Christmas quiz

30 questions for the whole family in three rounds of 10. Split into teams, give each team an answer sheet (page 3) and keep the answers (page 4) for the quiz master.

Round 1: Traditions and food

1. In which country did the tradition of bringing a decorated fir tree indoors begin?
2. What was traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding for luck?
3. Which plant do people traditionally kiss under at Christmas?
4. How many days of Christmas are there in the traditional season?
5. On which date do most Advent calendars start?
6. Which spirit is traditionally poured over a Christmas pudding and set alight?
7. What did mince pies originally contain?
8. In the UK, pigs in blankets are small sausages wrapped in what?
9. Brussels sprouts are named after Brussels, the capital of which country?
10. Eggnog is a festive drink made with milk, sugar and what?

Round 2: Films, music and Santa

11. In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters flying when they leave Kevin behind?
12. What is the name of Will Ferrell's character in Elf?
13. In Love Actually, which actor plays the Prime Minister?
14. Which duo recorded "Last Christmas"?
15. Who sings "All I Want for Christmas Is You"?
16. Which band released "Merry Xmas Everybody" in 1973?
17. Who sings "Driving Home for Christmas"?
18. Which of Santa's reindeer has a red nose?
19. Which vegetable do children traditionally leave out for Santa's reindeer?
20. Which postcode does Royal Mail use for letters to Santa?

Round 3: Around the world, and true or false

21. In Australia, Christmas falls in which season?
22. Which country gives London a Christmas tree for Trafalgar Square every year?
23. “Feliz Navidad” means Merry Christmas in which language?
24. In which country is fried chicken a hugely popular Christmas Day meal?
25. What three things are traditionally inside a Christmas cracker?
26. True or false: holly berries are safe to eat.
27. True or false: female reindeer keep their antlers through winter, while males lose theirs.
28. True or false: Coca-Cola invented Santa’s red suit.
29. True or false: Rudolph is one of the reindeer in the poem “A Visit from St Nicholas”.
30. True or false: Boxing Day is named after boxing matches.

Play it live on everyone’s phones

Scan to host these 30 questions on InstaQuiz. Everyone joins in their phone’s browser with a code, the scores stay secret until the podium and it’s free for up to 8 players.

Answer sheet

Team name _____

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1. _____	11. _____	21. _____
2. _____	12. _____	22. _____
3. _____	13. _____	23. _____
4. _____	14. _____	24. _____
5. _____	15. _____	25. _____
6. _____	16. _____	26. _____
7. _____	17. _____	27. _____
8. _____	18. _____	28. _____
9. _____	19. _____	29. _____
10. _____	20. _____	30. _____

Total out of 30 _____

Answers (for the quiz master)

Round 1: Traditions and food

1. Germany
2. A silver sixpence
3. Mistletoe
4. 12
5. 1 December
6. Brandy
7. Minced meat
8. Bacon
9. Belgium
10. Eggs

Round 2: Films, music and Santa

11. Paris
12. Buddy
13. Hugh Grant
14. Wham!
15. Mariah Carey
16. Slade
17. Chris Rea
18. Rudolph
19. A carrot
20. XM4 5HQ (read it out loud: Xmas for Santa's HQ)

Round 3: Around the world, and true or false

21. Summer
22. Norway
23. Spanish
24. Japan
25. A paper hat, a joke and a small gift
26. False. They are poisonous to people and pets.
27. True
28. False. Santa was drawn in red long before the 1930s adverts.
29. False. Rudolph didn't appear until 1939.
30. False. It's linked to the boxes of gifts given to servants and tradespeople.