PLAYER SHEET / ROUND 01

Christmas Warm-Up

Write one answer per question. Give this sheet to each player or team.

Name or team _____ Score _____

1. What calendar date is Christmas Day?

2. What is the evening of December 24 called?

3. What word commonly completes the greeting "Merry ___"?

4. What long, sock-shaped holder do families sometimes hang for small Christmas gifts?

5. What two curved parts allow a traditional sleigh to slide over snow?

6. What is a Christmas ornament in the shape of a hollow glass ball often called in the UK?

7. What are loose, shiny strands used to decorate a tree called?

8. What is the name for a circular decoration often hung on a front door?

9. What cone-shaped structure from a pine tree is often used in holiday decorations?

10. What household opening does Santa traditionally use to enter in many Christmas stories?

11. What part of the world is Santa's workshop usually said to occupy in North American stories?

12. What is the small paper card that identifies the recipient of a wrapped present called?

13. Which red-nosed reindeer is often shown leading Santa’s sleigh?

14. What gift exchange involves drawing a recipient's name in confidence?

15. What do you call the paper sleeve that holds a Christmas card in the mail?

16. How many doors does a traditional Advent calendar that runs from December 1 through Christmas Eve have?

Traditions in the USA, UK and Canada

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17. On what calendar date does Boxing Day fall in the UK and Canada?

18. What paper item found inside many British Christmas crackers is worn on the head?

19. Which royal figure delivers the annual Christmas Day broadcast in the United Kingdom?

20. What sweet is found behind the doors of many shop-bought Advent calendars?

21. What is the traditional name for a meal served before or after Midnight Mass in some French-speaking communities?

22. Which Canadian city’s Original Santa Claus Parade began in 1905 with a single float?

23. Which New York City landmark hosts a famous outdoor Christmas tree lighting?

24. What Washington, D.C., residence is associated with the annual National Christmas Tree ceremony held nearby?

25. What postal code does Canada Post use for letters to Santa Claus?

26. What are visits between houses in disguise called in the Newfoundland Christmas tradition?

27. Which U.S. state is home to the town of Santa Claus, ZIP code 47579?

28. What short comic message is typically tucked inside a British Christmas cracker?

29. What French name for Father Christmas is used in Québec?

30. What is the name of the broad public park south of the White House where the National Christmas Tree stands?

31. Which language gives us the Christmas greeting "Joyeux Noël"?

32. Which U.S. department store’s Thanksgiving parade traditionally ends with Santa Claus?

Holiday Decorations and Plants

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33. Which plant is associated with kissing underneath it?

34. What evergreens have glossy prickly leaves and often red berries?

35. What holiday plant has colourful bracts surrounding tiny true flowers?

36. Which country is a native home of the poinsettia and calls it nochebuena?

37. Which evergreen tree group includes the Fraser and balsam species often sold as Christmas trees?

38. What term describes plants that retain foliage through the year?

39. What shape has five points in many popular Christmas tree toppers?

40. What is another common figure, besides a star, put at the top of a Christmas tree?

41. What is the general term for a decorative rope of greenery or ribbon?

42. What word describes a small artificial scene built inside a glass globe with loose white flakes?

43. What circular holiday centrepiece often holds four candles for the four Sundays of Advent?

44. What is the name for a piece of fabric placed under a Christmas tree to hide its stand?

45. What shape is created by folding and cutting paper to reveal six matching points?

46. What is a scented whole fruit studded with cloves traditionally called?

47. Which conifer group has needles that grow in bundles: pines or firs?

48. What type of tree-shaped decoration can be stored and reused year after year without watering?

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Christmas Food and Drink

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49. What holiday drink is traditionally based on eggs and milk or cream?

50. What red and white sweet is shaped like a shepherd's crook?

51. What red fruit is often made into a tart sauce for a turkey dinner?

52. What filling made from dried fruit is used in modern British mince pies?

53. What French dessert has a roll shaped like a wooden log?

54. Which tall, domed Italian sweet bread usually contains dried or candied fruit?

55. Which German Christmas bread is often dusted with powdered sugar?

56. What small round green vegetables are common on British Christmas dinner plates?

57. What kind of pastry structure can be built with ginger-spiced walls and icing as mortar?

58. What name is given to a bowl of warm spiced wine or cider served for Christmas?

59. What nuts are often sold hot and roasted at winter street markets?

60. What buttery Scottish biscuit is typically made from flour, butter and sugar?

61. What do American bakers commonly call the firm sugar-and-egg-white mixture used to assemble a gingerbread house?

62. Which flavour, peppermint or vanilla, is traditionally associated with a striped candy cane?

63. What cured cut of pork is often baked whole and glazed for Christmas dinner?

64. What kitchen utensil is used to shape rolled cookie dough into stars or trees?

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Christmas on Screen

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65. In the original Home Alone, which city is the McCallisters' destination?

66. What is Kevin's surname in Home Alone?

67. What is the first name of Will Ferrell's character in Elf?

68. In Elf, which U.S. city does Buddy travel to in search of his father?

69. Which character in It's a Wonderful Life is played by James Stewart?

70. In It's a Wonderful Life, who is the angel who helps George Bailey?

71. Who plays Ebenezer Scrooge in The Muppet Christmas Carol?

72. Which Muppet plays Bob Cratchit in The Muppet Christmas Carol?

73. What does the boy in The Polar Express pick as the first gift of Christmas?

74. Which actor voices the conductor in the 2004 film The Polar Express?

75. In the 1966 animated Grinch TV special, what is the name of the Grinch's dog?

76. Who narrates the 1966 animated How the Grinch Stole Christmas! special?

77. Which actor plays the Grinch in the 2000 live-action film?

78. What 1988 action film features a Christmas Eve party at Nakatomi Plaza?

79. Which character wears a famous pink bunny outfit in A Christmas Story?

80. In It's a Wonderful Life, what is the fictional hometown of George Bailey?

Stories and Books

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81. Who wrote A Christmas Carol?

82. What is Scrooge's first name in A Christmas Carol?

83. What is the surname of Scrooge's late business partner Jacob?

84. What is the last name of Scrooge's clerk Bob?

85. What name is given to Bob Cratchit's youngest son in the familiar story?

86. Which Christmas ghost shows Scrooge scenes from his childhood?

87. Which spirit shows what may happen after Scrooge's death?

88. Who wrote How the Grinch Stole Christmas!?

89. What name is given to the town inhabited by the Whos?

90. Which small Who catches the Grinch while he is stealing a tree?

91. Who wrote and illustrated the book The Polar Express?

92. What title is widely used for the poem A Visit from St. Nicholas?

93. How many flying reindeer are named in the poem A Visit from St. Nicholas?

94. What are two familiar names for the girl who receives a nutcracker in stage productions of The Nutcracker?

95. What kind of royal figure does the Nutcracker battle in The Nutcracker?

96. Which author wrote The Snowman, the wordless picture book adapted for television?

A Short Music Round

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97. What sort of vehicle is in the original title of Jingle Bells?

98. Which Christmas song asks for a particular colour of Christmas and was written by Irving Berlin?

99. What item of clothing brings Frosty to life in the song and the animated special?

100. Which Christmas song tells of a reindeer with an unusually bright nose?

101. Which Christmas ballet contains the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy?

102. In the carol O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, which word is repeated in the refrain?

103. What kind of bird is in the first gift in The Twelve Days of Christmas?

104. In the carol Away in a Manger, what kind of bed is missing?

105. Which Christmas song has a title that means "Silent Night" in German: Stille Nacht or O Tannenbaum?

106. What plant is named in the carol The Holly and the Ivy alongside holly?

107. What small instrument is often used to make the sound associated with a horse-drawn sleigh?

108. Which musical term names a repeated line or group of lines in a Christmas carol?

109. Which word describes a song traditionally sung from house to house at Christmas?

110. Which song title names the period from Christmas through the days leading up to Epiphany?

111. In the usual version of The Twelve Days of Christmas, which birds are given on the second day?

112. What noun is used for a group that sings carols together?

Christmas Around the World

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113. What does "Feliz Navidad" mean in English?

114. Which language gives us the greeting "Frohe Weihnachten"?

115. In what season does Christmas occur in Australia?

116. What Mexican Christmas tradition reenacts the search for lodging?

117. Which European country is associated with the Christmas figure La Befana?

118. What are the Christmas markets of Germany often called in German?

119. What is the Italian phrase for Merry Christmas?

120. What country is associated with the large Christmas tree gift displayed in London's Trafalgar Square?

121. What is the name of the Finnish city that has promoted itself as Santa's official hometown?

122. Which country celebrates the season with the display of traditional star-shaped parol lanterns?

123. Which holiday date is associated with the Feast of Saint Lucy in Sweden?

124. What animal gives the Swedish Christmas figure julbock its English name?

125. In Germany, what is the standard name of the evening of December 24?

126. What Asian country is known for the modern Christmas tradition of ordering KFC?

127. What astronomical event marks the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere?

128. Which New Zealand tree is nicknamed the New Zealand Christmas tree because of its red summer flowers?

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Nativity and Advent

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129. What name is given to the period of preparation before Christmas in many Christian traditions?

130. How many Sundays are in the usual Western observance of Advent?

131. In the Gospel of Luke, in what town is Jesus born?

132. What is the name of Jesus's mother in the Nativity story?

133. Who travels with Mary to Bethlehem in the Gospel of Luke?

134. What is the name for an animal feeding trough in the Nativity story?

135. Which gospel includes the visit of the Magi: Matthew or Mark?

136. Which gospel describes shepherds visiting the baby Jesus: Luke or John?

137. What three gifts are named in the account of the Magi?

138. According to Matthew, which ruler asks the Magi to report where they find the child?

139. What is the common name for a model of the birth scene at Christmas?

140. In the traditional Western calendar, what feast is associated with January 6?

141. What title means "God with us" in the Christian Nativity tradition?

142. Which colour is associated with Advent in many Western liturgical traditions?

143. Which contrasting colour may be used for the third Sunday of Advent?

144. What name do many churches use for the Christmas Eve service held around midnight?

Christmas Wordplay

Write one answer per question. Give this sheet to each player or team.

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145. Which holiday word can be rearranged to make the word "silent"?

146. What festive plant name rhymes with the word "jolly"?

147. What five-letter winter action can be made by rearranging "kates"?

148. What word means both a gift and the current moment?

149. What festive figure do you get if you remove the first and last letters of "shelf"?

150. What winter word is hidden across the end and start of the words CLASS NOW?

151. Take the N off NICE. What slippery winter word remains?

152. What four-letter verb for decorating begins the title of a carol about halls?

153. Which word can be both the sound of a bell and the name for a circle?

154. Which act can mean both tying up a gift and finishing a filming session?

155. Which word for a post-Christmas day sounds like a sport that uses gloves?

156. Which short name for the Christmas season rhymes with "rule"?

157. Which four-letter glass ornament shape is an anagram of LABL?

158. Which five-letter word for a snowbank is an anagram of RIDFT?

159. What five-letter Christmas verb is hidden at the end of CANDLELIGHT if you read its final five letters?

160. What word means a thin woven band for wrapping and has its first three letters in RIBS?

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Christmas Quiz

Allow equivalent wording when the question has more than one accepted form.

Round 1 · Christmas Warm-Up

1. December 25.
2. Christmas Eve.
3. Christmas.
4. A Christmas stocking.
5. Runners.
6. A bauble.
7. Tinsel.
8. A wreath.
9. A pine cone.
10. A chimney.
11. The North Pole.
12. A gift tag.
13. Rudolph.
14. Secret Santa.
15. An envelope.
16. 24.

Round 2 · Traditions in the USA, UK and Canada

17. December 26.
18. A paper crown.
19. The reigning monarch.
20. Chocolate.
21. Réveillon.
22. Toronto, Ontario.
23. Rockefeller Center.
24. The White House.
25. H0H 0H0.
26. Mummering.
27. Indiana.
28. A joke.
29. Père Noël.
30. The Ellipse.
31. French.
32. Macy’s.

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Round 3 · Holiday Decorations and Plants

33. Mistletoe.
34. Holly.
35. A poinsettia.
36. Mexico.
37. Fir.
38. Evergreen.
39. A star.
40. An angel.
41. A garland.
42. A snow globe.
43. An Advent wreath.
44. A tree skirt.
45. A paper snowflake.
46. A pomander.
47. Pines.
48. An artificial Christmas tree.

Round 4 · Christmas Food and Drink

49. Eggnog.
50. A candy cane.
51. Cranberries.
52. Mincemeat.
53. Bûche de Noël, or Yule log cake.
54. Panettone.
55. Stollen.
56. Brussels sprouts.
57. A gingerbread house.
58. Wassail.
59. Chestnuts.
60. Shortbread.
61. Royal icing.
62. Peppermint.
63. Ham.
64. A cookie cutter.

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Round 5 · Christmas on Screen

65. Paris.
66. McCallister.
67. Buddy.
68. New York City.
69. George Bailey.
70. Clarence.
71. Michael Caine.
72. Kermit the Frog.
73. A silver sleigh bell.
74. Tom Hanks.
75. Max.
76. Boris Karloff.
77. Jim Carrey.
78. Die Hard.
79. Ralphie Parker.
80. Bedford Falls.

Round 6 · Stories and Books

81. Charles Dickens.
82. Ebenezer.
83. Marley.
84. Cratchit.
85. Tiny Tim.
86. The Ghost of Christmas Past.
87. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come.
88. Dr. Seuss.
89. Who-ville, or Whoville.
90. Cindy-Lou Who.
91. Chris Van Allsburg.
92. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.
93. Eight.
94. Clara or Marie, depending on the production.
95. The Mouse King.
96. Raymond Briggs.

Christmas Quiz

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Round 7 · A Short Music Round

97. A one-horse open sleigh.

98. White Christmas.

99. A magic hat.

100. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

101. The Nutcracker.

102. Rejoice.

103. A partridge.

104. A crib.

105. Stille Nacht.

106. Ivy.

107. Sleigh bells.

108. A refrain.

109. A carol.

110. The Twelve Days of Christmas.

111. Two turtle doves.

112. A choir, or a group of carollers.

Round 8 · Christmas Around the World

113. Merry Christmas.

114. German.

115. Summer.

116. Las Posadas.

117. Italy.

118. Weihnachtsmärkte.

119. Buon Natale.

120. Norway.

121. Rovaniemi.

122. The Philippines.

123. December 13.

124. A goat, the Yule Goat.

125. Heiligabend.

126. Japan.

127. The winter solstice.

128. The pōhutukawa.

Christmas Quiz

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Round 9 · Nativity and Advent

129. Advent.

130. Four.

131. Bethlehem.

132. Mary.

133. Joseph.

134. A manger.

135. Matthew.

136. Luke.

137. Gold, frankincense and myrrh.

138. Herod.

139. A Nativity scene or crèche.

140. Epiphany.

141. Emmanuel, or Immanuel.

142. Purple, or violet.

143. Rose.

144. Midnight Mass.

Round 10 · Christmas Wordplay

145. Tinsel.

146. Holly.

147. Skate.

148. Present.

149. Elf.

150. Snow.

151. Ice.

152. Deck.

153. Ring.

154. Wrapping.

155. Boxing.

156. Yule.

157. Ball.

158. Drift.

159. Light.

160. Ribbon.

Christmas Quiz

Cut along the dashed lines. Keep the card answer key for the host.

CARD 01

Which decoration is typically a long rope of evergreen branches instead of a circle?

A. A holly sprig
B. An icicle ornament
C. Evergreen garland
D. A popcorn garland

CARD 02

What mesh or gauze ribbon can be curled into loops and tucked into a tree?

A. A holly sprig
B. A popcorn garland
C. An icicle ornament
D. Decorative mesh

CARD 03

What festive sprig has leaves that can be spiny and berries often shown as red?

A. A holly sprig
B. Decorative mesh
C. An icicle ornament
D. Evergreen garland

CARD 04

What small, glittering decoration can hang from threads on a tree and looks like pointed ice?

A. A holly sprig
B. Decorative mesh
C. An icicle ornament
D. Evergreen garland

CARD 05

What decorative tree chain can be made by stringing popped corn on thread?

A. A popcorn garland
B. An icicle ornament
C. Evergreen garland
D. A holly sprig

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CARD 06

Which country includes the city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, known for festive celebrations?

A. The United States
B. Germany
C. Canada
D. France

CARD 07

In which country is the Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt held?

A. The United States
B. Germany
C. France
D. Canada

CARD 08

Which country is home to the city of Turku, where the Declaration of Christmas Peace is read?

A. Canada
B. Finland
C. Germany
D. The United States

CARD 09

Which country includes the Christmas markets of Strasbourg?

A. Canada
B. Germany
C. Finland
D. France

CARD 10

Which country includes Calgary, where Christmas is a winter holiday?

A. Germany
B. Canada
C. Finland
D. The United States

Christmas Quiz

Answer key for the 10 cut-out cards.

01. C — Evergreen garland

02. D — Decorative mesh

03. A — A holly sprig

04. C — An icicle ornament

05. A — A popcorn garland

06. A — The United States

07. B — Germany

08. B — Finland

09. D — France

10. B — Canada