

Quiz 40b – Christmas General Knowledge - **Answers**

1. A foreign city has donated a huge Christmas tree to the people of Britain every year since 1947. It is always displayed in Trafalgar Square. Which city donates it? A) Bergen, B) Stockholm, **C) Oslo**
2. What colour is Father Christmas' belt ? **A: Black.**
3. What animal is Snowball in George Orwell's book Animal Farm? **A: A pig**
4. What Christmas item was invented by London baker Tom Smith in 1847?
A: Nothing to do with baking it was Christmas Crackers.
5. How many points does a snowflake have. Is it 4, 6, 8 or 10?
A: All snowflakes have one thing in common. They are all six-sided crystals of ice. They can be found in seven different shapes
6. Which 3-dimensional puzzle, sold by the Ideal Toy Company, was the most popular Christmas gift in 1981? **A: Rubik's Cube**
7. What were the names of the three wise man? **(One point for each correct answer)**
A: They were Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar
8. Which plant associated with Christmas and whose extracts and preparations are used in the treatment of cancer, has the Latin name "*Viscum Album*"?
A: The plant is the Mistletoe.
9. What is a baby Turkey more correctly called, other than a chick? **A: Poult**
10. Name the four gentlemen who were "Walking Backwards to Christmas" in their 1956 song? **(One point for each correct answer)**
A: Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe, Spike Milligan and Michael Bentine. They were the Goons.
11. What is the name of the sweet Italian bread often served at Christmas?
A: Panettone
12. In which fictional land is it always winter but never Christmas? **A: Narnia**
13. What was the name of Tiny Tim's father in "A Christmas Carol"?
A: Bob Cratchit

14.What British spacecraft was lost on Mars on Christmas Day 2003?

A: Beagle 2

15.In traditional folk lore Santa's sleigh is pulled by nine Reindeer. One of those is Rudolph but can you name the remaining eight?

A: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.

16.A real favourite with children is the traditional advent calendar with the last day being Christmas eve. The question is, how many days does it last in total?

12, 24 or 31 **A: 24**

17.What's the name of the ballet traditionally performed around Christmas each year? **A: The Nutcracker**

18.Christmas Crackers was the first Christmas special episode of which popular UK comedy series? **A: Only Fools and Horses**

19.In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, how many Ladies Dancing are there? **A: Nine**

20.The definition that the Met Office uses to define a White Christmas is 'a single snowflake falling in London during the 24 hours of Christmas Day. However the question is, when was the last widespread white Christmas in England?

Was it:- a) 1947, b) 1963, c) 2010

A: Christmas 2010 when an unprecedented 83% of Met Office weather stations recorded snow lying on the ground..