

## December Quiz – All the answers have a December theme

Here is a Christmas Quiz, with all questions relating to Christmas, or December generally. Due to current restrictions on meeting, it is impractical to hand out quizzes and collect money, so this one is free. **However, I would like to invite you to make a contribution to the church wall fund (I suggest £2 per quiz sheet) via the Just Giving site (see end of quiz).** There will be no prize this time round, other than the kudos of being the best!

<b>To start, here are 31 questions, one relating to each day of December</b>		
1	On the 1 <sup>st</sup> December 1990, where did Englishman Graham Fagg and Frenchman Phillippe Cozette meet to make a historical connection?	.....
2	On 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, 1939, La Guardia airport opened for business. Which city does it serve?	.....
3	What first was achieved on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 1967 in the Groote Shuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa	.....
4	On 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 1791, the world's first Sunday newspaper was published. What was it called?	.....
5	Who opened Britain's first stretch of motorway, the Preston bypass, on 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 1958?	.....
6	On 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 1790 the US State Capitol moved from New York to where?	.....
7	On 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 1941, the Japanese launched an attack on Pearl Harbour. Where is Pearl Harbour?	.....
8	Which pop icon was shot dead outside his New York house on 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 1980?	.....
9	Which soap first aired on UK TV on 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 1960?	.....
10	What awards are presented on 10 <sup>th</sup> December each year?	.....
11	What event rocked the nation on 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 1936?	.....
12	What plant is celebrated on 12th December, in honour of the death of the person after whom it is named?	.....
13	Which saint is celebrated in the Festival of Light on 13 <sup>th</sup> December?	.....
14	On 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 1972, what was Eugene Cernan the last man to do (although this is often reported as happening on 13 <sup>th</sup> December, it was 14 <sup>th</sup> December GMT)?	.....
15	What landmark reopened to visitors on 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2001, after an 11 year \$27,000,000 restoration, despite the fact that it was leaning at an angle of about 4°?	.....
16	What is the popular name of the protest organised by The Sons of Liberty in USA on 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 1773?	.....
17	On 17 <sup>th</sup> December, 1903, at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, two brothers achieved a notable first: what was it?	.....
18	On 18 <sup>th</sup> December, 1912, the discovery of the fossil remains of an extinct human species was announced at a meeting of the Geological Society, although they were later proved to be a fraud. What was the name of this man?	.....
19	On 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 1981, sixteen lives were lost when a life boat Solomon Browne went the aid of the stricken coaster Union Star in heavy seas. Where was the lifeboat from?	.....

20	The initial production version of which airliner, which became one of the most successful long-range airliner of its time, had its maiden flight on 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 1957?	.....
21	On 21 <sup>st</sup> December 1988, Pan Am flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie in southern Scotland. Where was its intended destination?	.....
22	On 22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 1989, which famous landmark opened for the first time in almost 30 years?	.....
23	23 <sup>rd</sup> December is the feast day of St Thorlakur: he is the major native saint, of which country?	.....
24	On Christmas Eve (24 <sup>th</sup> December), 1818, the carol Silent Night, was performed for the first time at St Nicholas Church, Oberndorf, Austria: it was accompanied by which musical instrument?	.....
25	Which singer-songwriter and one time Tourist was born on 25 <sup>th</sup> December, 1954 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland?	.....
26	Which bird, sometimes referred to as "The king of all birds", is traditionally hunted on 26 <sup>th</sup> December?	.....
27	Which country gained its independence from the Netherlands on 27 <sup>th</sup> December, 1949 (at least that is the date recognised by the United Nations), after over 300 years of Dutch rule?	.....
28	What iconic transport took to the streets of San Francisco on 28 <sup>th</sup> December, 1912?	.....
29	On 29 <sup>th</sup> December, 1170, St Thomas a Becket (Thomas of Canterbury) was martyred: where did this occur?	.....
30	On 30 <sup>th</sup> December, 1953, colour TVs first went on sale in the USA. To the nearest \$25, how much did they cost (in \$)?	.....
31	Singer song-writer, Henry John Deutschendorf Jr, was born on 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 1943. How is he better known?	.....

**Next, here is Happy Christmas (or Merry Christmas) in different European languages: what are the languages (in some cases these are spelt phonetically rather than in the language's own script).**

32	djoyeus Noyé	.....
33	Feliz Natal	.....
34	Prettige Kerst	.....
35	Gleðileg jól	.....
36	Boldog karácsonyt	.....
37	Nollaig Shona Dhuit	.....
38	Hyvää joulua	.....
39	Nadolig Llawen	.....
40	Buon Natale	.....
41	God Jul	.....

*A bit of trivia to amaze your friends and family with : **toDwl'ma' qoS yltlvqu'** is Klingon (from Star Trek) greeting equivalent to Happy Christmas, although don't ask me how you pronounce it.*

Finally, some trivia questions relating to Christmas. Some are factual, some are cryptic – good luck!		
42	The star of Christmas ... (5)	.....
43	..... or to say it in song (5,3,5)	.....
44	We know that the restoration of the church stone work is currently under way (see above), but which seasonal saint is the patron saint of bricklayers and stonemasons? (5,7)	.....
45	How is the furcula better known? (8)	.....
46	Torture yaks* for Christmas dinner (5,6)	.....
47	All doors lead to Christmas (6,8)	.....
48	What festive food is traditionally started on the Sunday before Advent? (9,4)	.....
49	Loads of pigs welcome the new (7)	.....
50	Gaby Dixon mixed up after Christmas (6,3)	.....
51	The longest night (6,8)	.....
52	Napoleon and Babe Snuggling? (4,2,8)	.....
53	A goat hitting the cognac? (6,6)	.....
54	Former Bishop of Myra, central to this season (5,8)	.....
55	Elsie Mott in a flap prompts a kiss (9)	.....
56	Dalai Lama, Steven Hawking and David Attenborough perhaps (5,4,3)	.....
57	Feet, bringing delight on Christmas morning (8,7)	.....
58	Ornithogalum umbellatum (4,2,9)	.....
59	Victoria, perhaps for afters (4,7)	.....
60	Who is described thus: "The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek, stiffened his gait ...."? (8,7)	.....
61	What the angel said .... or sang (3,5,4)	.....
62	Ilex and Helix (3,5,3,3,3)	.....
63	Knife scanner makes a good present. (12)	.....
64	Look! That was HMS Daring, Dauntless and Defender! (1,3,5,5)	.....
65	Excommunicated Vordeman, for example. (8,5)	.....
66	In sweet rejoicing (2,5,6)	.....

67	From care, beans make an accompaniment for 46 (9,5)	.....
68	Campanologists cheery message? (4,4,7,2,4)	.....
69	Who wanted the military horsemen stopped? (4,5)	.....
70	Confused sty for a chilly chap in song (6,3,7)	.....
71	Noddy's Christmas greeting (5,4,9)	.....
72	Manhattan folklore melody. (9,2,3,4)	.....
73	In which country do the government close roads on Christmas morning to enable people to roller skate to Christmas Mass in safety? (9)	.....
74	Who banned Christmas between 1647 and 1660? (6,8)	.....
75	Song from Berlin which became a festive best seller. (5,9)	.....
76	What Christmas classic did Thomas Smith invent in 1846? (9,7)	.....
77	What is the total number of gifts sent in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"? (the answer is just a number)	.....
78	What Christmas favourite derives from the Greek for "all imitator"? (9)	.....
79	Film no points at Wimbledon, in fact. (4,8)	.....
80	Our greeting to you all (2,4,3,1,5,9)	.....

\* No yaks were harmed in the compiling of this quiz.

Since there are no prizes this time round, I do not need you to return your answers to me. I will send out the answers with the weekly St. Peters' newsletter in mid-January. Please mark your own, and send me your mark (out of 80) to oadbybells-at-gmail.com (replacing "-at-" with "@") before the end of January, and I will announce the winner in February. If you would like a copy of the answers sent directly to you, please e-mail me at the address above, and I will send them to you (in January).

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- Text: "Hide donation amount from public view".
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