



Irish Quiz Organisation

Quarantine quiz pack no. 3

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Questions only

Round 1 – Christmas Pot Luck

10 random general knowledge questions about Christmas:

1	Someone born on Christmas Day would be what sign of the Zodiac?
2	What is the first name of Scrooge, the main character in the Charles Dickens story "A Christmas Carol"?
3	According to the lyrics of the traditional song, what did my true love send to me on the seventh day of Christmas?
4	Although not actually named in the Bible, by what term are Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar better known?
5	Which 20th century Irish poet wrote the celebrated poem "A Christmas Childhood"?
6	With estimated sales of 50 million copies worldwide, the best-selling single of all time is what Christmas song by Bing Crosby, released in 1942?
7	The 4th century bishop Saint Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa Claus) was born in the Mediterranean town of Myra, located in what modern-day country?
8	Perhaps surprisingly, only two of the four Gospels in the New Testament contain an account of the birth of Jesus. Name either of them?
9	What foodstuff is mentioned in the lyrics of the Christmas carol "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"?
10	As listed in the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas", which of Santa's reindeer comes last alphabetically?

Round 2 – Christmas music

10 questions about Christmas carols, Christmas no. 1 singles and other seasonal songs:

1	"Holy infant so tender and mild" is a line from which traditional Christmas carol, composed in Austria in the 19th century?
2	Which was the last Irish act to achieve a Christmas No. 1 in the Irish singles chart, with a 2005 cover of Will Young's song "Leave Right Now"?
3	English blogger Mark Hoyle, better known as LadBaby, had the UK Christmas no. 1 in both 2018 and 2019 with novelty songs that repeatedly mentioned which non-Christmassy food item in their lyrics?
4	The unlikely duo of Bing Crosby and David Bowie had a hit with which Christmas song in 1982?
5	Name the singer and actress who originally released the classic Christmas hit "Santa Baby" in 1953? She later played Catwoman in the 1960s "Batman" TV show.
6	The traditional Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslas" is based on a real-life 10th century duke of Bohemia, part of which modern day European country?
7	Which 1952 hit song was initially banned by religious leaders in Boston because it was considered "too sexy for Christmas"?
8	Between 1996 and 1998, the Spice Girls matched a record previously set by the Beatles, by having the UK Christmas no. 1 single three years in a row. Name any of the Spice Girls' 3 Christmas chart-toppers?
9	The well-known tune of the traditional Christmas carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" is based on a melody by which 19th century German classical composer?
10	In 1946, Nat King Cole released one of the most-played Christmas songs of all time, which many people refer to as "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire" after its memorable first line. However, this song actually has what simple three-word title?

Round 3 – Born on Christmas Day

Each question contains clues to help you identify famous people who were all born on Christmas Day.

1	I am an American actor, born on Christmas Day 1899, who starred in “The African Queen”, “The Maltese Falcon” and “Casablanca”. Who am I?
2	Born on Christmas Day 1954 in Aberdeen, I am a singer who had solo hits with “Walking on Broken Glass” and “No More I Love You’s” in the 90s, but I’m best known as lead singer of The Eurythmics. Who am I?
3	Born on Christmas Day 1971 while my father was Prime Minister of Canada, I was also elected to the same job in 2015. Who am I?
4	Born on Christmas Day 1968, I am a Danish model and photographer most famous for being a supermodel in the 1990s -- you might remember me appearing in the music video for “Wicked Game” by Chris Isaak. Who am I?
5	Born on Christmas Day 1924, I am an American TV producer and screenwriter. A generation of TV viewers will recognise me for creating “The Twilight Zone” in the late 1950s, since I also appeared on-screen to provide the introduction at the start of each episode. Who am I?
6	Born in London on Christmas Day 1971, I am a singer who made a guest appearance alongside Eminem in his 2000 single “Stan”. I’ve also had solo hits including “White Flag” and “Here With Me”. Who am I?
7	Born on Christmas Day 1642, I am one of the most famous mathematicians and scientists of all time. According to legend, I came up with my theory of universal gravitation while watching an apple fall from a tree. Who am I?
8	Born on Christmas Day 1957, I am a former professional footballer who played for clubs including Swindon Town and Brentford in the 1980s. Since 1998 I have been a TV presenter and football pundit on Sky Sports. Who am I?
9	I am a musician, born in Kent to Irish parents on Christmas Day 1957. I co-wrote and sang on a 1987 single which has become one of the most beloved Christmas songs of all time, although its lyrics have been a little controversial in recent years. Who am I?
10	I am an Oscar-winning American actress, born on Christmas Day 1949. I’m probably best known for playing the title role in the 1976 movie “Carrie”, adapted from the Stephen King novel of the same name. Who am I?

Round 4 – Christmas cover versions

(See the instructions in a separate document if you need more technical help on how to play the music clips.)

In this round you'll hear audio clips of 10 well-known musical acts with their interpretation of familiar Christmas songs. Simply name the singer or band in each clip.

1	Name the singer performing this 1971 version of "Winter Wonderland"?
2	Name the singer performing this 2006 version of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"?
3	Name the band performing this 1964 version of "Santa Claus is Comin' To Town"?
4	Name the singer performing this 2011 version of "The Christmas Song"?
5	Name the singer performing this 1992 version of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"?
6	Name the singer performing this 2009 version of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"?
7	Name the singer performing this 2013 version of "Last Christmas"?
8	Name the band performing this 1978 version of "Sleigh Ride"?
9	Name the singer performing this 1992 version of "Happy Xmas (War is Over)"?
10	Name the singer performing this 2010 version of "Mary's Boy Child"?

Round 5 – Christmas TV & film

10 questions on classic festive movies and TV Christmas specials.

1	What classic Christmas film is set in the fictional American town of Bedford Falls?
2	Name the American actor who stars as Santa Claus in the popular 2018 Netflix movie “The Christmas Chronicles” and its 2020 sequel?
3	In which 1980s film does a struggling inventor visit a Chinatown antique store in the hope of finding a Christmas present for his son Billy?
4	Which of the Muppets plays Charles Dickens in “The Muppet Christmas Carol”?
5	Nowadays the most-watched programme on Irish television every year, in which decade did The Late Late Toy Show begin?
6	What character, who first appeared in a 1957 book, has been played on screen by Boris Karloff, Jim Carrey and Benedict Cumberbatch?
7	In the “Father Ted” Christmas episode, what is the name of the villainous priest who tries to steal Ted’s Golden Cleric award?
8	Name the 1996 film in which Arnold Schwarzenegger desperately searches for a “Turbo-Man” action figure to buy for his son as a Christmas present?
9	With over 30 million viewers, the highest-ever ratings for a TV drama in the UK was a Christmas 1986 episode of “EastEnders” involving a divorce between two major characters. Name either of them?
10	Which toy does the main character Ralphie desperately want for Christmas in the classic 80s movie “A Christmas Story”?

Round 6 – Christmas traditions

10 questions on festive traditions from Ireland and around the world.

1	Often drunk at Christmas, what cocktail is made from a mixture of advocaat and lemonade?
2	What non-edible Christmas tradition is said to have been invented in 1847 by Tom Smith, a baker and confectioner based in London?
3	A tradition among Dubliners for over 250 years is to go for a swim on Christmas morning in the freezing cold water at what bathing spot in Sandycove?
4	In Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, it is common to see people going to Christmas Mass using what unusual means of transportation?
5	A nationwide tradition since the 1970s, in which Asian country do millions of families visit KFC every year on Christmas Day to eat dinner?
6	The Holly Bough, an annual Christmas compendium of stories, poems, photographs and festive articles, has been published every year since 1897 in which Irish city?
7	Every Christmas since 1947, the large Christmas tree that stands in London's Trafalgar Square has been donated by which country, as a thank-you gift to the British for their support during World War II?
8	In Italy, rather than Santa delivering presents on Christmas Eve, instead children receive presents from a witch called Befana on Epiphany Eve, that falls on what date?
9	In Central European folklore, what is the name of the half-goat, half-demon figure traditionally said to punish naughty children at Christmas?
10	Sometimes known as a "three bird roast", what single word name is given in America to a chicken stuffed inside a duck, stuffed inside a turkey, often eaten for Christmas dinner?

Picture round 1 – Name the movie

Both the picture rounds can be used anywhere in the quiz that you like. For example, one at the beginning and one in the middle between rounds 3 and 4 (this is also a good opportunity to give your players a half-time break)

Use the included “Picture Round 1” PowerPoint or PDF file to show your players the pictures, using the Share Screen feature on your video conferencing software. The file contains 10 screenshots from well-known festive movies, or movies which are set at Christmastime. In each case, simply **name the film**.

Picture round 2 – Who am I?

As above, use the included PowerPoint file to show your players the pictures. Each picture contains a famous people dressed as Santa Claus – simply **name the celebrity**.

Tiebreakers (closest answer wins)

Only use these in the case of a tie. Just pick one question at random and have players attempt to guess the answer. The closest answer wins. (If two or more players are equally close, pick another tiebreaker)

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| 1 | According to Met Éireann, the deepest amount of snow on the ground on a Christmas Day in Ireland was recorded in 2010 at Casement Aerodrome, Dublin. How deep was it in centimetres? |
| 2 | According to Guinness World Records, the world’s tallest real Christmas tree was displayed at a shopping mall in Seattle in 1950. How tall was it in metres? |
| 3 | According to Guinness World Records, the record for the largest gathering of Santas was set in Kerala, India in 2014. How many Santas were there altogether? |

Note: for any problems or feedback on this quiz, please contact questions@quizeireland.ie
You’ll also need the password to view the answers file, which you can also obtain from the above address if you haven’t already.