

HOLIDAY TRIVIA!

Players: 1 caller, 4+ players

Materials:

- Writing utensils
- One blank sheet per team
- One answer key

How to Play:

1. Split the players into teams.
2. Each team should have a blank sheet to fill out with their answers, and the caller should have the answer key to call out the questions. The teams write a team name on the top of their sheet.
3. For each topic, the caller reads out the questions, giving teams a minute to write down their answers. Once each question of a topic is answered, the caller goes around to check the answers.
4. The correct answers are scored on a scaling system; the first question a team gets correct is worth 5 points, the next is worth 4 points, then 3, then 2, and finally, if they get all correct, the last question is worth 1 point. Each round is worth 15 points, and the full game is worth a maximum of 75 points.
5. Once each topic is finished, the caller collects the sheets, adds up the total, and gives the rank of the teams.
6. If two or more teams tie for first place, or if you want a little more fun, a few bonus questions can be found at the end of the answer key. The blank sheet is set up for one of these questions to be given, but feel free to have fun and include multiple, or come up with your own!
7. Each bonus question provided has two parts. When scoring, either give one point for getting the question correct, or give a point per part depending on which method will break the tie.

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ANSWER KEY

Topic One: Christmas

1. When were gingerbread houses invented?
In the 16th century
2. How many American households put up a Christmas tree?
More than 95 million
3. True or False: George Washington hated eggnog.
False; he loved eggnog
4. How many packages does the USPS deliver during the holidays?
800 million
5. Who came up with the idea for The Elf on the Shelf?
Carol Aebersold and her daughters

Topic Two: Music

1. True or False: "Jingle Bells" was always a Christmas song.
False; it was originally a Thanksgiving song
2. Elvis Presley famously sang which Christmas song?
"Blue Christmas"
3. What is the most-covered Christmas song of all time?
"Silent Night"
4. Which member of the Beatles wrote the popular song "Wonderful Christmastime"?
Paul McCartney
5. The Christmas song "Do You Hear What I Hear?" was written as a call for peace during which conflict?
The Cuban Missile Crisis

Topic Three: Movies

1. In *A Christmas Story*, what does Ralphie want for Christmas?
A BB gun
2. In *The Santa Clause*, what does Scott Calvin do that makes him Santa?
Puts on Santa's suit
3. In *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, who does Lucy choose to direct the Christmas play?
Charlie Brown
4. In what year did the TV special of Dr Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* first air?
1966
5. In *Elf*, what song did Buddy sing for Santa on his birthday?
"Happy Birthday"

Topic Four: Hanukkah

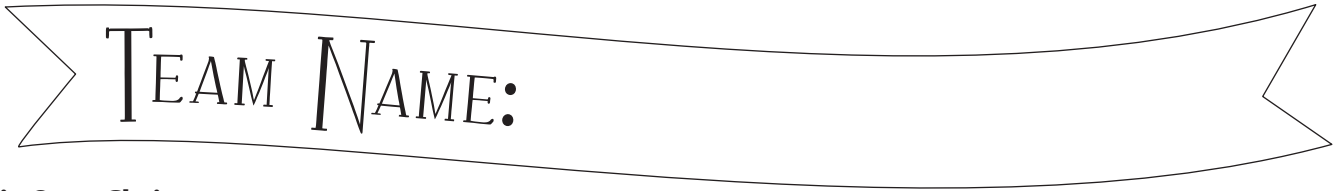
1. What does the word "Hanukkah" roughly translate to?
Dedication
2. Where is the largest menorah in the world?
New York
3. Who was the first president to celebrate Hanukkah at the White House?
Harry Truman
4. True or False: Over 17.5 million jelly donuts are consumed in Israel during Hanukkah.
True
5. Hanukkah lasts for eight nights to commemorate what?
How long the holy light burned

Topic Five: New Year's

1. How much did the first Times Square New Year's Eve Ball weigh?
700 pounds
2. The Dutch believe eating what on New Year's Day will bring good luck?
Donuts
3. About 360 million glasses of what drink are served in the United States each New Year's Eve?
Champagne
4. In which country do people eat twelve grapes at the stroke of midnight?
Spain
5. True or False: About 80% of New Year's resolutions are abandoned by February?
True

Bonus question suggestions:

- In "The Twelve Days of Christmas," there are how many drummers drumming?
12
- Eggnog was first consumed in which U.S. city?
Jamestown, Virginia
- Who narrated the 1966 TV special *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*?
Boris Karloff
- What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of?
Button
- In what ocean is Christmas Island located?
Indian Ocean



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