

## Christmas Quiz Answers

### General:

- Who banned Christmas in England between 1647 and 1660? **Oliver Cromwell**
- What is the other name for the Holly plant? Clue: 4 letters **Ilex**
- Who popularised the Christmas tree in England in the 19th century? **Prince Albert**
- Traditionally, after kissing someone under the mistletoe, what should you then remove? **One of the berries for good luck**
- Name the 3 of Santa's reindeer that start with the letter D: **Donner Dancer, Dasher**

### Children

- Traditionally, candy canes are white with what colour stripes? **Red**
- What present did Harry Potter receive for his first Christmas at Hogwarts: **An invisibility cloak**
- According to the song, when Santa got stuck up the chimney what did he begin to shout? **You girls and boys wont get any toys if you don't pull me out**
- Santa Claus is also known as Saint who? **Saint Nicholas**
- In the 12 Days of Christmas song, what were the 10 lords doing? **Leaping**

### Music:

- Which record was a Christmas No.1 in both 1975 and 1991? **Bohemian Rhapsody**
- Driving Home For Christmas was a 1988 hit single for which singer? **Chris Rea**
- In the song 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', how many swans were a-swimming? **Seven**
- Who wrote the song "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"? **Irving Berlin**
- Leona Lewis had a Christmas number one UK hit single in 2006 with which song? **A moment like this**

### Film:

- Who are the four ghosts in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol? **Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come, and Jacob Marley** (one point for each correctly named ghost, and a bonus point for all four)
- When Kevin is left home alone for the first time, where is the family's destination for their Christmas vacation? **Paris/France**

- Which Wallace & Gromit movie, set at Christmas and first aired on 24 December, won the 1995 Oscar for best Animated Short Film? (Bonus Question: Which recurring character was introduced in the movie?) **A close Shave (Shaun the Sheep)**
- What is the name of the little boy in the filmed story of "The Snowman" by Raymond Briggs?  
**James**
- What is the guardian angel of George Bailey named in "It's a Wonderful Life"? **Clarence**

#### Sport:

- Which European football league does not take a winter break apart from the UK? **Portugal**
- Bandy is an ancestor of which winter sport? **Ice Hockey**
- 'Christmas Tree' is a term commonly associated with which sport and player formation?  
**Football 4-3-2-1** (one point for each correct answer)
- Which team has the best Boxing Day win percentage in the Premier League era? **Man United**
- Which future managerial great suffered a horror injury on Boxing Day 1962, from which his career would never recover? **Brian Clough**

#### World

- Which US state in 1907 was the last to declare Christmas a legal holiday? **Oklahoma**
- In which country, the largest of its continent, is it said that finding a spider web on Christmas morning brings good luck, and so Christmas trees are decorated with artificial spider webs? **Ukraine**
- What country did poinsettias originally come from? **Mexico**
- St. Nicholas was born in which country? **Turkey**
- There are two 'Christmas islands'. Name the oceans in which they are located. **Pacific and Indian** (1 point for each correct answer)

#### Food

- Which country is Eggnog said to have originated from? **England, East Anglia**
- What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck? **Wattle**
- Which Century are turkeys thought to have first appeared in Britain? **C16th**
- In northern England, what is Christmas cake often eaten with? **Cheese**
- The British traditionally consume port at Christmas. But where does the drink get its name?  
**The Portuguese city of Porto, from where the drink was exported**