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Christmas Trivia

100 questions in 10 rounds · Answer key starts on a new page · Scorecard on the last page

How to play: split into 2–6 teams. Read each question twice. Teams write answers on scrap paper or say them out loud. Score 1 point each (2 for the Hard round). Highest score wins.

Easy Christmas trivia for kids

1. What color is Santa's suit?
2. What date is Christmas Day?
3. What do we call the night before Christmas?
4. What do you hang by the fireplace for Santa to fill?
5. Where does Santa live?
6. What animals pull Santa's sleigh?
7. Which reindeer has a shiny red nose?
8. What are Santa's workshop helpers called?
9. What red-and-white striped candy is shaped like a hook?
10. What snack do many kids leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve?
11. What do you call a calendar with little doors you open each day in December?
12. What is the name of the snowman who comes to life when a magic hat is put on his head?
13. In "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," what is the name of the Grinch's dog?
14. According to legend, what do naughty kids find in their stockings?
15. What two things do people most often put on the very top of a Christmas tree?

Funny Christmas trivia questions

16. In the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," which small creature was not stirring?

17. In "Elf," Buddy says elves stick to four main food groups. What are they?

18. In Japan, fried chicken from which fast-food chain is a hugely popular Christmas dinner?

19. Every year the Swedish town of Gävle builds a giant straw animal for Christmas, and people keep setting it on fire. What animal is it?

20. In the Czech Republic, many families buy a live carp for Christmas Eve dinner. Where do they often keep it until it's cooked?

21. An old Norwegian folk custom says to hide which household item on Christmas Eve so witches can't fly off on it?

22. In Catalonia, kids "feed" a smiling wooden log for weeks, then whack it with sticks on Christmas until it drops out candy. What is the log called?

23. Lots of Americans hide a pickle ornament on the tree and call it an old German custom. Where is the tradition actually better known?

24. In "Home Alone," what made-up black-and-white gangster movie does Kevin play to scare off the pizza delivery boy?

25. In Ukraine, which creepy-crawly is a traditional good-luck decoration on the Christmas tree?

Christmas movie trivia

26. Who plays Buddy in the 2003 movie "Elf"?

27. In "Home Alone," which city is the McCallister family flying to when they leave Kevin behind?

28. In "Home Alone 2," Kevin boards the wrong plane. Which city does he end up in?

29. What does Ralphie want for Christmas in "A Christmas Story"?

30. In "A Christmas Story," what does Flick get stuck to a frozen flagpole?

31. In "It's a Wonderful Life," what is the name of George Bailey's hometown?

32. Who plays Scott Calvin, the dad who turns into Santa, in "The Santa Clause" (1994)?

33. What is the family's last name in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"?

34. In "The Polar Express," what does the boy choose as the first gift of Christmas?

35. In the 1964 TV special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," what does Hermey the elf want to be instead of a toymaker?

36. Which actor plays Ebenezer Scrooge in "The Muppet Christmas Carol" (1992)?

37. In "The Nightmare Before Christmas," what is Jack Skellington's title in Halloween Town?

38. In "Elf," Buddy's dad works in which famous New York skyscraper?

39. Edmund Gwenn won an Academy Award for playing Kris Kringle in which 1947 movie?

Christmas traditions around the world

40. Which country is usually credited with starting the tradition of decorating a Christmas tree?

41. On what date is Boxing Day celebrated in the U.K., Canada and Australia?

42. Which red Christmas plant, native to Mexico, is named after the first U.S. minister to Mexico?

43. In Mexico, what are the nine nights of candlelit processions from December 16 to 24 called?

44. In Italy, which kindly witch brings gifts to children on the night before Epiphany?

45. How many Yule Lads visit Icelandic children in the nights before Christmas?

46. Which country has given London the big Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square every year since 1947?

47. Icelanders call it the Jólabókaflóð, or "Christmas book flood." What do they give each other on Christmas Eve?

48. Which country is famous for the world's longest Christmas season, starting in September, and for star-shaped lanterns called parols?

49. In Australia, Christmas falls in which season?

50. Many Orthodox Christians in countries like Russia and Serbia celebrate Christmas on January 7. Why?

Santa and reindeer trivia

51. What do people in the United Kingdom traditionally call Santa?

52. How many reindeer are named in the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"?

53. Which of Santa's reindeer shares its name with the German word for thunder?

54. Rudolph was created in 1939 for a booklet handed out by which department store?

55. The real St. Nicholas was a bishop in the city of Myra. In what present-day country is Myra?

56. Which U.S.-Canadian military command tracks Santa's flight every Christmas Eve?

57. Which illustrator painted the jolly, red-suited Santa in Coca-Cola ads starting in 1931?

58. Which cartoonist drew Santa for Harper's Weekly starting in the 1860s and helped give him his North Pole home?

59. Canada Post gives Santa his own postal code. What is it?

The first Christmas: Nativity trivia

60. In which town was Jesus born?

61. Where did Mary lay the baby, because there was no room at the inn?

62. Which angel told Mary she would have a son?

63. In Luke's Gospel, who are the first people the angels tell about the birth?

64. What three gifts did the wise men bring?

65. Which king tried to find the newborn child after hearing the wise men's news?

66. Does the Bible say how many wise men there were?

Christmas history trivia

67. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol," published in 1843?

68. The first commercial Christmas cards were sold in England that same year. Who commissioned them?

69. Which royal couple's decorated tree, pictured in an 1848 newspaper, made Christmas trees fashionable in Britain and America?

70. Which American colony made celebrating Christmas illegal from 1659 to 1681?

71. Which president signed the 1870 law that made Christmas a federal holiday?

72. Which president lit the first National Christmas Tree near the White House in 1923?

73. In December 1914, British and German soldiers on the Western Front stopped fighting and met in no man's land. What is this event called?

74. The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree tradition began in 1931. Who put up that first tree?

Christmas food and music trivia

75. Which creamy holiday drink is made from milk, cream, sugar and eggs?

76. Which Brothers Grimm fairy tale helped make gingerbread houses popular in Germany?

77. What is a bûche de Noël?

78. Which tall, dome-shaped sweet bread studded with candied fruit comes from Milan?

79. What did traditional mince pies contain that most modern versions leave out?

80. Which singer released "All I Want for Christmas Is You" in 1994?

81. Bing Crosby's recording of which song is listed by Guinness World Records as the best-selling single of all time?

82. In which country was "Silent Night" first performed, on Christmas Eve 1818?

Hard Christmas trivia for adults

83. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was first published, without the author's name, in a Troy, New York, newspaper. In what year?

84. Which associate of Thomas Edison put the first electric lights on a Christmas tree, in 1882?

85. The X in "Xmas" comes from which Greek letter?

86. Which composer wrote "The Nutcracker," first performed in St. Petersburg in 1892?

87. Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean was named by a ship's captain who sailed past it on Christmas Day 1643. Which country governs it today?

88. If you add up every gift in "The Twelve Days of Christmas," counting the repeats each day, how many gifts are there?

89. In the Netherlands, Sinterklaas arrives each November by steamboat. Which country does he sail from, according to tradition?

90. Christmas crackers were invented in Victorian London by a man in what trade?

Multiple-choice Christmas trivia

91. Counting Jacob Marley, how many ghosts visit Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"?
(a) Two (b) Three (c) Four (d) Five.

92. What is the name of Scrooge's hardworking clerk?
(a) Bob Cratchit (b) Fezziwig (c) Fred (d) Jacob Marley.

93. Male reindeer usually shed their antlers by early winter. So Santa's antlered reindeer on Christmas Eve are most likely:
(a) Male (b) Female (c) Moose (d) Elk.

94. Spain's giant Christmas lottery, El Gordo, draws its prizes on which day?
(a) December 1 (b) December 22 (c) December 25 (d) January 6.

95. "Jingle Bells" was first published in 1857 under which title?
(a) Sleigh Ride (b) One Horse Open Sleigh (c) Winter Bells (d) The Boston Sleigh.

96. In 1965, the astronauts of Gemini 6 surprised Mission Control by playing which song on a harmonica and bells?
(a) Silent Night (b) Deck the Halls (c) Jingle Bells (d) Joy to the World.

97. Who wrote and recorded "Feliz Navidad" in 1970?
(a) Julio Iglesias (b) José Feliciano (c) Ricky Martin (d) Gloria Estefan.

98. The German Christmas fruit bread called stollen is most famously linked to which city?
(a) Vienna (b) Zurich (c) Dresden (d) Paris.

99. Which Italian-American Christmas Eve dinner is built around seafood?
(a) The Feast of the Seven Fishes (b) The Twelve Breads (c) Festa di Natale (d) The Night of Nine Soups.

100. How old was Brenda Lee when she recorded "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"?
(a) 13 (b) 16 (c) 19 (d) 22.

Answer key

Christmas Trivia · for the host only

Easy Christmas trivia for kids

1. Red, with white fur trim.
2. December 25.
3. Christmas Eve.
4. Stockings.
5. The North Pole.
6. Reindeer.
7. Rudolph.
8. Elves.
9. A candy cane.
10. Milk and cookies.
11. An Advent calendar.
12. Frosty.
13. Max.
14. A lump of coal.
15. A star or an angel.

Funny Christmas trivia questions

16. A mouse.
17. Candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup.
18. KFC, thanks to a "Kentucky for Christmas" ad campaign that started in 1974.
19. A goat. The first one went up in 1966, and it has been burned more than two dozen times since.
20. In the bathtub.
21. Brooms.
22. Tió de Nadal, often called Caga Tió.
23. The United States. Most Germans have never heard of it.
24. "Angels with Filthy Souls."
25. A spider (or its web), from a folk tale about a spider that decorated a poor family's tree.

Christmas movie trivia

26. Will Ferrell.
27. Paris.
28. New York City.
29. A Red Ryder BB gun.

30. His tongue.
31. Bedford Falls.
32. Tim Allen.
33. Griswold.
34. A bell from Santa's sleigh.
35. A dentist.
36. Michael Caine.
37. The Pumpkin King.
38. The Empire State Building.
39. "Miracle on 34th Street."

Christmas traditions around the world

40. Germany.
41. December 26.
42. The poinsettia, named for Joel Roberts Poinsett.
43. Las Posadas.
44. La Befana.
45. 13.
46. Norway, as a thank-you for Britain's help during World War II.
47. Books, and many spend the night reading them.
48. The Philippines.
49. Summer. Beach barbecues are a classic.
50. Their churches follow the older Julian calendar, which runs 13 days behind ours.

Santa and reindeer trivia

51. Father Christmas.
52. Eight.
53. Donner.
54. Montgomery Ward. Copywriter Robert L. May wrote the story.
55. Turkey.
56. NORAD. The tradition started in 1955 at its predecessor, CONAD, after a Sears newspaper ad printed the wrong phone number.
57. Haddon Sundblom.
58. Thomas Nast.
59. H0H 0H0.

The first Christmas: Nativity trivia

60. Bethlehem.
61. In a manger.

62. Gabriel.
63. Shepherds watching their flocks at night.
64. Gold, frankincense and myrrh.
65. King Herod.
66. No. Matthew never gives a number. Tradition settled on three.

Christmas history trivia

67. Charles Dickens.
68. Sir Henry Cole.
69. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.
70. The Massachusetts Bay Colony.
71. Ulysses S. Grant.
72. Calvin Coolidge.
73. The Christmas truce.
74. The construction workers building Rockefeller Center.

Christmas food and music trivia

75. Eggnog.
76. "Hansel and Gretel."
77. A French cake rolled and decorated to look like a yule log.
78. Panettone.
79. Meat.
80. Mariah Carey.
81. "White Christmas."
82. Austria, in the village of Oberndorf.

Hard Christmas trivia for adults

83. 1823.
84. Edward H. Johnson.
85. Chi, the first letter of "Christ" in Greek.
86. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.
87. Australia.
88. 364.
89. Spain.
90. A confectioner (candy maker), Tom Smith.

Multiple-choice Christmas trivia

91. (c) Four.
92. (a) Bob Cratchit.

93. (b) Female. Females keep their antlers until spring.
94. (b) December 22.
95. (b) One Horse Open Sleigh.
96. (c) Jingle Bells.
97. (b) José Feliciano.
98. (c) Dresden.
99. (a) The Feast of the Seven Fishes.
100. (a) 13.

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Scorecard

Write team names on the left, add points after each round.

Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total

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