Christmas Quiz

60 PUB QUIZ QUESTIONS • SIX FESTIVE ROUNDS

Round 1 – Christmas Trivia

1. Which American department store was the first to sell commercially manufactured Christmas tree ornaments?

2. Which toy takes its name from three Greek words meaning ‘beautiful’, ‘that which is seen’ and ‘to look’?

3. What biblical word is given to refer to the Three Wise Men?

4. What, traditionally credited to Yorkshire merchant William Strickland, was first imported into Britain from North America in the 1520s?

5. “The Man Who Invented Christmas” is a 2017 biographical film about who?

6. Which raisin or plum pudding is in the lyrics of the Christmas carol "We Wish You a Merry Christmas?

7. Will Ferrell reprised his role as Buddy the Elf in Christmas 2022 for which company's advert?

8. What did the British Toy Retailers Association name as toy of the Year in both 1980 and 1981?

9. What Christmassy item was accidentally invented by Austrian Erwin Perzy while he was trying to improve the light bulb?

10. Muddles is a comic character in which pantomime?

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Round 2 – Christmas Music

1. "Do the fairies keep him sober for a day" is a line about Santa from which popular Christmas song?

2. In which year was Wham!'s "Last Christmas" first released?

3. Which Christmas song was originally titled "One Horse Open Sleigh"?

4. Which singer said: "I know that a Christmas tree farm in Pennsylvania is about the most random place for a country singer to come from, but I had an awesome childhood"?

5. In "Do They Know It's Christmas?", what is said to be the greatest gift people will receive that year?

6. "Sleigh bells ring are you listening, in the lane, snow is glistening." is the first line of which song?

7. "Do They Know It's Christmas?" is a charity song written in 1984 by Bob Geldof and which other musician?

8. "Lonely This Christmas" is a song by which rock band?

9. Which Christmas carol was originally written by Christina Rossetti as a poem titled "A Christmas Carol"?

10. In 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', how many lords are leaping?

Round 3 – Christmas Films & Television

1. What was the name of the New York City police detective played by Bruce Willis in *Die Hard*?

2. Which fantasy film tells the tale of Jack Skellington, a resident of Halloween Town?

3. Which character was played by Boris Karloff in 1966 and Jim Carrey in 2000?

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4. Which fruit are Gonzo and Rizzo selling at the beginning of *The Muppet Christmas Carol*?

5. In the *Royle Family* what instrument does Jim play on special occasions?

6. The 2013 animated fantasy film *Frozen* was inspired by which Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale?

7. Where is Kevin's family going on holiday in the film *Home Alone*?

8. In *Gavin & Stacy* what's the last name of Gavin?

9. Who appeared in a live-action introduction for the 1982 animated short film *The Snowman*?

10. "The Christmas Invasion" is a 60-minute special episode of which British television programme?

Round 4 – Christmas Food, Drink & Shopping

1. Which German Christmas specialty is a fruit bread often filled with marzipan and covered in icing sugar?

2. According to the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Yorkshire pudding must be at least how many inches tall to be considered a true Yorkshire pudding?

3. Which famous American department store features in the film *Miracle on 34th Street*?

4. What's the digital equivalent of Black Friday?

5. What type of cherry is traditionally used to garnish cocktails?

6. How many ingredients did the Tudors put in their mince pies?

7. Which Oxford Street department store was the first in the UK to have window displays for Christmas?

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8. In which European country is carp traditionally served as part of the Christmas Eve meal?

9. A snowball is a cocktail containing carbonated lemonade and which alcoholic beverage in equal parts?

10. In Spain, what sort of confectionery is traditional Christmas turrón?

Round 5 – Christmas Literature

1. Which classic novel opens with the words, “Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents”?

2. In which decade was Charles Dickens’s novella *A Christmas Carol* first published?

3. *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is a piece of prose by which poet?

4. John Grisham’s novel *Skipping Christmas* was adapted into which film?

5. Which fictional character first appeared in *Beeton's Christmas Annual* in 1887?

6. Which American author helped reshape the American image of Christmas?

7. In which book did Mr Tumnus exclaim: “... always winter, but never Christmas”?

8. Which author created the fictional town of Whoville?

9. In Raymond Briggs' original 1978 picture book *The Snowman*, what happens to the Snowman at the end?

10. In J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, what mysterious object does Harry receive as an anonymous Christmas present during his first year at Hogwarts?

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Round 6 – The Christmas Cracker Round

1. What's the name of the carrot that features in Aldi's Christmas' campaigns?

2. Which chocolates are named after a 1901 comedy play written by J.M. Barrie?

3. Which commercial and entertainment complex in New York City is famous for its large Christmas tree?

4. With 'over 30 sayings', what was the must-have toy for Christmas 1996?

5. Who went to bed alone on Christmas Eve 1666 because his wife, Elizabeth, stayed up all night supervising the household baking?

6. What fruit when stored alongside Christmas cake helps keep it moist?

7. In which country is Lapland's Santa Claus Village?

8. What is the alternative name for the Pacific Ocean atoll also known as Christmas Island?

9. Which fictional creation of Robert L. May is a popular Christmas Jumper feature?

10. Which famous scientist created the first rubber balloon in 1824?

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