



Christmas Trivia



Write your answer on the line under each question.

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- 1 In which country did the custom of decorating a Christmas tree begin?

- 2 Which Roman festival, held in December, honoured the god Saturn?

- 3 How many gifts are given in total in the carol The Twelve Days of Christmas?

- 4 In The Twelve Days of Christmas, what is given on the fifth day?

- 5 How many lords are a-leaping in The Twelve Days of Christmas?

- 6 Which author wrote A Christmas Carol, the story of Ebenezer Scrooge?

- 7 In which country was the carol Silent Night first sung, in 1818?





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Questions 8 to 14

8 What three gifts did the wise men bring in the Christmas story?

9 Which country sends a Christmas tree to Trafalgar Square in London every year?

10 Poinsettias, the red Christmas plants, grow wild in which country?

11 What colour are the berries of mistletoe?

12 How many points or arms does a snowflake usually have?

13 What does Feliz Navidad mean, and in which language?

14 What is Father Christmas called in France?





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Questions 15 to 20



15 What is the French name for a chocolate Christmas log cake?

16 In the 1823 poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, how many reindeer pull the sleigh?

17 On which date is the feast of Epiphany, which ends the twelve days of Christmas?

18 What is the name of the season of about four weeks before Christmas?

19 Which saint, a bishop who lived about 1,700 years ago, is Santa Claus based on?

20 Reindeer have another name in North America. What is it?





Christmas Trivia: Answers



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- 1. Germany is usually credited: decorated trees were part of Christmas there by the 1500s. Latvia and Estonia also claim early trees.**
- 2. Saturnalia.**
- 3. 364, counting every gift on every day.**
- 4. Five gold rings.**
- 5. Ten.**
- 6. Charles Dickens, in 1843.**
- 7. Austria, in the village of Oberndorf near Salzburg.**
- 8. Gold, frankincense and myrrh.**
- 9. Norway, as a thank you for Britain's help in the Second World War.**
- 10. Mexico, and parts of Central America.**
- 11. White.**
- 12. Six.**
- 13. Merry Christmas, in Spanish.**
- 14. Père Noël.**
- 15. Bûche de Noël.**
- 16. Eight.**
- 17. 6 January.**
- 18. Advent.**
- 19. Saint Nicholas of Myra, in what is now Turkey.**
- 20. Caribou. They are the same species.**

