



Round 1 – To get started a round on general Christmas trivia/Christmas association.....

1. What 'festive' middle name is shared by the late pop artist Michael Jackson and David Beckham?

Joseph

2. What's the 'festive' name of the intellectual pig in George Orwell's novel *Animal Farm*?

Snowball

3. What is the term typically used for a group of elite American universities? (two word answer)

Ivy League

4. With a 'festive' first name who wrote the plays *Blithe Spirit* and *Hay Fever*? (first name & surname required)

Noel Coward

- 5 Name the small street in London where the Great Fire of London started in 1666? (two word answer)

Pudding Lane

- 6 According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary, which Christmas decoration's name comes from the Old French word for "sparkle"?

Tinsel

- 7 Alphabetically, which of Santa's reindeer comes first?

Blitzen

- 8 In December 1777, Captain Cook discovered an island in the Pacific Ocean which nowadays is known as Kiribati. This island is, however better known to us by its original name which is *what*?

CHRISTMAS ISLAND



Round 2 – Letter link

8 Festive related questions where the final letter of the answer to number 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to number 2 and so on through to question 8 where the final letter of that answer will be the same as the initial letter of the answer to question number 1 to complete the link

- 1 What is the name of the family pet dog in the TV cartoon Series *The Simpsons*? (three word answer)
SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER
- 2 Who was the lead singer with the 1980s group Fine Young Cannibals? (first name & surname required)
ROLAND GIFT
- 3 On the 3rd December 1992, an engineer called Neil Papworth sent the first *what* from his work computer to the phone of a work colleague? (two word answer)
TEXT MESSAGE (the message simply said 'Merry Christmas')
- 4 Alistair Sim, George C.Scott and Michael Caine have all played which famous Christmas character on film? (first name & surname of character required)
EBENEZER SCROOGE
- 5 Who had the Christmas No.1 with the song 'Perfect' in 2017? (first name & surname required)
Ed Sheeran
- 6 In the 2024 *Gavin and Stacey* Christmas special, whom did Smithy marry?
Nessa
- 7 On the 28th November 1919 who became the first woman elected to Parliament to actually take up her seat in the House of Commons? (Surname only required)
(NANCY, LATER LADY) ASTOR
- 8 Who created the animated *cartoon* *The Snowman*? (first name & surname required)
RAYMOND BRIGGS



Round 3 – Christmas sum total – 8 festive related questions where the answer will either be a ‘stand-alone’ number or an answer containing a number. The sum total of your 8 answers should come to 4,010 (if it doesn’t then time for a re-think!)

- 1 On Christmas Day of which year did British and German soldiers famously call a temporary truce and engage in a game of football in No-man land?
1914
- 2 In which year was the Queen’s speech first broadcast on television. Was it 1953, 1955 or 1957?
1957
- 3 In 1932, which King George was the first to broadcast a Christmas message to the Nation?
KING GEORGE V
- 4 How many ghosts appear to Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*?
4 (Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come and Jacob Marley)
- 5 The names of how many of Santa’s reindeer begin with the letter D?
3 (Dasher, Dancer & Donner)
- 6 Which number was part of the title of the first ever full length animated talking film to be shown in a cinema way back in December 1937?
It is 7 – from SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS
- 7 What was the number of the Pan-Am flight which exploded over Lockerbie on the 21st December 1988?
103
- 8 Which group sang "Don't leave me alone like this, Don't say it's the final kiss" in their 1994 bell-tolling Christmas no.1?

East 17 (Stay another day)



Round 4 – Christmas Music down the years – everything from the 1940s through to the 1990s so, hopefully, something for everybody!

- 1 Who was first to the microphone on the original 1984 Band Aid hit *Do They Know It's Christmas?* (first name & surname required)

PAUL YOUNG

- 2 Wizzard's 1973 release, *I wish it could be Christmas everyday*, didn't make it to the top of the charts because it was kept from the number 1 spot by which famous record released in the same year and still played at this time every year?

MERRY XMAS EVERYBODY by SLADE

- 3 Which 1977 Christmas number 1 hit by Wings was the biggest selling UK single until Band Aid's *Do They Know It's Christmas?*

MULL OF KINTYRE

- 4 Which record was the UK Christmas Number 1 in both 1975 and 1991?
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY BY QUEEN (Freddie Mercury died in December 1991)

- 5 In 1988, Cliff Richard had his 12th number one hit with his sing-along Christmas classic Mistletoe and what?

WINE

- 6 Who had a number 5 hit in 1985 with the song *Walking in the air*, the theme tune to the Christmas TV cartoon *The Snowman*? (first name & surname required)

ALED JONES

- 7 In which 1942 film did the famous song *White Christmas*, sung by Bing Crosby, first appear?

Holiday Inn

- 8 What was the title of Jackie Wilson's 1986 Christmas number 1 hit single?
REET PETITE

Answers to the pictures –

- 1 Anton du Beke
- 2 Barbara Windsor
- 3 Julian Clary
- 4 Gok Wan
- 5 Bradley Walsh
- 6 Adam Woodyatt
- 7 Christopher Biggins
- 8 David Hasslehof
- 9 Nigel Havers
- 10 Jason Manford
- 11 Steve McFadden
- 12 Jane McDonaald

Tie Breaker question: Team closest to the answer wins, and staying with festive theme, the question is as follows:

In which year was TV presenter Dan Snow born?

Answer: 1978 (3rd December)