote "Messiah," with its famous Hallelujah chorus?
    Answer: George Frideric Handel
14. In which city did "The Nutcracker" ballet premiere in 1892?
    Answer: St. Petersburg, Russia
15. The Australian territory called Christmas Island is in which ocean?
    Answer: The Indian Ocean

Christmas Trivia: Hard level (continued)

16. Which explorer named the Pacific island now called Kiritimati "Christmas Island" in 1777?
    Answer: Captain James Cook

17. At the North Pole, how many sunrises are there in a whole year?
    Answer: One

18. How much daylight does the North Pole get on the winter solstice?
    Answer: None. It's the middle of polar night

19. Is the magnetic North Pole in the same place as the geographic North Pole?
    Answer: No. The magnetic pole is in a different place, and it moves every year

20. Male reindeer usually drop their antlers in late fall. Which reindeer still have antlers on Christmas Eve?
    Answer: Mostly the females (and young reindeer)

Trivia answer sheet

One per team. Write your team name, then an answer for each question the host reads.

Team name: _____

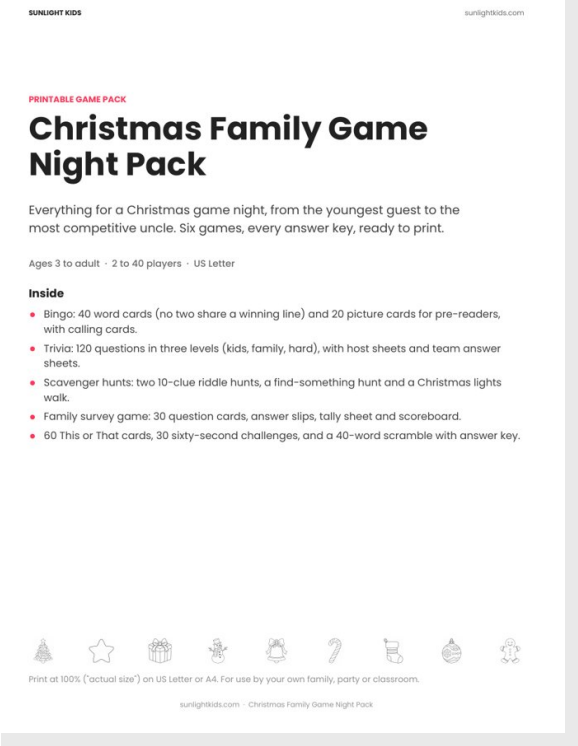
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