History and First Editions

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

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1. In what year was A Christmas Carol first published?

2. Who illustrated the first edition of A Christmas Carol?

3. Who commissioned the widely cited first commercial Christmas card in 1843?

4. Which artist designed Henry Cole's 1843 Christmas card?

5. Which London confectioner is credited with developing the Christmas cracker?

6. Which German-born consort appeared with Queen Victoria in a widely reproduced royal Christmas tree illustration?

7. What British newspaper published the famous royal Christmas tree engraving in 1848?

8. Which U.S. president pressed the button for the first National Christmas Tree lighting in 1923?

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Film, Ballet and Television

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9. Which actor plays the older Scrooge in the 1951 film released in the U.S. as A Christmas Carol?

10. Which actor plays Frank Cross in the 1988 film Scrooged?

11. What California tower doubled as Nakatomi Plaza in Die Hard?

12. Which director made the 1946 film It's a Wonderful Life?

13. Which actor plays the toy shop owner Duncan in Home Alone 2: Lost in New York?

14. Who directed the film The Muppet Christmas Carol?

15. In what Russian city did The Nutcracker ballet premiere in 1892?

16. What instrument did Tchaikovsky use for the Sugar Plum Fairy's signature bell-like sound?

Food, Customs and Language

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17. What French-Canadian savoury meat pie is often served at Christmas or during a réveillon?

18. What steamed British Christmas dessert is also called plum pudding?

19. Which country is associated with kerststol, a Christmas fruit loaf typically filled with almond paste?

20. What is the name of the Italian-American Christmas Eve meal built around seafood?

21. Which fish appears in many traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinners?

22. What is the name of the Provençal Christmas tradition of serving a set of sweets after the meal?

23. Which country is known for hiding an almond in rice pudding served as risalamande?

24. What name is given to the Polish Christmas Eve supper traditionally held on December 24?

Pub-Quiz Tie-Breakers

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25. In the original Home Alone, in what year was the film first released in theatres?

26. In what year was the Will Ferrell film Elf first released in cinemas?

27. What year was the first Rockefeller Center Christmas tree put up by workers, before the official lighting tradition?

28. What year did the royal Christmas broadcast begin, with King George V on radio?

29. How many spirits visit Scrooge if Jacob Marley's ghost is included?

30. How many gifts are received in total if you count every repeated gift across all twelve verses of The Twelve Days of Christmas?

31. How many gifts are given in the final verse alone if all twelve lines are counted once?

32. In what year did Britain’s monarch first deliver the Christmas broadcast on television?

Christmas Trivia for Adults

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

Round 1 · History and First Editions

1. 1843.
2. John Leech.
3. Sir Henry Cole.
4. John Callcott Horsley.
5. Tom Smith.
6. Prince Albert.
7. The Illustrated London News.
8. Calvin Coolidge.

Round 2 · Film, Ballet and Television

9. Alastair Sim.
10. Bill Murray.
11. Fox Plaza in Los Angeles.
12. Frank Capra.
13. Eddie Bracken.
14. Brian Henson.
15. Saint Petersburg.
16. The celesta.

Christmas Trivia for Adults

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Round 3 · Food, Customs and Language

17. Tourtière.
18. Christmas pudding.
19. The Netherlands.
20. The Feast of the Seven Fishes.
21. Carp.
22. The thirteen desserts.
23. Denmark.
24. Wigilia.

Round 4 · Pub-Quiz Tie-Breakers

25. 1990.
26. 2003.
27. 1931.
28. 1932.
29. Four.
30. 364.
31. 78.
32. 1957.

Christmas Trivia for Adults

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

CARD 01

Which monarch appeared on a screen during the 2012 London Olympics opening ceremony in a James Bond sketch?

A. Queen Victoria
B. King Charles III
C. Queen Elizabeth II
D. King Edward VII

CARD 02

Which monarch changed the British royal house’s name to Windsor in 1917?

A. Queen Victoria
B. King Edward VII
C. King Charles III
D. King George V

CARD 03

Which Victorian monarch married Prince Albert?

A. Queen Victoria
B. King George V
C. King Charles III
D. Queen Elizabeth II

CARD 04

Which king became the UK's monarch in September 2022 and delivered the Christmas broadcast that December?

A. Queen Victoria
B. King George V
C. King Charles III
D. Queen Elizabeth II

CARD 05

Which king was Queen Victoria's eldest son and succeeded her in 1901?

A. King Edward VII
B. King Charles III
C. Queen Elizabeth II
D. Queen Victoria

Christmas Trivia for Adults

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CARD 06

Which studio produced the 1954 film White Christmas?

A. Paramount Pictures
B. Walt Disney Pictures
C. Liberty Films
D. Warner Bros. Pictures

CARD 07

Which company released The Santa Clause starring Tim Allen?

A. Paramount Pictures
B. Walt Disney Pictures
C. Warner Bros. Pictures
D. Liberty Films

CARD 08

Which studio released the 1990 Home Alone film in the United States?

A. Liberty Films
B. 20th Century Fox
C. Walt Disney Pictures
D. Paramount Pictures

CARD 09

Which company released the 2004 animated film The Polar Express?

A. Liberty Films
B. Walt Disney Pictures
C. 20th Century Fox
D. Warner Bros. Pictures

CARD 10

Which independent company made It's a Wonderful Life before RKO distributed it?

A. Walt Disney Pictures
B. Liberty Films
C. 20th Century Fox
D. Paramount Pictures

Christmas Trivia for Adults

Answer key for the 10 cut-out cards.

01. C — Queen Elizabeth II

02. D — King George V

03. A — Queen Victoria

04. C — King Charles III

05. A — King Edward VII

06. A — Paramount Pictures

07. B — Walt Disney Pictures

08. B — 20th Century Fox

09. D — Warner Bros. Pictures

10. B — Liberty Films