December 2026 quiz: Round 1

General knowledge and words · questions 1 to 5 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

1 How many sides does a hexagon have?

- **A** Seven
- **B** Five
- **C** Six
- **D** Eight

2 What do we call a word that reads the same backwards as forwards, such as level?

- **A** An acronym
- **B** An anagram
- **C** A palindrome
- **D** A homophone

3 What is the capital city of Canada?

- **A** Vancouver
- **B** Toronto
- **C** Montreal
- **D** Ottawa

4 How many years of marriage does a golden wedding anniversary mark?

- **A** 25 years
- **B** 40 years
- **C** 50 years
- **D** 60 years

5 Which planet is known as the Red Planet?

- **A** Jupiter
- **B** Venus
- **C** Mars
- **D** Saturn

December 2026 quiz: Round 1

General knowledge and words · questions 6 to 10 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

6 In which year did people first walk on the Moon?

- **A** 1959
- **B** 1965
- **C** 1969
- **D** 1972

7 How long is a fortnight?

- **A** Ten days
- **B** Two weeks
- **C** Four weeks
- **D** One week

8 How many keys does a standard modern piano have?

- **A** 76
- **B** 88
- **C** 92
- **D** 100

9 Who painted the Mona Lisa?

- **A** Raphael
- **B** Leonardo da Vinci
- **C** Michelangelo
- **D** Rembrandt

10 Which letter is used most often in written English?

- **A** A
- **B** T
- **C** S
- **D** E

December 2026 quiz: Round 2

Nature and places · questions 1 to 5 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

1 What is the largest ocean on Earth?

- **A** The Indian Ocean
- **B** The Pacific Ocean
- **C** The Atlantic Ocean
- **D** The Arctic Ocean

2 Which flightless bird is a national symbol of New Zealand?

- **A** The emu
- **B** The kiwi
- **C** The ostrich
- **D** The cassowary

3 What is the highest mountain above sea level?

- **A** K2
- **B** Mount Everest
- **C** Mont Blanc
- **D** Kilimanjaro

4 How many legs does a spider have?

- **A** Six
- **B** Ten
- **C** Twelve
- **D** Eight

5 What is the longest river in Australia? (Australia question)

- **A** The Darling
- **B** The Swan
- **C** The Murray
- **D** The Yarra

December 2026 quiz: Round 2

Nature and places · questions 6 to 10 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

6 In which city does the Statue of Liberty stand?

- **A** Philadelphia
- **B** Washington
- **C** Boston
- **D** New York

7 Which tree grows acorns?

- **A** The elm
- **B** The beech
- **C** The oak
- **D** The ash

8 What is the capital city of Scotland?

- **A** Glasgow
- **B** Aberdeen
- **C** Dundee
- **D** Edinburgh

9 What is the largest land animal alive today?

- **A** The African elephant
- **B** The white rhinoceros
- **C** The hippopotamus
- **D** The giraffe

10 Which is the largest of the Great Lakes of North America?

- **A** Lake Huron
- **B** Lake Michigan
- **C** Lake Superior
- **D** Lake Erie

December 2026 quiz: Round 3

Food, music and films · questions 1 to 5 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

1 The pavlova dessert was named after a famous what?

- **A** A poet
- **B** An opera singer
- **C** A ballerina
- **D** A queen

2 What is the main ingredient of guacamole?

- **A** Green peas
- **B** Avocado
- **C** Courgette
- **D** Cucumber

3 Which nut is ground to make marzipan?

- **A** Almonds
- **B** Peanuts
- **C** Hazelnuts
- **D** Walnuts

4 What kind of fruit is a Granny Smith?

- **A** A pear
- **B** An apple
- **C** A plum
- **D** A grape

5 Which spice comes from the dried threads of a crocus flower?

- **A** Paprika
- **B** Saffron
- **C** Turmeric
- **D** Cinnamon

December 2026 quiz: Round 3

Food, music and films · questions 6 to 10 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

6 In which 1965 film did Julie Andrews play Maria von Trapp?

- **A** Oliver!
- **B** My Fair Lady
- **C** Mary Poppins
- **D** The Sound of Music

7 From which English city did the Beatles come?

- **A** London
- **B** Birmingham
- **C** Manchester
- **D** Liverpool

8 Which singer was called the King of Rock and Roll?

- **A** Johnny Cash
- **B** Buddy Holly
- **C** Elvis Presley
- **D** Chuck Berry

9 Which Swedish group won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974?

- **A** Ace of Base
- **B** Europe
- **C** Roxette
- **D** ABBA

10 Who played Eliza Doolittle in the 1964 film My Fair Lady?

- **A** Grace Kelly
- **B** Deborah Kerr
- **C** Doris Day
- **D** Audrey Hepburn

December 2026 quiz: Round 4

December days · questions 1 to 5 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

1 December takes its name from the Latin word for which number?

- **A** Twelve
- **B** Ten
- **C** Nine
- **D** Seven

2 The December solstice is the shortest day in the UK and the US. What is it in New Zealand and Australia?

- **A** The first day of autumn
- **B** The longest day
- **C** The shortest day
- **D** A day of equal day and night

3 In which year did the Wright brothers make the first powered aeroplane flight, on 17 December?

- **A** 1893
- **B** 1903
- **C** 1910
- **D** 1927

4 Which explorer led the first team to reach the South Pole, on 14 December 1911?

- **A** Robert Falcon Scott
- **B** Ernest Shackleton
- **C** Roald Amundsen
- **D** Edmund Hillary

5 Which Dutch explorer was the first European known to sight New Zealand, in December 1642? (New Zealand question)

- **A** James Cook
- **B** Abel Tasman
- **C** Ferdinand Magellan
- **D** Vasco da Gama

December 2026 quiz: Round 4

December days · questions 6 to 10 · circle A, B, C or D

Team: _____ **Score:** _____

6 For how many nights is Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights, celebrated?

A Eight | B Three | C Twelve | D Ten

7 On 16 December 1773, protesters in Boston threw what into the harbour? (US question)

A Rum | B Sugar | C Coffee | D Tea

8 In December 1952, a thick smog covered which city for five days? (UK question)

A Manchester | B London

C Glasgow | D Paris

9 Which famous yacht race starts in Sydney Harbour on 26 December each year? (Australia question)

A The Round the Island | B The Newport to Bermuda

C The Sydney to Hobart | D The Fastnet

10 Nobel Prizes are presented every 10 December, the anniversary of whose death?

A Charles Darwin | B Marie Curie

C Albert Einstein | D Alfred Nobel