Christmas quiz: 60 questions in 6 rounds

Host sheet with answers · 60 questions in 6 rounds · answers checked 14 November 2026

Round 1: Christmas traditions

1. On which date is Boxing Day? **26 December**
2. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, what is given on the fifth day? **Five gold rings (accept "golden rings")**
3. Under which plant do people traditionally kiss at Christmas? **Mistletoe**
4. Which country gives London the Christmas tree that stands in Trafalgar Square each year? **Norway**
5. Which kind of object was traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding to bring luck to whoever found it? **A silver coin (a sixpence or a threepence)**
6. What name is given to the season that begins four Sundays before Christmas? **Advent**
7. Which London confectioner is credited with inventing the Christmas cracker in the 1840s? **Tom Smith**
8. In the poem A Visit from St Nicholas, how many reindeer pull the sleigh? **Eight**
9. Which queen's husband, Prince Albert, helped to make the Christmas tree popular in Britain? **Queen Victoria**
10. What colour are the berries of European mistletoe? **White**

Round 2: Christmas food and drink

1. In the UK, pigs in blankets are small sausages wrapped in what? **Bacon**
2. Which spirit is traditionally poured over a Christmas pudding and set alight? **Brandy**
3. Which German Christmas bread is filled with dried fruit, often with marzipan, and dusted with icing sugar? **Stollen**
4. Which tall, dome-shaped sweet bread from Milan is eaten at Christmas? **Panettone**
5. What is the name of the sweet mixture of dried fruit and spices that fills a mince pie? **Mincemeat**
6. Which Christmas drink is made from milk or cream, sugar and whipped eggs, often with rum or brandy? **Eggnog**
7. Which Christmas dinner vegetable shares its name with the capital of Belgium? **Brussels sprouts**
8. Stir-up Sunday is the traditional day for making which Christmas food? **Christmas pudding**
9. The French Christmas cake called a bûche de Noël is made in the shape of what? **A log (a Yule log)**
10. Which sauce, made from a red berry, is traditionally served with roast turkey at Christmas? **Cranberry sauce**

Round 3: Christmas films and TV

1. In the film Home Alone, what is the first name of the boy who is left behind? **Kevin**
2. In which city is the 1947 film Miracle on 34th Street set? **New York**
3. Which actor plays Buddy in the 2003 film Elf? **Will Ferrell**
4. Which Dr Seuss character tries to steal Christmas from the town of Whoville? **The Grinch**
5. In It's a Wonderful Life, what is the first name of George Bailey's guardian angel? **Clarence**
6. Which 2003 film follows several love stories in London in the weeks before Christmas? **Love Actually**
7. Which actor plays Ebenezer Scrooge in The Muppet Christmas Carol? **Michael Caine**
8. In the film The Polar Express, where is the train going? **The North Pole**
9. Which 1982 animated television film, based on a picture book by Raymond Briggs, is about a boy whose snowman comes to life? **The Snowman**
10. In Die Hard, in which Los Angeles building does the Christmas party take place? **Nakatomi Plaza**

Round 4: Christmas music

1. Which charity single was the UK Christmas number one in 1984? **Do They Know It's Christmas? by Band Aid**
2. Which singer released All I Want for Christmas Is You in 1994? **Mariah Carey**
3. Which band recorded Fairytale of New York with Kirsty MacColl? **The Pogues**

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4. Which duo released Last Christmas in 1984? **Wham!**
5. Which band had the UK Christmas number one in 1973 with Merry Xmas Everybody? **Slade**
6. Which singer's 1942 recording of White Christmas became one of the best-selling singles of all time? **Bing Crosby**
7. Which carol is called Stille Nacht in its original German? **Silent Night**
8. Which Tchaikovsky ballet opens at a family party on Christmas Eve? **The Nutcracker**
9. Who composed the oratorio Messiah, which is often performed at Christmas? **George Frideric Handel**
10. Which Welsh singer had a hit in 1985 with Walking in the Air? **Aled Jones**

Round 5: Christmas around the world

1. In which country is it a popular custom to eat KFC at Christmas? **Japan**
2. What is Father Christmas called in France? **Père Noël (accept "Papa Noël")**
3. Saint Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, which is in which modern-day country? **Turkey (Türkiye)**
4. In the Netherlands, on which date in December do children traditionally get their main presents from Sinterklaas? **5 December (Sinterklaas Eve)**
5. In which season does Christmas fall in Australia? **Summer**
6. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish? **Feliz Navidad**
7. Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean is a territory of which country? **Australia**
8. In which present-day country did the custom of bringing a decorated Christmas tree into the home begin in the 16th century? **Germany**
9. In Icelandic folklore, how many Yule Lads visit children in the nights before Christmas? **13**
10. On which date do Orthodox churches that still use the Julian calendar celebrate Christmas Day? **7 January**

Round 6: Christmas history and stories

1. In A Christmas Carol, how many ghosts visit Scrooge, counting Jacob Marley? **Four**
2. In A Christmas Carol, what is the nickname of Bob Cratchit's youngest son? **Tiny Tim**
3. In which year did British and German soldiers hold the Christmas truce on the Western Front? **1914**
4. Which king gave the first royal Christmas broadcast, on the radio in 1932? **George V**
5. In the Gospel of Luke, which Roman emperor orders the census that takes Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem? **Caesar Augustus (accept Augustus or Octavian)**
6. According to the Gospel of Matthew, which three gifts did the wise men bring? **Gold, frankincense and myrrh**
7. In which town was Jesus born, according to the Gospels? **Bethlehem**
8. In The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, the White Witch makes it always winter in Narnia but never what? **Christmas**
9. Which king of England was crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1066? **William the Conqueror (William I)**
10. Which saint's feast day, named in the carol Good King Wenceslas, falls on 26 December in the Western Church? **Saint Stephen**

Tie-breaker (closest answer wins)

1. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, how many gifts are given in total if you count the repeats, so that the partridge is given twelve times? **364**