

# Which Christmas movie character are you?

What is the best gift to receive this year?

- It's better to give than to receive.
- An iPod
- The gift of love
- We shouldn't give gifts for a pagan holiday gone awry.
- What's the point of presents? They don't love you back ...

One word to describe the holiday season is ...

- Dismal
- Jolly
- Expensive
- Futile
- Magical

What is your favorite color?

- Black
- Green
- Silver
- Brown
- Gray

What is your must-have fashion item this winter?

- Lederhosen
- Anything silver
- A nice suit
- Red jacket
- Hunting hat

Favorite Christmas song?

- "Walking in a Winter Wonderland"
- "Christmas Time is Here"
- "Christmas Sucks"
- "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
- "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

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- a 2, b 5, c 3, d 1, e 4
- a 5, b 2, c 4, d 2, e 1
- a 1, b 4, c 5, d 3, e 2
- a 4, b 2, c 5, d 3, e 2



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**Burgermeister Meisterburger** – You are the ultimate Christmas villain. You genuinely hate Christmas. No one can explain you just do. The sheer joy and spirit of the holiday season like fingernails on the chalkboard of your soul. What happens make you so bitter?

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**Charlie Brown** – You are the kind of person who becomes more depressive during the holiday season. On an existential search for the true meaning of Christmas, you become distracted and depressed by the commercialism that bombards our culture.

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**Kris Kringle** – You try to solve problems by giving toys to people. You represent the commercial side of Christmas. You are the parent who gives in to the screaming child, the friend who buys for her way into another year of friendship with an iPod. Shame on you! Although many may see you as a "hero" when you arrive, you distribute your presents, deep down they are shallow, meaningless gifts given in the hopes of getting people to like you so you can cry at night. And no one wants socks and oranges, you bastard.

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**Winter Warlock** – You give all the appearances of being happy toward the holiday season, but deep down, you are a big softie. You are the true meaning of Christmas. Your heart melts from a child's smile to that of a caring individual when you see kindness during the holiday season. You have the interests of your friends at heart and use everything in your power to make them happy this season.

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**Jack Skellington** – You see Christmas as an adventure! Everything is new and bright, and you are eager to experience it all first-hand ... even if that means interjecting yourself into someone's celebration. Maybe take a step back and appreciate the season in a hands-on approach.

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## Winter holidays increase traffic; precautions need to be taken

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*Be prepared for bad weather when taking long trips in winter*

It is approaching the time of year when it is important to be well-prepared for what might come along during that winter trip over the pass.

It is essential to have a few rudimentary items with you while driving. Having extra water is always a good idea, as well as nonperishables like saltines and peanut butter.

Carrying extra clothing is also a plus. Keep a heavy coat in the trunk even if the weather seems nice. Space blankets are always welcome in a snowdrift, and they fit in the glove box. First-aid kits are godsend for drivers who have been in an accident, and they fit right next to the space blanket in the glove box.

Remember to have extra cell phone batteries on hand, and only try to call for help once or twice. This conserves battery life, allowing additional attempts later.

When traveling during the winter, it is always a good idea to check the spare, and make sure to know how to operate the jack.

A set of tire chains might be required to traverse some local mountain passes. Be sure to know how to properly use them so that they do not end up tearing up the underside of the vehicle and possibly the fenders.

Drivers should ensure that their vehicles are safe for winter travel. Make sure to check the coolant level, or the water in the engine will freeze, cracking the block.

Tires are also an important issue. Studded, all-terrain, Triple

Tread, all-weather radial? All have merit, but the overall best would be the standard all-weather radial. Simply pair that with a set of chains.

Having the oil changed before the trip starts is always for the best. Drivers can't really go

wrong in having a good amount of viscosity to help protect their vehicle's internal moving parts from excessive temperatures.

It is generally a good idea to have the entire vehicle tuned up before deciding to travel anywhere at any time during the

year, but this is especially during the winter.

Students can also bring their vehicles to the college's automotive department to be serviced at any point before finals. Just be sure to make an appointment beforehand.



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Car headlights shine at night on Highway 213, just one of the many roads where traffic is becoming ever more hectic because of the approaching holiday season.