

What Do You Know About Christmas?

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CHRISTMAS carries with it many fine traditions. How much do you know about this inspiring holiday? The following questions will test your knowledge, and there are clues to help you out. More points if you find the answers while making use of the fewest number of clues!

1. The first Christmas tree is believed to have been decorated by a distinguished man some 400 years ago. Who was he?

- A. He was born in 1483.
- B. The Protestant Reformation owed much to this man.
- C. Thousands of churches today follow his doctrines and, in fact, have names evolved from his.

2. One man closely associated with the Christmas season lived some 300 years after Christ. Who was he?

- A. He was born in Asia Minor, and today hundreds of churches all over the globe are named for him.
- B. He gave his wealth to the poor.
- C. In later years his name was turned into Santa Claus.

3. Christmas cards are believed to have been first engraved by William Maw Engley, Jr. The young man said he was inspired by a famous person. Who?

- A. He was a notable English author.
- B. The author's period was in the mid-1800s.
- C. "A Christmas Carol" was his story that provided the inspiration.

4. "The Tyrolean Song" was the name first given to one of the most popular of all Christmas songs. What name was given to it later?

- A. The song is a carol.

B. It was the work of a Lutheran pastor and church organist.

C. Before their collaboration, the two had lamented that the perfect Christmas song had not been found.

5. Santa Claus has been termed the "literary invention" of a certain person. Who?

- A. He would have preferred being remembered for his classes in Greek and Hebrew.
- B. Children make a pilgrimage to his grave in New York each Christmas Eve.
- C. His poem mentions eight reindeer.

6. According to one legend, this familiar part of the yule scene was also the wood from which Jesus' cross was made. What was it?

- A. It has a medicinal value.
- B. Another legend called it "The Forbidden Fruit" of the Garden of Eden.
- C. Romantically inclined people use it in their decoration.

Score: 20 points if you knew without a clue; 15 points if you knew on the first clue; 10 points if you knew on second clue; 5 points if you knew on third clue.

Rating: Above 90 points, you know Christmas well. Why not, in token, buy yourself a gift? From 60 to 90, you're doing fine! In recognition, all your gifts should come in your correct size. Below 60, perhaps you need to brush up on Christmas!

Answers:

1. Martin Luther; 2. Saint Nicholas; 3. Charles Dickens; 4. "Silent Night"; 5. Clement Moore; 6. Mistletoe, which, legend says, shrank in shame to its present size.

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All the joy of Christmas is aglow in the eyes of our adorable cover girl photographed by Jill Lewis. Like many youngsters, she has eagerly awaited this day.

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