

The great Hyggestyle Christmas Quiz ANSWERS

1. What name is given to a baby reindeer?

A calf

2. Which classical ballet tells the story of a girl who visits the Land of Sweets on Christmas Eve?

The Nutcracker

3. Balsam, Douglas, Fraser and Noble are all types of what?

Christmas trees / Fir trees

4. Which Christmas song was written in 1962 by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne Baker as a plea for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis?

Do You Hear What I Hear?

5. How many reindeer names end with the letters ER?

Four reindeer names: Donner, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer

6. Which fruit is traditionally used to make a Christingle?

An orange

7. Where can you find the snowflake cluster?

- A) In your brain
- B) In space
- C) In the North Sea

B. In space. The Snowflake Cluster is part of the larger Christmas Tree Cluster. It consists of a compact group of bright protostars that appear geometrically arranged in a pattern similar to that of a single crystal of snow, and is 2,400 light years from Earth.

8. Advocaat is one of two main ingredients in a snowball cocktail? What is the other?

- A) Milk
- B) Cream
- C) Lemonade
- D) Snow

C, lemonade. Advocaat is a Dutch liqueur made with eggs, sugar and brandy. The cocktail was invented in the UK in the 1940s and is supposedly a great winter warmer.

9. True or False - Christmas pudding was originally a soup made with raisins and wine?

True

10. In which country do they place spiders' webs on their Christmas trees for good luck?

- A) Mexico
- B) Mongolia
- C) Ukraine
- D) Venezuela

C. Ukraine. In Germany, Poland, and Ukraine, finding a spider or a spider's web on a Christmas tree is considered good luck. Ukrainians also create small Christmas tree ornaments in the shape of a spider (known as pavuchky, literally "little spiders"), usually made of paper and wire).

11. What aromatic gum resin is related to the baby Jesus, originates from an African tree and is burnt as incense?

Frankincense

12. Pine needles are said to be a good source of which vitamin?

Vitamin C. Interesting fact; almost 80 percent of all bald eagles nest in pine trees.

13. In which ocean is Christmas Island located?

The Indian Ocean. The island was named on Christmas Day 1643 by Captain William Mynors, and is the first place to welcome in the New Year.

14. What is the chemical formula of snow?

H₂O

15. What animal is the Scandinavian Christmas Julbock symbol?

Goat (specifically a Yule Goat)

16. What did Harry Potter receive from Dumbledore on his first Christmas at Hogwarts?

- A) A magic wand
- B) A quidditch set
- C) An invisibility cloak
- D) Nothing

C. For Christmas, Harry received his late father's Cloak of Invisibility from Albus Dumbledore. Harry Potter chose to spend the Christmas holidays during his first year at Hogwarts, having no desire to spend the holiday period with the Dursleys.

17. Where did the real St Nicholas live?

Turkey

18. Little Drummer Boy/ Peace on Earth was a duet performed by David Bowie and which other famous singer?

Bing Crosby

19. What are the French said to place on the fireplace on Christmas Eve to receive gifts?

- A) scarves
- B) shoes
- C) teapots
- D) pillow cases

B, shoes. Children put out their shoes by the fireplace hoping Père Noël (Father Christmas) will fill them with sweets and small gifts. He is accompanied by Père Fouettard who gives out coal to naughty children.

20. Which British spacecraft was lost on Mars at Christmas 2003?

Beagle 2

21. Since 1966, people in the Swedish town of Gävle have built a 40-ft high straw goat every Christmas. What do they do with it?

- A) See how many children can fit inside it
- B) Wheel it into the Gavleån river singing traditional Swedish carols
- C) Try in vain to stop it being burnt down by arsonists

C. Since 1966 the goat has been set ablaze by vandals 37 times, despite the presence of a nearby fire station.

22. What is the name of the snowman in Disney's Frozen?

Olaf. He likes warm hugs.

23. In which country is it a tradition to hide all brooms in the house on Christmas Eve?

- (a) Norway
- (b) France
- (c) Denmark
- (d) Wales

A. Norway (according to legend, witches would steal them otherwise)

24. Traditional in Germany at Christmas, what sort of food is stollen? (Insert your own hilarious gag here...)

- (a) Fruit bread
- (b) Cheese
- (c) Sweeties
- (d) Your mum's chocolate orange

A. Fruit bread. The tradition of stollen dates back to Dresden in the 15th century. In 1730, Angus the Strong, (who was ruler of Saxony at the time), called upon Dresden's bakers to create a giant stollen for him. Around 100 bakers and their journeymen combined 3,600 eggs, 326 churns of milk and 20 hundredweight of flour to produce a giant stollen weighing around 1.8 tons.

25. What do Danes traditionally eat for Christmas pudding?

- A) Jelly
- B) Apple crumble
- C) Rice pudding
- D) Cinnamon buns

C. Ris-a-la-mande is a Danish rice pudding, traditionally served on Christmas Eve. Often there is a whole almond hidden in the serving dish, and whoever finds it receives a little gift.

26. According to RoSPA, how many Christmas-tree related A&E visits are there in the UK every year?

- (a) 1,000
- (b) 10,000
- (c) 100,000

A. 1000

27. Which two states in the US have towns called Christmas?

Arizona and Florida

28. What is the classic Christmas dinner in Greenland?

- a) Venison, hare and black pudding
- b) Seabirds wrapped in the skin of a seal
- c) Turkey marinated in rum, with coloured rice
- d) Salted cod and potatoes

B. There are some rather unusual foods eaten at Christmas time in Greenland.

'Kiviak' is the raw flesh of little auks (a type of arctic bird) which have been buried whole in sealskin for several months until they have reached an advanced stage of decomposition! 'Mattak' is whale skin with a strip of blubber inside. It is supposed to taste like fresh coconut, but is often too tough to chew and is usually swallowed. Although it sounds strange, it is a delicacy in Greenland.

29. Which of the following flavours of fizzy drink are available in the US?

- (a) Yule Log
- (b) Turkey & Stuffing
- (c) Brussels Sprout

B: Turkey & Stuffing

30. The German word kummerspeck, meaning weight gained through comfort eating, literally means what?

- (a) Cream guzzling
- (b) Grief bacon
- (c) Disappointment candy

B. Grief bacon

31. In an online survey, what percentage of people said that they'd received fewer than half the Christmas gifts they'd hoped for?

- a) 10
- b) 25
- c) 50
- d) 75

D,75. In research commissioned by Braun, respondents said that only four out of every ten presents they received were things they were hoping to get. Siblings were considered the most likely to buy presents we don't need or want!

32. Which of the following is true of flying lemurs?

- (a) They are lemurs that can't fly
- (b) They are not lemurs but can fly
- (c) They are neither lemurs, nor can they fly

C. Flying lemurs are actually more gliding squirrels; when they leap from high trees, they can glide can cover 70 metres (230 feet) while losing little altitude.

33. Which family has a pet dog called Sants's Little Helper?

The Simpsons

34. What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a duck?

A Christmas quacker :D

35. For which integral part of Christmas celebrations should we thank Tom Smith, a 19th-century London sweetshop owner?

- a) The mince pie
- b) The Christmas cracker
- c) The Christmas stocking
- d) The yule log

B. Tradition says that the Christmas cracker came from sugared almonds wrapped with a little love note. They apparently became crackers as we know now when Tom Smith noticed the crackle of a log on the fire. Soon the love notes became jokes and poems!

36. The catchy lyrics, 'pa rum pum pum pum' feature in which well known Christmas carol?

The Little Drummer Boy

37. What do the Danish call Danish pastries?

- (a) Danish pastries
- (b) Viennese bread
- (c) Alsatian cakes
- (d) Belgian buns

B.Viennese bread. In Vienna, they ask for a Copenhagen.

38. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

Deep pan, crisp and even!

39. What is a swede?

- (a) A cross between a cabbage and a turnip
- (b) A cross between a parsnip and a beetroot
- (c) A cross between fennel and carrot

A: A cross between a cabbage and a turnip

40. Where is Lapland located?

- (a) Finland
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Russia
- (d) Norway
- (e) Is this a trick question?

E, it's a trick question, Lapland is in all of them! Lapland makes up about one third of Finland's total area, and it's a region, not a country. It covers northern Sweden, Finland, Norway and part of Russia's Kola Peninsula. To put its size into perspective, Lapland is as big as Belgium, Holland and Switzerland all put together.