TRIVIA PANDA

Family Christmas Quiz Pack

30 easier festive questions in three rounds. Multiple choice, with fun facts for the host.

Round	Theme	Questions
1	Films and Songs	10
2	Customs and Traditions	10
3	Pot Luck	10
	Total	**30**

What is in this pack

Question pages to read aloud, with four multiple-choice options for each question.

Host answer key with a fun fact for every answer. Keep this page to yourself.

Team answer sheet. Print one per team.

Host scorecard for up to ten teams.

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How to run the quiz

About 60 minutes for 30 questions, plus marking.

1. Print one team answer sheet per team, and the host scorecard and answer key for yourself.

2. Teams of two to six work best. Ask teams to write a team name at the top of their sheet.

3. Read each question and all four options aloud, then pause about 20 seconds. Teams write the letter A, B, C or D.

4. After each round, teams swap sheets with a neighbouring team. Read the answers aloud from the host answer key. One point for each correct answer.

5. Add up the round scores on the scorecard. Read out the leaderboard between rounds to keep it exciting.

6. If teams tie at the end, use the tiebreaker: the closest number to the right answer wins.

Host tips

Read the question twice. Say the round and question number each time. Do not let teams use phones. Read the fun fact after each answer: it is where the quiz gets its chatter.

Tiebreaker question

Read this only if teams are level at the end. The closest answer wins.

In what year was the first commercial Christmas card produced? Closest year wins.

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Round 1: Films and Songs

On screen and on the radio.

1. **Which duo released Last Christmas in 1984?**
   - **A** Pet Shop Boys
   - **B** Soft Cell
   - **C** Wham!
   - **D** Eurythmics
2. **What colour is the Grinch?**
   - **A** Blue
   - **B** Green
   - **C** Purple
   - **D** Red
3. **Who wrote the story A Christmas Carol?**
   - **A** Jane Austen
   - **B** William Thackeray
   - **C** Charles Dickens
   - **D** Thomas Hardy
4. **In which city is Kevin lost in the film Home Alone 2?**
   - **A** Los Angeles
   - **B** Paris
   - **C** New York
   - **D** Chicago
5. **Which Christmas song begins with the words "Dashing through the snow"?**
   - **A** Deck the Halls
   - **B** Let It Snow
   - **C** Winter Wonderland
   - **D** Jingle Bells
6. **Which actor voices the conductor in the film The Polar Express?**
   - **A** Tim Allen
   - **B** Robin Williams
   - **C** Jim Carrey
   - **D** Tom Hanks
7. **Which Cliff Richard song was the UK Christmas number one in 1988?**
   - **A** Saviour's Day
   - **B** The Millennium Prayer
   - **C** Devil Woman
   - **D** Mistletoe and Wine
8. **Who plays Scrooge in The Muppet Christmas Carol?**
   - **A** Michael Caine
   - **B** Jim Carrey
   - **C** Patrick Stewart
   - **D** Bill Murray
9. **In the carol Good King Wenceslas, on which feast day does the king look out?**
   - **A** The Feast of All Saints
   - **B** The Feast of Stephen
   - **C** The Feast of the Epiphany
   - **D** The Feast of Nicholas
10. **In the film Die Hard, in which building does the Christmas party take place?**
    - **A** Empire State Building
    - **B** Nakatomi Plaza
    - **C** Trump Tower
    - **D** Wayne Tower

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Round 2: Customs and Traditions

What we do, eat and say at Christmas.

11. What do people in the UK traditionally pull at the Christmas dinner table that goes bang?

- **A** Streamers
- **B** Wishbones
- **C** Party poppers
- **D** Crackers

12. "Feliz Navidad" means Merry Christmas in which language?

- **A** Italian
- **B** Spanish
- **C** Greek
- **D** Portuguese

13. Which plant is traditionally hung up at Christmas for people to kiss under?

- **A** Ivy
- **B** Poinsettia
- **C** Mistletoe
- **D** Holly

14. Which vegetable do children traditionally leave out for Santa's reindeer?

- **A** A carrot
- **B** A parsnip
- **C** A potato
- **D** A sprout

15. According to tradition, where does Santa Claus live?

- **A** Iceland
- **B** Greenland
- **C** The North Pole
- **D** The South Pole

16. Which red-leaved plant, native to Mexico, is a popular Christmas houseplant?

- **A** Cyclamen
- **B** Begonia
- **C** Amaryllis
- **D** Poinsettia

17. Which word completes Scrooge's famous exclamation: "Bah! ..."?

- **A** Nonsense
- **B** Humbug
- **C** Rubbish
- **D** Poppycock

18. In the Nativity story, in which town was Jesus born?

- **A** Nazareth
- **B** Jericho
- **C** Bethlehem
- **D** Jerusalem

19. Which country gives London the Christmas tree that stands in Trafalgar Square each year?

- **A** Sweden
- **B** Finland
- **C** Norway
- **D** Denmark

20. At which Norfolk estate does the royal family traditionally spend Christmas?

- **A** Sandringham
- **B** Highgrove
- **C** Windsor Castle
- **D** Balmoral

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Round 3: Pot Luck

A bit of everything festive.

21. Which fruit is traditionally found in the toe of a Christmas stocking in the UK?

- **A** A pear
- **B** A satsuma
- **C** A banana
- **D** A grape

22. Which reindeer is famous for having a red nose?

- **A** Dasher
- **B** Vixen
- **C** Comet
- **D** Rudolph

23. Which bird is the usual centrepiece of a British Christmas dinner today?

- **A** Pheasant
- **B** Swan
- **C** Turkey
- **D** Duck

24. What name is given to the season of four Sundays leading up to Christmas?

- **A** Lent
- **B** Epiphany
- **C** Advent
- **D** Pentecost

25. On which date is Boxing Day in the UK?

- **A** 27 December
- **B** 25 December
- **C** 24 December
- **D** 26 December

26. Which red-berry sauce is traditionally served with Christmas turkey?

- **A** Redcurrant jelly
- **B** Raspberry coulis
- **C** Cranberry sauce
- **D** Cherry compote

27. During the Christmas truce of 1914, which sport are British and German soldiers said to have played together?

- **A** Football
- **B** Boxing
- **C** Cricket
- **D** Rugby

28. In the Nativity story, which angel tells Mary that she will have a son?

- **A** Raphael
- **B** Uriel
- **C** Michael
- **D** Gabriel

29. In A Christmas Carol, what is the name of Scrooge's dead business partner?

- **A** Bob Cratchit
- **B** Mr Fezziwig
- **C** Fred
- **D** Jacob Marley

30. Who wrote and illustrated the picture book The Snowman?

- **A** Quentin Blake
- **B** Shirley Hughes
- **C** Roald Dahl
- **D** Raymond Briggs

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Host answer key

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Round 1: Films and Songs

1. C Wham!
Wham! were George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley.

2. B Green
He was first shown as green in the 1966 television cartoon.

3. C Charles Dickens
It was first published in 1843.

4. C New York
The film's full title is Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.

5. D Jingle Bells
It was written by James Lord Pierpont in the 1850s.

6. D Tom Hanks
The Polar Express was released in 2004.

7. D Mistletoe and Wine
Cliff Richard was also Christmas number one in 1960 and 1990.

8. A Michael Caine
The film was released in 1992.

9. B The Feast of Stephen
St Stephen's Day is 26 December.

10. B Nakatomi Plaza
Die Hard was released in 1988.

Round 2: Customs and Traditions

11. D Crackers
A cracker usually holds a paper hat, a small gift and a joke.

12. B Spanish
It is also the title of a 1970 song by José Feliciano.

13. C Mistletoe
Mistletoe grows on the branches of host trees.

14. A A carrot
A mince pie is often left out for Santa himself.

15. C The North Pole
Finland also claims him, with a Santa Claus Village in Lapland.

16. D Poinsettia
Its red parts are leaves, not petals.

17. B Humbug
Scrooge is the central character of A Christmas Carol.

18. C Bethlehem
Bethlehem lies in the West Bank, south of Jerusalem.

19. C Norway
The tree has been an annual gift since 1947.

20. A Sandringham
Sandringham House is privately owned by the monarch.

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Round 3: Pot Luck

21. B A satsuma

The custom is linked to the legend of St Nicholas, whose gifts of gold are sometimes shown as oranges.

22. D Rudolph

Rudolph first appeared in a booklet created for a US department store in 1939.

23. C Turkey

Goose was the more common choice before turkey became popular.

24. C Advent

The name comes from a Latin word meaning coming or arrival.

25. D 26 December

It is a bank holiday in the UK.

26. C Cranberry sauce

Cranberries are native to North America.

27. A Football

The truce took place on the Western Front in the first winter of the First World War.

28. D Gabriel

The event is known as the Annunciation.

29. D Jacob Marley

Marley's ghost appears wrapped in chains.

30. D Raymond Briggs

The book was published in 1978 and the animated film followed in 1982.

Tiebreaker

1843

Sir Henry Cole produced the first commercial Christmas card in London in 1843.

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Team answer sheet

Write the letter A, B, C or D for each question.

Team name: _____

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Tiebreaker answer: _____

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Host scorecard

Write each team's round score, then the total.

Team	R1	R2	R3	Total	Tiebreak

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