

Christmas Quiz



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General Knowledge One

1. Which word, often associated with Christmas, stems from the Greek word for circle dance?
2. Which English leader prohibited the singing of Christmas songs ?
3. The following are words from which Christmas songs ?
 - a. she didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep
 - b. she'd been drinking too much egg nog
 - c. once bitten and twice shy I keep my distance
 - d. in the lane the snow is glistenin
 - e. the choir of children sing their song they practiced all year long
4. Many people claim that the first unofficial football international between Germany and a Scotland /England side was played on a Christmas Day. The pitch or playing field was found between what ?

5. The Christmas film 'Miracle on 34th Street' has been remade many times. Who won a best supporting actor Oscar for the role of Kris Kringle in the original 1947 film and which two-time Oscar winner played Kris in the 1994 remake ?
6. 'Who' catches the Grinch red handed stealing Christmas presents ?
7. In which country does an ugly old witch named Bafana deliver presents on the night of 5th/6th of January ?
 - a. Australia
 - b. Austria
 - c. Italy
 - d. Mexico
8. In which country is St. Nick called Sinterklaas ?
9. "Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephan". In which country was Wenceslas king ?
10. Apparently, while poking at the fire, the London sweet shop owner Tom Smith got the inspiration to make what ?

Christmas Number Ones

In 1973 which record did Slade have a Christmas number one with?

2. 1983, who was number one with 'Only You'?
 3. Which record was a Christmas No.1 in 1975 and 1991?
 4. Name The Scaffold's 1968 Christmas number one?
 5. 1992 saw who at number one with 'I will always love you'?
 6. How many weeks was she at number one for?
 7. Everyone remembers Band Aid, what year were they number one?
 8. Tom Jones gained a Christmas number one with which hit in 1966?
 9. Who was the fastest milkman in the west?
 10. Which is the only eponymous Christmas No.1 single?
8. Green, Green Grass of Home
 9. Ernie

10. Mr Blobby

The 'Knight' Before Christmas- (A clue – think sir !)

1. Rather than carry a lance, would this knight carry a lancet?
2. A knight who sounds nice, tell him so and he'll probably "lap" it up
3. Once he strikes, this knight is almost certain to bite
4. Do all members of the knighthood need to carry this written proof of their qualification?
5. A Christian knight and a man of the cloth, he would give you this good talking-to
6. It's for sure that you can rely on this knight
7. A nasty knight with a mean disposition
8. An appropriate title for Francis Chichester perhaps
9. According to the saying, this knight earns this by being the fittest
10. Finally, this knight was given the unkindest cut of all!
11. A bit over the top, this knight may prove to be too much

How well do you know your pantos!

1. What told Dick Whittington to 'turn again'?
2. In which pantomime does Maid Marian appear?
3. In Cinderella, what is the name of Prince Charming's friend?
4. In Jack and the Beanstalk, what does Jack get in exchange for his mother's cow?
5. What is the name of Aladdin's mother?
6. When Sleeping Beauty pricked her finger on a spindle, what happened to her?
7. What does Cinderella's Fairy Godmother turn into a coach?
8. Who is the sweetheart of Harlequin in English pantomime?

9. Who eat the Gingerbread House?

10. Which pantomime character marries Alice Fitzwarren?

Christmas Conundrum

1. Including Rudolph, how many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh

2. A favourite drink over the Christmas period, how is "the water of life" better known

3. According to the Christmas song, who had "a jolly happy soul"

4. The name of which herb is used as a magic word in a Christmas pantomime

5. How many pipers were piping in "The 12 days of Christmas"

6. What is the surname of the 16th century German monk, a famous religious reformer and father of Protestantism, who is considered the originator of putting candles on a Christmas tree

7. Which pantomime hero marries Jasmin

8. Besides being wise men, which royal rank did the 3 Magi hold

9. What is the name given to a piece of music that is played at the beginning of a production such as a pantomime/opera etc

10. Rearrange the first letters of each answer to make what most people like to see plenty of at Christmas

General Knowledge Two

1. "So this is Christmas" are the first words to which John Lennon song ?

2. What are the names of the Three Wise Men or The Three Kings ? (in western folklore)

3. A Christmas present for country western fans. Who sang "It was Christmas in prison the food was real good, we had turkey and pistols carved out of wood" ?

- a. Willy Nelson
- b. Johnny Cash
- c. John Prine
- d. Garth Brooks

4. Other than blue, which other colours are mentioned in the Elvis song 'Blue Christmas'?

5. Which 'Christmas' word means 'turning of the sun' ?

6. The Greek word for Messiah was Xristos(Christ). What do all of these words mean translated ?
7. Which pudding with a misleading name was banned by English Puritans because it was deemed to be 'sinfully rich' ?
8. Which popular poem did Clement Clark Moore write for his six children in 1822 ?
9. Superstition dictates that when making mince pies for Christmas one should always stir in which direction ?
10. Most of us have had to eat 'humble pie' at least once in our lives. During Elizabethan times it was popular at Christmas feasts. What was the main ingredient?



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