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- 1 What often travels around the world at Christmas while staying in its corner? **A postage stamp**
- 2 Two 1960s Xmas number ones include a colour in the title — name both? **Green Grass of Home and Lily the Pink**
- 3 Who said he doesn't mind people shouting "It's Christmas!" at him all December? **Noddy Holder**
- 4 Britain's only free-ranging herd of reindeer lives in which mountain range? **The Cairngorms**
- 5 Chionophobia is the fear of what? **Snow**

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- 1 What name links a rock band dubbed "the female Bon Jovi" and one of Santa's reindeer? **Vixen**
- 2 In Only Fools and Horses, the 1989 Christmas special trip is to which seaside resort? **Margate**
- 3 In 1957, the Keller Machine automated production of which Christmas sweet? **Candy canes**
- 4 Which Christmas carol includes the Latin line "Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis"? **Ding Dong Merrily on High**
- 5 Dorothy Hartley praised which vegetable for its honey-and-spice sweetness? **Parsnips**

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- 1 Which UK 1977 Christmas number one was the first single to sell over two million copies? **Mull of Kintyre**
- 2 Who, often cited as having the worst Christmas number one, appeared in pantomime in 2021? **Mr Blobby**
- 3 Who was the first character to join Dorothy on her journey in The Wizard of Oz? **The Scarecrow**
- 4 The General Post Office stopped Christmas Day deliveries in England and Wales in which year? **1960**
- 5 In "Deck the Halls", how many "la's" follow each "fa"? **Eight**

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- 1 Who was famously told to "Turn Again!"? **Dick Whittington**
- 2 Pontius Pilate was governor of which Roman province? **Judaea**
- 3 Which country's president announced plans to move Christmas 2024 to October? **Venezuela**
- 4 What Christmassy word literally means "dung on a stick"? **Mistletoe**
- 5 Which northern English city receives an annual Christmas tree from Bergen, Norway? **Newcastle**

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- 1 The UK's largest Boxing Day Dip takes place at Seaburn beach in which city? **Sunderland**
- 2 Which drink is named after a London gentlemen's club where it was first served in 1921? **Buck's Fizz**
- 3 Which type of starter, a small, prepared food, takes its name from the French word for 'sofa'? **Canapé**
- 4 Sometimes on Xmas cards, what animal is said to get its name from the Welsh for 'head' and 'white'? **Penguin**
- 5 A 1970s boys' stocking filler: what was the brand name of die-cast vehicles produced by Meccano Ltd? **Dinky Toys**

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- 1 Which Christmas carol, written by Eric Boswell in 1959, describes Mary's journey to Bethlehem? **Little Donkey**
- 2 What colour is the triangle in a tub of Quality Street? **Green**
- 3 Which Christmas song was originally written for Thanksgiving? **Jingle Bells**
- 4 Wham! first released the song "Last Christmas" in December of which year? **1984**
- 5 Eating a Kentucky Fried Chicken meal has become a Christmas Day tradition in which Asian country? **Japan**

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- 1 Which initial did Queen Elizabeth II use after her name when signing most of her 750 Christmas cards? **R.**
- 2 A popular mulled wine in Victorian England at Christmas was a 'Smoking' what? **Bishop (Smoking Bishop)**
- 3 The song White Christmas was first performed in which Bing Crosby film? **Holiday Inn**
- 4 Which company retails the Colin Caterpillar advent calendar? **Marks & Spencer**
- 5 Which North American organisation tracks Santa as he delivers presents to children around the world? **NORAD**

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- 1 Which plant was formerly known as the "Mexican flame flower" or "painted leaf"? **Poinsettia**
- 2 Where on a Xmas table would you find potassium nitrate, charcoal and sulphur? **A Christmas cracker (the snap)**
- 3 Which English monarch was nicknamed the 'Pudding King'? **King George I**
- 4 Wasgij and Ravensburger are brand names associated with which leisure activity? **Jigsaw puzzles**
- 5 In a 1990 Christmas Special, Victor Meldrew mistakenly receives a delivery of 263 what? **Garden gnomes**



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- 1 Which Hyde Park Christmas event shares its name with a 1934 song? **Winter Wonderland**
- 2 In which popular pantomime do Robin Hood and Maid Marion appear? **Babes in the Wood**
- 3 Which single from the *Despicable Me 2* soundtrack reached number 2 on the UK Christmas charts? "**Happy**"
- 4 How many segments are there in a Terry's Chocolate Orange? **20 segments**
- 5 What biblical middle name do David Beckham and Michael Jackson both share? **Joseph**



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- 1 What are you eating if you are enjoying "March Bread"? **Marzipan**
- 2 Christmas Jumper Day is an annual fundraising campaign organised by which UK charity? **Save the Children**
- 3 'Joe's Crackers' and 'Barbara's Old Ring' are Christmas episodes of which sitcom? **The Royle Family**
- 4 Invented in Nuremberg around 1610, what decoration has individual parts called lametta? **Tinsel**
- 5 What is the name of the carrot featured in Aldi's Christmas campaigns? **Kevin the Carrot**



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- 1 Which UK Christmas number one of 1962 might also appear on a letter? **Return to Sender (by Elvis Presley)**
- 2 Which author wrote the first Christmas Day message broadcast by a British monarch in 1932? **Rudyard Kipling**
- 3 What was invented accidentally when Erwin Perzy tried to create a brighter surgical lamp? **The snow globe**
- 4 Which stocking-filler toy, once called a bandalore, may have been an ancient Filipino weapon? **Yo-yo**
- 5 Who designed the cover sleeve for the 2014 Band Aid 30 single Do They Know It's Christmas? **Tracey Emin**



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- 1 Which children's Xmas tradition began in 2005 with a book by Carol Aebersold and Chanda Bell? **The Elf on the Shelf**
- 2 Traditionally placed in Christmas puddings, the sixpence remained UK legal tender until when? **1980**
- 3 Who co-wrote "Do They Know It's Christmas?" with Bob Geldof in 1984? **Midge Ure**
- 4 The UK's largest Christmas Day TV audience watched the premiere of which film in 1989? **Crocodile Dundee**
- 5 Which song plays over the end credits of Die Hard? **Let It Snow!**



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- 1 'Xmas Party' was a Christmas episode of which 2008 sitcom? **The Inbetweeners**
- 2 Which 1970s game box featured a suited man in front with model Cecilia Fung standing behind him? **Mastermind**
- 3 Who gave the street a Christmas farewell in 1987 to become Dr Lowther's housekeeper? **Hilda Ogden**
- 4 To the nearest hour, how long does it take to read A Christmas Carol? **2 hours**
- 5 Name the only UK Xmas number one with a city in its title? **Long Haired Lover from Liverpool (by Jimmy Osmond)**



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- 1 It is illegal in the UK to sell Christmas crackers to anyone under what age? **12 years old**
- 2 In The Simpsons, what breed of dog is Santa's Little Helper? **Greyhound**
- 3 Judy Garland sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in which MGM musical? **Meet Me in St. Louis**
- 4 How old is Kevin in Home Alone? **8 years old**
- 5 Which chocolate brand is named after a J. M. Barrie play written before Peter Pan? **Quality Street**



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- 1 The Shipmans and Smithy headed to which town for Christmas 2019? **Barry (Barry Island)**
- 2 Which 19th-century American writer shaped how Americans celebrate Christmas? **Washington Irving**
- 3 Popular eaten whole at Christmas, what fruit is also an ingredient in HP Sauce? **Dates**
- 4 What board game, often printed on selection boxes, was originally called Moksha Patam? **Snakes and Ladders**
- 5 What was unusual about the Christmas tree designed by Karl Lagerfeld for Claridge's in 2017? **It was upside down**



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- 1 Furoshiki is a Japanese eco-friendly alternative to what? **Wrapping paper**
- 2 In "The Holly and the Ivy", what does the ivy symbolise? **The Virgin Mary**
- 3 Which seed-bearing structure on gymnosperm plants has plates called scales? **A cone / pinecone**
- 4 Who said a Xmas tree farm in Pennsylvania was an odd place for a country singer to grow up? **Taylor Swift**
- 5 What name is shared by a Yorkshire Dales waterfall and a 2023 horror film? **Snow Falls**