

- (1) Which two TV characters have each had a UK Christmas Number One single since 1990?
Mr Blooby & Bob the Builder.
- (2) Dylan Thomas wrote about 'A Child's Christmas...' where?
In Wales.
- (3) What was the name of Will Ferrel's character in the film 'Elf'?
Buddy.
- (4) Artificial Christmas trees were invented during the 1930s by a company that made what common household items?
Toilet brushes.
- (5) What one word name is given to the Three Wise Men who visited the infant Jesus?
Magi.
- (6) In Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas carol', which ghost is completely silent?
Christmas Yet to Come.
- (7) The name of which Christmas decoration comes from the French word for sparkle?
Tinsel.
- (8) In December, many people travel to which Carmarthenshire village to post their Christmas cards?
Bethlehem.
- (9) Which Christmas carol ends with the refrain of 'Hosanna in excelsis'?
Ding Don Merrily on High.
- (10) Who is the first person mentioned in Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'?
Jacob Marley.

(11) Which fruit grown in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and southern United States has varieties called Deglet Noor and Medjool?

Dates.

(12) Approximately how long did WWI last after the famous Christmas truce football match; two years, three years or four years?

Four years.

(13) Desert Christmas is a species of what plant?

Cactus.

(14) What Belgian beer was named after a Christmas star?

Stella Artois.

(15) What Christmas plant was Oklahoma's original state flower?

Mistletoe.

(16) What Australian city hosts cricket's Boxing Day Test?

Melbourne.

(17) Which film has been repeated the most times at Christmas over the past 50 years on the BBC?

White Christmas.

(18) Who is the only Oscar-winning actress to have had a UK Christmas number one single?

Nicole Kidman. (In 2001, Kate Winslet also had a Christmas single out that year but it didn't get to number one)

(19) In Norse mythology the Norse god Baldr could only be hurt by which Christmas plant?

Mistletoe.

(20) Name the ten acts, artists or bands with the most played Christmas songs on the radio in the UK?

The Pogues featuring Kirsty MacCall, Mariah Carey, Wham! Band Aid, Wiizzard, Chris Rea, East 17, Slade, Shakin' Stevens & Paul McCartney.

- (21) According to The Radio Times, excluding the Queen's Speech, what was the most watched TV show on Christmas Day 2015: Downton Abbey, Mrs Brown's Boys or Strictly Come Dancing?

Downton Abbey, 6.6 million viewers. (3rd Mrs Brown's Boys and 2nd Strictly Come Dancing)

- (22) King Rat is the villain in what traditional pantomime?

Dick Whittington.

- (23) 'Dance of the Reed Pipes' is a movement in what Tchaikovsky Christmas ballet?

Nutcracker.

- (24) Shakespeare wrote which play as a Christmas present for Elizabeth I?

The Merry Wives of Windsor.

- (25) The pantomime 'Dick Whittington' features a character called Sarah the... what: cook, maid or mistress?

Cook.

- (26) 'O tidings of comfort and joy' is a line from which carol?

God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen.

- (27) According to the Official Charts Company, What are the titles of the three best selling Christmas singles of all time in the UK?

Do They Know It's Christmas, Mull of Kintyre & Mary's Boy Child.

- (28) What did Scottish nationalist students steal from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day in 1950?

The Stone of Scone.

- (29) The early pagan religious winter festival celebrated by archaic Scandinavian and Germanic people, later absorbed into Christmas celebrations, is still referred to in what alternative word for the Christmas season?

Yule. (or Yule-tide).

- (30) At Noma, voted the world's best restaurant, which of these has featured on the menu: holly leaves, mistletoe berries or Christmas tree needles?

Christmas tree needles.

- (31) Name the two administrative and ex-colonial regions of China for whom Christmas Day (as at 2010) remains a legal public holiday, whereas in the main country it is not?
Hong Kong and Macau.
- (32) What is a female turkey called?
Hen.
- (33) Which of these bands appeared on the 1984 charity single 'Do They Know It's Christmas: KC & the Sunshine Band, Kid Creole & the Coconuts or Kool & the Gang?
Kool & the Gang.
- (34) Which was the first act to have three consecutive Christmas Number Ones?
The Beatles.
- (35) What was the name of the theme park created by Banksy in Weston Super-Mare in 2015?
Dismaland.
- (36) Which pop star grew up on a Christmas tree farm in Pennsylvania: Katy Perry, Taylor Swift or Lady Gaga?
Taylor Swift.
- (37) Who was born as Maurice Cole on Christmas Day 1944 in Liverpool?
Kenny Everett.
- (38) Where did Joseph and Mary travel after leaving Bethlehem?
Egypt.
- (39) Which of these US states does NOT have a town called Santa Claus: Arizona, Indiana or Maryland?
Maryland.
- (40) According to a 2018 poll in Radio Times, name Britain's ten favourite Christmas films, the list features one film that is not feature length?
It's a Wonderful Life, Elf, The Muppet Christmas Carol, Love Actually, Home Alone, Die Hard, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, The Polar Express, White Christmas & Scrooge.