Christmas This or That

WARM-UP: CIRCLE YOUR PICK

How to play: circle one option in each row, then compare with the group. No wrong answers on this page!

Christmas Eve	or	Christmas morning
Advent calendar	or	Paper countdown chain
Tinsel	or	Garland
Star on top	or	Angel on top
Handmade ornaments	or	Store-bought ornaments
Fruitcake	or	Yule log cake
Mailed cards	or	Photo texts
Peppermint bark	or	Sugar cookies
Velvet dress	or	Cozy flannel
Ham	or	Turkey
Caroling outside	or	Singing at home
Wrapping paper	or	Fabric wraps
Big family dinner	or	Quiet night in
Midnight snack	or	Big breakfast

Christmas Around the World

TRIVIA ROUND 1 · 12 QUESTIONS

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1. In Mexico, Las Posadas celebrations last how many nights before Christmas?

○ 3 ○ 7 ○ 9 ○ 12

2. What do children often break open at the end of a posada night?

○ A piñata ○ A wishbone ○ A snow globe

3. On which December date does Sweden celebrate Lucia Day?

○ December 6 ○ December 13 ○ December 21 ○ December 24

4. What does Lucia wear on her head in the Swedish procession?

○ A wreath of lights ○ A red hood ○ A gold paper crown

5. S-shaped saffron buns called lussekatter are a December treat in which country?

○ Norway ○ Sweden ○ Germany ○ Italy

6. How many Yule Lads visit children in Iceland before Christmas?

○ 3 ○ 7 ○ 12 ○ 13

7. Where do Icelandic children leave a shoe for the Yule Lads?

○ By the front door ○ In the window ○ Under the tree

8. Dutch Sinterklaas arrives by steamboat from which country?

○ Spain ○ France ○ Turkey ○ Norway

9. Dutch families exchange Sinterklaas gifts on the evening of which date?

○ December 5 ○ December 24 ○ January 6

10. Since 1947, which country has sent London a tree for Trafalgar Square?

○ Norway ○ Sweden ○ Canada ○ Germany

11. In Italy, who brings gifts on a broomstick on the eve of the Epiphany?

○ La Befana ○ Sinterklaas ○ Krampus

12. Krampus, the scary helper of St. Nicholas, is best known in which country?

○ Austria ○ Spain ○ Mexico ○ Australia

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Christmas History Trivia

TRIVIA ROUND 2 · 14 QUESTIONS

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1. In what year did Christmas become a U.S. federal holiday?

○ 1776 ○ 1870 ○ 1912 ○ 1941

2. Decorated Christmas trees date back to which country in the Middle Ages?

○ Germany ○ France ○ England ○ Russia

3. St. Nicholas, who inspired Santa Claus, was born in what is now which country?

○ Turkey ○ Finland ○ Netherlands
○ Germany

4. Which cartoonist's 1881 drawing helped shape the modern image of Santa?

○ Thomas Nast ○ Norman Rockwell
○ Benjamin Franklin

5. Which author published a story about the miser Ebenezer Scrooge in 1843?

○ Charles Dickens ○ Mark Twain ○ Jane Austen
○ Washington Irving

6. Its first print run of 6,000 copies sold out by when?

○ Christmas Eve ○ New Year's Day ○ Easter

7. In 1843, Henry Cole had 1,000 copies of what printed in London?

○ Christmas cards ○ Advent calendars
○ Gift tags

8. Sweetshop owner Tom Smith created which Christmas table item in the 1840s?

○ Christmas crackers ○ Candy canes
○ Gingerbread houses

9. An 1848 drawing of which royal family around a tree made trees popular in Britain?

○ Queen Victoria's ○ King George III's
○ Queen Elizabeth I's

10. The poinsettia is named after Joel Poinsett, a U.S. diplomat to which country?

○ Mexico ○ Spain ○ Peru ○ Cuba

11. In 1882, Edward Johnson lit a tree with electric bulbs. He was a business associate of which inventor?

○ Thomas Edison ○ Alexander Graham Bell
○ Nikola Tesla ○ Henry Ford

12. What colors were the bulbs on Johnson's 1882 tree?

○ Red, white and blue ○ All gold
○ Red and green

13. Which president lit the first National Christmas Tree in 1923?

○ Calvin Coolidge ○ Woodrow Wilson
○ Herbert Hoover ○ Franklin D. Roosevelt

14. Construction workers put up a tree in 1931 at which New York site?

○ Rockefeller Center ○ Central Park Zoo
○ Brooklyn Bridge

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