

And here are the answers to the Big Quiz

We hope you enjoyed it!

- 1 What did my true love give to me on the eighth day of Christmas?
8 maids a-milking
- 2 What date is St. Stephen's Day?
26 December (Boxing Day)
- 3 What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
White
- 4 In a normal year (not a leap year), if 1st January is Day 1, what day is 25th December?
259th
- 5 What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
Hogmanay
- 6 If you were born on Christmas Day, what is your star sign?
Capricorn
- 7 In Dickens' novel *A Christmas Carol*, who was Scrooge's deceased business partner?
Jacob Marley
- 8 What Christmas item was invented by London baker and wedding-cake specialist Tom Smith in 1847?
Christmas crackers
- 9 Which country did St. Nicholas come from?
Turkey
- 10 In what body of water is Christmas Island?
Pacific Ocean
- 11 In which film did the main male adult character live off the proceeds of his Christmas jingle?
About a Boy
- 12 In 2011, from what was the St Pancras Station Christmas tree made?
Lego
- 13 What will you find in the middle of Stollen?
Marzipan
- 14 From which fruit do you traditionally make a Christingle?
An orange
- 15 What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose?
A button
- 16 What drink were the children served on *The Polar Express*?
Hot chocolate
- 17 In which language does 'Nadolig Llawen' mean 'Merry Christmas'?
Welsh
- 18 Under normal conditions, what is the freezing point of water in Fahrenheit?
32°C
- 19 Where does Good King Wenceslas come from?
Czech Republic
- 20 In *The Simpsons*, who or what is Santa's Little Helper?
He's their dog
- 21 In George Orwell's book *Animal Farm*, what animal is named Snowball?
A pig
- 22 What is the name given to cocktail sausages wrapped in bacon?
Pigs in blankets
- 23 How many gifts in total did my true love give to me?
364
- 24 What was Macaulay Culkin's character's name in *Home Alone*?
Kevin McCallister
- 25 Where was it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
Narnia
- 26 Who starred as Ebenezer Scrooge in *The Muppet Christmas Carol*?
Michael Caine
- 27 And who played Tiny Tim?
Robin the Frog
- 28 What does NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence Command) do each Christmas Eve, and has been doing so for the last 65 years?
They track Santa's sleigh throughout the night
- 29 When the poor man came in sight, what was he gathering?
Winter fuel
- 30 If Santa delivers to every child at 2am, what time would it be in London when he delivers to children in South Africa?
Midnight

- 31 Which member of Eurythmics was born on 25th December 1954?
 - 32 Which king was crowned on Christmas Day 1066?
 - 33 What is traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding?
 - 34 One of our best-known Winter Olympians, what was Eddie the Eagle's real name?
 - 35 Of all the trees that are in the wood, which one bears the crown?
 - 36 According to the Christmas film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, how do we know when an angel gets his wings?
 - 37 Royal Mail's special Christmas stamps were released on 3 November but what special stamps were released on 1 October?
 - 38 The villagers of Aughton, Lancashire set a new world record in 1992. What was it for?
 - 39 Brussels sprouts are good for you! They provide high values of two vitamins in particular. Which ones?
 - 40 In 2016, Buster made an appearance in a well-known store's Christmas advertisement. Who, or what, was Buster?
 - 41 In which year did the iconic Coca-Cola Christmas trucks first appear on our TV screens?
 - 42 What would be the point score in Scrabble, if we could actually lay the words 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' down on a board?
 - 43 What ingredients do you need to make a Snowball cocktail?
 - 44 What is the poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas* better known as?
 - 45 What are lebkuchen?
 - 46 Which monarch made the first Christmas wireless broadcast in 1932?
 - 47 Who is said to have written this first wireless broadcast speech?
 - 48 How many Christmas Day speeches has Queen Elizabeth made, not including 2020's?
 - 49 To which country is the poinsettia native?
 - 50 In which year did Norway start donating the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree to the people of the United Kingdom?
 - 51 Which English mathematician and physicist was born on Christmas Day 1642?
 - 52 Humphrey Bogart was also born on Christmas Day. Who sang "We had it all, just like Bogie and Bacall"?
 - 53 Who created The Grinch?
 - 54 Who links The Grinch and Frankenstein's monster?
 - 55 Who sang *All I want for Christmas is You*?
 - 56 In the film *The Polar Express*, what is the first gift of Christmas?
 - 57 Who played Vince Noir in *The Mighty Boosh*?
 - 58 Who is the female singer of *Fairytale in New York*?
 - 59 In which European country do they eat twelve grapes on New Year's Eve, one on each bell strike of midnight?
 - 60 In which gospel would you find details of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem?
- Annie Lennox
William the Conqueror
A silver coin
Michael Edwards
Holly
A bell rings
Brilliant Bugs
The world's largest Christmas pudding
Vitamins C and K
Buster was a boxer dog (he enjoyed bouncing on the trampoline!)
1995
48 points (W=4, H=4, Y=4, M=3, X=4, C=3, all the rest =1 point)
Advocaat and lemonade
'Twas the Night Before Christmas
Spicy gingerbread-like biscuits/cookies
King George V
Rudyard Kipling
67
Mexico
1947
Isaac Newton
Bertie Higgins in his 1981 song *Key Largo*
Dr Suess (Theodor Suess Geisel)
Boris Karloff (he played both!)
Mariah Carey
A bell from Santa's sleigh
Noel Fielding
Kirsty MacColl
Spain
The Gospel of Luke



- 61 How many windows are there on a traditional Advent calendar? 24
- 62 In which pantomime would Widow Twankey appear? Alladin
- 63 Which star of silent films died on Christmas Day, 1977? Charlie Chaplin
- 64 What song was the surprise No.1 on Christmas Day 2019? *I Love Sausage Rolls* by LadBaby
- 65 To which charity did all the proceeds from this No. 1 hit go? Trussell Trust
- 66 How long do both Leona Lewis and Kermit the Frog have to wait until Christmas? One More Sleep
- 67 With what did Eric cut the grapefruit in half in the 1976 Morecambe & Wise Show Christmas Special? Meat cleaver
- 68 Jack Skellington appears in which Christmas film? *The Nightmare before Christmas*
- 69 In the poem '*Twas the Night Before Christmas*, which reindeer is named first? Dasher
- 70 What three things must you never do to a gremlin? Do not expose them to bright light, get them wet or feed them after midnight
- 71 How many points do snowflakes have? 6
- 72 What is chionophobia? A fear of snow
- 73 Who is narrating the animated film *Zog and the Flying Doctors* on Christmas Day on BBC? Lenny Henry
- 74 What are the two flying doctors' names? Princess Pearl and Sir Gadabout
- 75 Where would you go 'first footing' on New Year's Eve? Scotland
- 76 How many times did Shakespeare mention Christmas in his plays? Only 3 times
- 77 With what does Daddy Pig decorate Peppa's Christmas jumper in *Peppa's Christmas Jumper Day*? Sparkly baubles
- 78 The first Christmas Day football fixture was in 1889 but when was the last? 25-Dec-57
- 79 In the song, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, how many times does Santa check his list? Twice
- 80 What is the best-selling Christmas song of all time? *White Christmas* by Bing Crosby
- 81 Who plays the title role in the 2003 film, *Elf*? Will Ferrell
- 82 What was special about the marmalade sandwiches Santa gave to Paddington Bear? Santa made them!
- 83 Who is the 'baddie' in the ballet, *The Nutcracker*? The Mouse King
- 84 What is Santa's 'real' name in the classic 1947 film, *Miracle on 34th Street*? Kris Kringle
- And, to finish with, a very short cryptic quiz for those of you who know us! (or visit the website for clues!)
- 85 Which member of staff is still in mint condition? Keith Murray (Murray Mints)
- 86 Which member of Murray Birrell's staff is too good to be true? Cathy (Cathy Toogood)
- 87 What is Mr Birrell's royal connection? He's a Stuart!
- 88 Michelangelo's masterpiece in human form! David (Betteridge, of course)
- 89 What might Peter do through treacle? Wade (Peter Wade)
- 90 Sam is outstanding in this. A Field!

Well Done!

