



All the answers to our Christmas trivia quiz for children.

Answer 1: (a) Germany. The custom had arisen in the early 1700s in certain German towns although little is known about what the decorations actually looked like. By the late 1700s however there is some evidence that wax candles were being used for tree decorations.

Answer 2: (b) Prince Albert. The Prince is credited with bringing the first Christmas tree to England in the 1840s and the London Illustrated News printed a picture of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their children standing in front of a decorated tree.

Answer 3: (a) Norway. Since 1947 the people of Oslo have given a tree to the UK in gratitude for assistance during World War Two.

Answer 4: (c) Football. One soldier gave an account that "..... it wasn't a game as such, more a kick-around and a free-for-all. There could have been 50 on each side for all I know I don't know how long it lasted, probably half an hour."

Answer 5: True. As well as being the Patron Saint of children, Saint Nicholas is also Patron Saint of sailors, archers, merchants, fishermen, pharmacists, repentant thieves, and a few more besides!

Answer 6: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. (Donner is sometimes also called Donder or Dunder. Blitzen is sometimes called Bliksem or Blixem.)

Answer 7: The word 'Rudolph' appears four times in the song lyrics (not including the title).

Answer 8: Eight maids. These are believed to represent the 'Eight Beautitudes' in Christianity in other words eight blessings from Jesus recorded in the Sermon On The Mount.

Answer 9: (a) White Christmas. Made famous by Bing Crosby of course.

Answer 10: (b) A hula hoop. "Want a plane that loops the loop, Me I want a hula-hoop".

Answer 11: (c) Dr Seuss. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was first published in 1957 and was intended to highlight how commercial Christmas had become.

Answer 12: (c) A pet dog. 'Santa's Little Helper' is a failed racing dog adopted by the Simpsons.

Answer 13: (a) Jacob Marley.

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Answer 14: (b) An orange. A Christingle has been used in many advent services since a German Bishop, Johannes de Watteville, first created the symbolic object in 1747.

Answer 15: False. The pudding's origins can actually be traced back about 600 years to the 1400s where it emerged not as the dessert that we would recognise today but as a method of preserving meat through the winter.

Answer 16: (a) 1990. It became the third highest earning film of the year.

Answer 17: (b) Oliver Cromwell. After the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 he fled to Paris.

Answer 18: (a) Deck The Halls. "Deck the halls with boughs of holly, T' is the season to be jolly."

Answer 19: (c) Christmas Crackers. They were a development upon the bon-bon sweets which he had traditionally sold wrapped in a twist of paper.

Answer 20: (b) Saint Stephen. It's also referred to as The Feast of St. Stephen.