CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Christmas *general knowledge*

Twenty mixed questions about Christmas. One point for each right answer; teams can confer.

Team name _____

Score /19

1 Santa Claus Village, at the Arctic Circle in Rovaniemi, is in which country?

2 What is the candlelit service with oranges, sweets and a red ribbon called?

3 In which country did the tradition of a decorated Christmas tree begin?

4 What does the French word ‘Noël’ mean?

5 On which date is the feast of Epiphany?

6 Which saint’s day is 26 December?

7 Which saint’s day is 6 December?

8 What is Father Christmas called in France?

9 What is the German word for Christmas?

10 Who composed the music for the ballet The Nutcracker?

11 What colour are mistletoe berries?

12 Who wrote the song ‘White Christmas’?

13 Who released ‘All I Want for Christmas Is You’ in 1994?

14 Who sang ‘Fairytale of New York’ with The Pogues?

15 In the song, what brings Frosty the Snowman to life?

16 Which star is the star on top of the tree meant to be?

17 How many windows does a standard Advent calendar have?

18 Frankincense comes from which part of a tree?

19 Which tall red flowers’ ‘petals’ are really leaves called bracts?

★ To the nearest year, in which year did Charles Dickens die?

ANSWERS

The answers

1 **Finland** Santa Claus Village, at the Arctic Circle in Rovaniemi, is in which country?

2 **Christingle** What is the candlelit service with oranges, sweets and a red ribbon called?

3 **Germany** In which country did the tradition of a decorated Christmas tree begin?

4 **Christmas** What does the French word 'Noël' mean?

5 **6 January** On which date is the feast of Epiphany?

6 **St Stephen's** Which saint's day is 26 December?

7 **St Nicholas's** Which saint's day is 6 December?

8 **Père Noël** What is Father Christmas called in France?

9 **Weihnachten** What is the German word for Christmas?

10 **Tchaikovsky** Who composed the music for the ballet The Nutcracker?

11 **White** What colour are mistletoe berries?

12 **Irving Berlin** Who wrote the song 'White Christmas'?

13 **Mariah Carey** Who released 'All I Want for Christmas Is You' in 1994?

14 **Kirsty MacColl** Who sang 'Fairytale of New York' with The Pogues?

15 **An old silk hat** In the song, what brings Frosty the Snowman to life?

16 **The Star of Bethlehem** Which star is the star on top of the tree meant to be?

17 **24** How many windows does a standard Advent calendar have?

18 **Its resin (sap)** Frankincense comes from which part of a tree?

19 **Poinsettias** Which tall red flowers' 'petals' are really leaves called bracts?