

Bumper Holiday S'Quiz Christmas Traditions

Hello fabulous Squiz Kids listeners -

And welcome to the Kids v Adults Bumper Holiday S'Quiz on Holiday Traditions...

I'm Bryce Corbett...

All through the year in the Squiz Kids daily podcast, we've been bringing you the big news stories of the day - run through our kid-friendly filter - to make sure you know all you need to know about the world around you. And at the end of every week - we've tested how much you retained in the Kids v Adults Weekly News S'Quiz ...

But now, because it's the holidays, we're presenting some Bumper Kids v Adults Quizzes .. on some fun topics - to see who's smarter: kids or adults ...

Here's how this quiz works: ten questions for kids about Christmas Traditions - then ten questions for adults.

Whoever answers the most correct questions wins. Easy Peasy.

You ready? Let's do this ...

BREAK

Alright kids - here are your ten questions ...

Let's team with the festive season theme and start with a bunch of Christmas questions ... what traditionally do kids leave out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve ...

Christmas Carols are sung at Christmas gatherings all over the world - finish this first verse of one of the most popular carols of all time ... 'Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way ...'

Christmas lunch and dinner tables around the world will be heaving under the weight of what traditional Christmas meat?.. Often served glazed, usually requiring someone to carve it, and belonging to the pork family of meatstuffs ...

What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree in many countries?

- A) A star
- B) A cactus
- C) A hat
- D) A bell

A Christmas tradition in many households is the making of a miniature house, covered in icing and lollies and made out of what sort of spiced biscuit? And I'll give you a hint: it features heavily in the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel ...

Another great Christmas tradition has been the watching of Christmas themed movies .. including a hugely popular film about a grumpy, green, mountain-dwelling resident of Whoville who decides to steal Christmas... who am I talking about?

Ok - so we know its tradition to leave cookies and milk out for Santa on Christmas Eve .. but what do people also commonly leave out for the reindeer to nibble on?

It's also common around Christmas time for nativity plays to be staged or nativity scenes to be built - depicting the birth of Christ - after whom the holiday is named. What's the name of the makeshift cradle that Jesus is reputed to have been placed in after he was born .. and if I hum this tune, maybe it will help ...

Speaking of nativity plays and the carol, Away In A Manger, how many wise men are reputed to have traveled across ancient deserts to greet the birth of Jesus?

Another favourite Christmas tradition is the placement of what sort of party favour on the plates of people sitting down for Christmas lunch or dinner – they're cylindrical, they crack when you pull them apart and they usually contain a paper hat, a tiny toy and a lame-o dad joke ...

Answers:

Cookies and milk

“Oh what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh, hey!”

Ham

Star

Gingerbread

Grinch

Carrots

Manger – which is a feeding trough for livestock

Three

Christmas crackers

How did you go kids? How many did you get right out of ten? Reckon you're going to beat the adults? Yeah - I reckon so too..

Alright adults - now it's your turn ...fire up the grey matter - here we go ...

Imagine you're at a Christmas party and you come across someone standing under the sprig of a tree with their lips puckered, expecting to be kissed ... what plant are they standing under?

At the same Christmas party, the host is passing around a rich, creamy drink made with milk, cream, sugar, egg and spices - with a sprinkle of nutmeg and a shot of brandy .. what are they serving?

Fruit mince is traditionally used to make Christmas cakes and what other Christmas dinner staple .. a dessert that is usually round in shape and occasionally drizzled with alcohol and set alight ..

A sprig - there's that word again - of what traditional Christmas plant - green spiky leaves, red berries - often sits atop a pudding?

Getting back to the reason for the season ... Christmas is when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ .. in which ancient city was he believed to have been born?

Let's test your nativity scene knowledge ... the three wise men who visited Jesus in the Bethlehem stable brought with them gold, frankincense and what?

What is myrrh? Is it a. An aromatic resin from the Commiphora tree used to make medicine and incense; b. A semi-precious mineral from the Arab world; or c. an ancient form of coffee?

At the risk of labouring a theme ... and because we want to give the kids an unfair advantage here ... how do you spell myrrh?

In New York, the lighting of the Christmas tree in which famous midtown plaza, above a ice skating rink, is a time-honoured Christmas tradition?

And finally: speaking of the Grinch - he's a green, grumpy monster that sprung from the fertile imagination of which celebrated American children's author ...

Answers:

Mistletoe

Eggnog ... because milk and alcohol are such a winning combo

Pudding

Holly

Bethlehem

Myrrh

A.

M-Y-R-R-H

Rockefeller Plaza

Dr Seuss

How did you go adults? How many did you get right?

Did you beat the kids? Who took the crown this week?

OK, we've given your brain cells a work out ... now time for...

>> SHOUTOUTS

And it's a very happy birthday to these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and over the past week

Max from Leopold, Florence from Seven Mile Beach, Hannah, Jake and Justin from Springvale, Oliver from Albury, Alex from Lake Bolac, Joel and Rehm from Pakenham, Ella from Springfield, June from Maidstone, Laya from the Blue Mountains, Llam from Forest Lake, Dexter from Paraburdoo and Sooah from Indooroopilly.

Well - that's all we have time for.

I hope you're enjoying these quizzes.

If you're hanging out for something to do over the holidays or maybe on a road trip, we have a whole back catalogue of them for you to listen to. And the best bit, they're all free!

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For now, though - this is Bryce Corbett signing off - and reminding you to get out there and have a most excellent day ... over and out.