

Round 1 - Christmas around Europe

So how much do you know about Christmas traditions around Europe? Bear in mind that one particular European Country features more than once in the answers.....

- 1 In which European Country did the Christmas tree originate?
Germany
- 2 Which European Country is home to the oldest Christmas market in the world?
Germany – it's Dresden's Striezelmarkt
- 3 Which Country annually donates the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square?
Norway
- 4 Where are the McCallisters going on holiday when they leave Kevin behind in *Home Alone*?
France
- 5 Stollen is the traditional fruit cake of which country?
Germany
- 6 Which Country started the tradition of hanging stockings?
Italy
- 7 Where do advent calendars originate from?
Germany
- 8 From which 'area' of Northern Europe do Christmas gongs come from?
Scandinavia (Denmark, Norway, and Sweden)

Round 2 – Christmas Letter Link

This round consists of 8 festive questions where the last letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2, and the final letter of the answer to question 2 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 3 and so on so forth down the 8 questions. When you get to question 8, the final letter of that answer will be the same as the first letter to the answer to question 1, thus completing the link.

- 1 Which is the most popular Christmas pot plant in the UK?
Poinsettia
- 2 Which is the most popular Christmas tree topping ornament?
Angel
- 3 The film *Die Hard* takes place on Christmas Eve - but in which city?
Los Angeles
- 4 What is the name of Kristoff's reindeer in *Frozen*?
Sven
- 5 Which is the most popular species of Christmas trees purchased in the UK? (answer is in the plural)
Nordmann Firs
- 6 Which TV family has a pet dog called Santa's Little Helper? (just the family surname required)
(The) Simpsons
- 7 Traditionally we give chocolate coins at Christmas in honour of whom? (two word answer, first word is a 'title')
Saint Nicholas
- 8 According to the lyrics of Elton John's 1973 Christmas hit, 'the admissions free' when you do '*what* into Christmas'?
Step

Round 3 – Festive Sum total

8 questions about numbers/dates associated with the Festive season. Add these all together and the sum total of all your answers should be 6,005.....

- 1 How many tips do traditional snowflakes have?
6
- 2 According to UK tradition, by which night should Christmas decorations be taken down by?
12th night
- 3 In which year was the first Christmas card sent, was it 1843, 1863 or 1883?
1843
- 4 In which year of the 1980s did Raymond Briggs' *The Snowman* first air on TV in the UK, was it 1982, 1984 or 1986?
(26th December) 1982
- 5 In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, which coin do the Dursleys give Harry for Christmas?
50-pence piece
- 6 Just before Christmas of which year of the 1980s did Band Aid originally release the charity single *Do they know it's Christmas*?
1984
- 7 How many times has *Do they know it's Christmas* reached number 1 in the UK singles chart since it was first released?
3 times (1984, 1989 & 2004)
- 8 In February 2020, the world's tallest snowman (nicknamed "Riesi," which roughly translates to "giant") was built in Austria. How tall is this record holder, 105 feet, 115 feet or 125 feet tall?
125 feet

Round 4 – Christmas music – a wide variety, hopefully something for everybody.....

- 1 Cliff Richard had his 12th number one hit with his sing-along Christmas classic *Mistletoe and what?*
Wine
- 2 Released in 1994, the iconic Christmas hit *All I Want for Christmas* was a hit for which female artist?
Mariah Carey
- 3 Which group sang "*Don't leave me alone like this, don't say it's the final kiss*" in their bell-tolling Christmas no.1 of 1994?
East 17 (the song was *Stay another day*)
- 4 *Once bitten and twice shy, I keep my distance but you still catch my eye* are lyrics from which well-known Christmas hit of 1984?
***Last Christmas* by Wham (which only reached number 2 in the charts, being kept off the number 1 slot by Band Aid)**
- 5 Which band beat 2009's *X Factor* winner Joe McElderry to the Christmas no.1 following a successful campaign that started on social media?
Rage Against the Machine (with the song *Killing in the name*)
- 6 In which film did the famous song *White Christmas*, written by Irving Berlin, first appear?
***Holiday Inn* (first shown in 1954)**
- 7 Which musician sings the ever-so-catchy *Wonderful Christmastime*?
Paul McCartney – the video accompanying this song was filmed at the pub in Ashurst, West Sussex in 1979 where your Quizmaster used to work on a part-time basis and I was there on the day of the recording!
- 8 Which famous song has been at number 1 in the UK Christmas Singles Chart twice, in 1975 and again in 1991?
***Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen (the only song to have achieved two number 1 Christmas hits with the same version)**