

# CHRISTMAS TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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- 1> Of the following, what is considered to be good luck on Christmas morning?
  - a> Finding a spider web
  - b> No coal in the stockings
  - c> The cookies and milk left the night before are gone
  - d> A letter from Santa?
  
- 2> Of the following activities, what is considered to be a Christmas tradition?
  - a> Reading a Christmas book
  - b> Watching a Christmas movie
  - c> Kissing under the mistletoe?
  
- 3> What was a popular game during Christmas in medieval times?
  - a> Balancing the egg
  - b> Hot cockles
  - c> Blowing out the Christmas candle?
  
- 4> According to Greek legend, who plays tricks at Christmas time?
  
- 5> What is considered the most traditional Christmas flower?
  
- 6> What is a common Christmas decoration in Sweden?
  
- 7> What celebration was the song Jingle Bells originally written for?
  
- 8> Which country made the first artificial Christmas tree?
  
- 9> How long did it take Charles Dickens to write 'A Christmas Carol'?
  
- 10> Who told Mary she was going to have a baby?
  
- 11> Which state was the first to recognize Christmas as a holiday?

## **Answers:**

1> Finding a spider web - In the Ukraine, if you find a spider web in the house on Christmas morning, it is believed to be a harbinger of good luck!

2> To kiss under the mistletoe - The mistletoe is associated with peace and friendship.

3> Hot Cockles - In this game, a player was blindfolded and the other players took turns striking the blindfolded player, who had to guess the name of the person delivering each blow.

4> Kallikantzaroi - In Greek legend, malicious creatures called Kallikantzaroi sometimes play troublesome pranks at Christmas time. In order to get rid of them, salt or an old shoe is burnt. The pungent burning stench drives off the Kallikantzaroi.

5> Poinsettia - In Mexico (its place of origin), the poinsettia is known as the 'Flower of the Holy Night'. Since the 19th century, the poinsettia has been associated with Christmas.

6> Julbukk - The Julbukk is a small figurine of a goat, which is usually made of straw. Scandinavian Christmas festivities feature a variety of straw decorations in the form of stars, angels, hearts and other shapes, as well as the Julbukk.

7> Thanksgiving - The popular Christmas song 'Jingle Bells' was composed in 1857 by James Pierpont. It was originally called 'One-Horse Open Sleigh' and was actually written for Thanksgiving, not Xmas.

8> Germany - They were made of goose feathers and dyed green.

9> 6 weeks - It was published on the 17th of December in 1843.

10> The Angel Gabriel - According to Luke 1:26-38.

11> Alabama - Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday in 1836.

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