

FAMILY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Great British *Christmas Quiz*

Twenty questions for the whole table. Play in teams, swap sheets to mark, and keep the answers page face down.

Team name _____

Score /20

1 Who wrote *A Christmas Carol*?

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2 What is Scrooge's first name?

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3 In which year was the first commercial Christmas card sent in Britain?

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4 Which royal is credited with making the Christmas tree popular in Victorian Britain?

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5 Which London square gets a Christmas tree from Norway every year?

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6 What was traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding for luck?

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7 Who is credited with inventing the Christmas cracker in 1847?

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8 In which year did the monarch's Christmas broadcast begin, on the radio?

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9 Widow Twankey appears in which pantomime?

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10 What did mince pies traditionally contain, besides fruit and spices?

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11 Which band had a 1973 hit with "Merry Xmas Everybody"?

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12 Which Wham! song was first released in December 1984?

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13 What did "my true love" give on the sixth day of Christmas?

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14 How many gifts are given in total in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

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15 What were the three gifts of the Wise Men?

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16 Which country gave us the advent calendar?

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17 How many points does a snowflake usually have?

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18 What is the day after Christmas Day called in the UK?

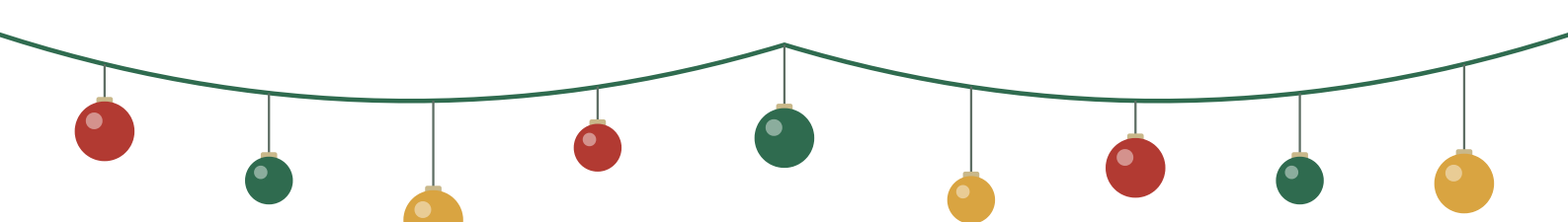
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19 What colour is Rudolph's nose?

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20 Apart from bread, what is the main ingredient of bread sauce?

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ANSWERS

No peeking

- 1 Charles Dickens** Who wrote *A Christmas Carol*?
- 2 Ebenezer** What is Scrooge's first name?
- 3 1843** In which year was the first commercial Christmas card sent in Britain?
- 4 Prince Albert** Which royal is credited with making the Christmas tree popular in Victorian Britain?
- 5 Trafalgar Square** Which London square gets a Christmas tree from Norway every year?
- 6 A silver coin (a sixpence)** What was traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding for luck?
- 7 Tom Smith, a London sweet maker** Who is credited with inventing the Christmas cracker in 1847?
- 8 1932** In which year did the monarch's Christmas broadcast begin, on the radio?
- 9 Aladdin** Widow Twankey appears in which pantomime?
- 10 Meat** What did mince pies traditionally contain, besides fruit and spices?
- 11 Slade** Which band had a 1973 hit with "Merry Xmas Everybody"?
- 12 Last Christmas** Which Wham! song was first released in December 1984?
- 13 Six geese a-laying** What did "my true love" give on the sixth day of Christmas?
- 14 364** How many gifts are given in total in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
- 15 Gold, frankincense and myrrh** What were the three gifts of the Wise Men?
- 16 Germany** Which country gave us the advent calendar?
- 17 Six** How many points does a snowflake usually have?
- 18 Boxing Day** What is the day after Christmas Day called in the UK?
- 19 Red** What colour is Rudolph's nose?
- 20 Milk** Apart from bread, what is the main ingredient of bread sauce?