

Round 1: Santa, saints and symbols



Read each question and its three options aloud. Teams write A, B or C.

- 1** Saint Nicholas, who inspired Santa, was a bishop in what is now which country?
A Italy **B Turkey** **C Greece**

- 2** On which date is Saint Nicholas Day?
A 24 December **B 6 January** **C 6 December**

- 3** Which of these was NOT one of the eight reindeer in the old 1823 poem?
A Twinkle **B Prancer** **C Cupid**

- 4** What is Santa's wife usually called in the stories?
A Mrs Claus **B Mrs Noel** **C Mrs Frost**

- 5** What do many children leave out for Santa's reindeer?
A Carrots **B Bones** **C Cheese**

- 6** In which country is the Santa Claus Village on the Arctic Circle?
A Canada **B Iceland** **C Finland**

- 7** What shape is the top of a candy cane?
A A J **B An L** **C An S**

- 8** Which plant do people hang up to kiss under?
A Holly **B Ivy** **C Mistletoe**

- 9** The poinsettia, a red Christmas plant, comes originally from which country?
A Brazil **B Mexico** **C Spain**

- 10** What colour are holly berries?
A Blue **B Red** **C White**

Round 2: True or false



Read each statement aloud. Teams write true or false.

- 1 The custom of a decorated Christmas tree at home began in Germany.
- 2 Christmas is celebrated on 25 December in every country.
- 3 Tinsel was once made of real silver.
- 4 Reindeer and caribou are the same species.
- 5 Both female and male reindeer can grow antlers.
- 6 The first Christmas card was sent in the 1840s.
- 7 In Japan, many families eat fried chicken at Christmas.
- 8 Penguins live at the North Pole.
- 9 The twelve days of Christmas come before Christmas Day.
- 10 Mistletoe is a plant that grows on trees.

Round 3: Guess the number



Teams write down a number. The closest guess wins the point; an exact answer is the best.

- 1 How many gifts are given in total in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
- 2 In the same song, how many lords are a-leaping?
- 3 In which year was the first Christmas card sent? (It was in the 1800s.)
- 4 How many arms does a typical snowflake crystal have?
- 5 How many candles does a traditional Advent wreath have?
- 6 How many reindeer pull the sleigh if you add the one with the red nose?
- 7 How many wise men are traditionally said to have visited?
- 8 In which year did the red-nosed reindeer first appear in a story? (1900s)
- 9 In which year was "Silent Night" first sung in a church?
- 10 How many doors does a standard Advent calendar have?

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