

Christmas Trivia

Round 1 · Traditions · 10 questions



Tick one answer for each question.

Name or team _____

1 Who is usually credited with sending the first commercial Christmas card, in London in 1843?

☐ A Prince Albert

☐ B Queen Victoria

☐ C Henry Cole

☐ D Charles Dickens

2 The custom of decorating an evergreen tree indoors at Christmas is most closely linked with which country?

☐ A Italy

☐ B Spain

☐ C Greece

☐ D Germany

3 Which saint's legend inspired the figure of Santa Claus?

☐ A Saint George

☐ B Saint Patrick

☐ C Saint Nicholas

☐ D Saint Valentine

4 A traditional Advent calendar starts on 1 December. On which day is the last door usually opened?

☐ A 31 December

☐ B 24 December

☐ C 25 December

☐ D 6 January

5 On which date is Boxing Day?

☐ A 6 January

☐ B 24 December

☐ C 26 December

☐ D 1 January

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6 In the Netherlands, Sinterklaas traditionally brings presents on the evening of which date?

☐ A 25 December

☐ B 1 December

☐ C 6 January

☐ D 5 December

7 The poinsettia, a favourite Christmas plant, is native to which country?

☐ A Australia

☐ B India

☐ C Norway

☐ D Mexico

8 What are you traditionally meant to do if you meet someone under the mistletoe?

☐ A Shake hands

☐ B Kiss them

☐ C Make a wish

☐ D Sing a carol

9 Which prickly evergreen, with red berries, is a classic Christmas decoration?

☐ A Holly

☐ B Yew

☐ C Laurel

☐ D Ivy

10 Which reindeer does NOT appear in the 1823 poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas”?

☐ A Rudolph

☐ B Cupid

☐ C Dasher

☐ D Comet

Team answer sheet

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Write the letter of your team's answer. The host reveals each one.

Team _____

NO.	OUR ANSWER	RIGHT?
1		☐
2		☐
3		☐
4		☐
5		☐
6		☐
7		☐
8		☐
9		☐
10		☐

Round score

Answers & facts

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- 1 Who is usually credited with sending the first commercial Christmas card, in London in 1843?
C. Henry Cole
Did you know? The card was designed for Henry Cole by the artist John Callcott Horsley.
- 2 The custom of decorating an evergreen tree indoors at Christmas is most closely linked with which country?
D. Germany
Did you know? An 1848 newspaper picture of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's family around a decorated tree helped make the custom fashionable in Britain.
- 3 Which saint's legend inspired the figure of Santa Claus?
C. Saint Nicholas
Did you know? Saint Nicholas was a 4th-century bishop of Myra, in what is now Turkey.
- 4 A traditional Advent calendar starts on 1 December. On which day is the last door usually opened?
B. 24 December
Did you know? The word Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "arrival" or "coming".
- 5 On which date is Boxing Day?
C. 26 December
Did you know? In Ireland, 26 December is known as St Stephen's Day.
- 6 In the Netherlands, Sinterklaas traditionally brings presents on the evening of which date?
D. 5 December
Did you know? It's the eve of Saint Nicholas's feast day, 6 December.
- 7 The poinsettia, a favourite Christmas plant, is native to which country?
D. Mexico
Did you know? Its bright red "petals" are really leaves, called bracts. The tiny flowers sit in the middle.
- 8 What are you traditionally meant to do if you meet someone under the mistletoe?
B. Kiss them
Did you know? Mistletoe grows on trees such as apple and poplar, drawing water and nutrients from its host.
- 9 Which prickly evergreen, with red berries, is a classic Christmas decoration?
A. Holly
Did you know? Only female holly plants grow berries, so a berry-less holly may simply be a male plant.
- 10 Which reindeer does NOT appear in the 1823 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"?
A. Rudolph
Did you know? Rudolph joined Santa's team in 1939, more than a century after the poem was published.