Funny Christmas Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which material gives the giant Christmas goat in Gävle, Sweden, its shaggy coat?
   - A. Straw
   - B. Felt
   - C. Feathers
   - D. Tissue paper

   Correct answer: A. Straw
   The Gävle Goat began in 1966. Its builders cover a wooden frame with mats made from bundles of straw.

2. Which food came in the bucket at the centre of KFC's first Christmas campaign in Japan in 1974?
   - A. Fish and chips
   - B. Roast turkey
   - C. Fried chicken
   - D. Dumplings

   Correct answer: C. Fried chicken
   KFC's account dates the Japanese campaign to 1974 and describes a bucket of fried chicken sold for Christmas parties.

3. In a Catalan Christmas tradition, children look for small gifts and sweets under a blanket covering a smiling what?
   - A. Teapot
   - B. Log
   - C. Snowman
   - D. Wicker duck

   Correct answer: B. Log
   Barcelona's tourism office describes the tió as a log with a face and a traditional cap. The blanket hides the treats.

4. Which postal code does Canada Post publish for its Christmas letters to Santa?
   - A. P0P 0P0
   - B. S0S 0S0
   - C. N0N 0N0
   - D. H0H 0H0

   Correct answer: D. H0H 0H0
   Canada Post's Santa letter programme uses H0H 0H0. The numbers are zeros, and the code looks like a written Santa laugh.

5. The pōhutukawa is sometimes called New Zealand's Christmas tree. What colour are its summer blossoms?

A. Blue
B. Red
C. White
D. Purple

Correct answer: B. Red
New Zealand's Ministry for Culture and Heritage describes the crimson flowers. An 1857 account records them decorating tables at a feast.

6. Nuremberg's Christmas market has little figures with dried-plum arms and legs. What fruit forms the body?

A. Figs
B. Cherries
C. Pears
D. Apricots

Correct answer: A. Figs
The market's account describes dried plums for the limbs, figs for the body, and a walnut for the head.

7. In the V&A's account, what did London confectioner Tom Smith sell before the wrapper evolved into the Christmas cracker?

A. Chocolate coins in paper envelopes
B. Marzipan figures in glass jars
C. Ginger biscuits packed in wooden trays
D. Bonbons wrapped in paper twists

Correct answer: D. Bonbons wrapped in paper twists
Smith sold sweets wrapped in twists of paper after seeing bonbons in France. His firm developed the idea into Christmas crackers.

8. Which animal with an unexpected job features among the Victorian Christmas cards highlighted by the V&A?

A. A squirrel repairing bicycles
B. A fox conducting an orchestra
C. A dog delivering the post
D. A horse performing magic tricks

Correct answer: C. A dog delivering the post
The museum highlights a dog postman in its collection, alongside other unusual subjects such as acrobatic cats.

9. According to Parks Australia, what prompted William Mynors to give the Indian Ocean's Christmas Island its English name in 1643?

A. He sighted it on Christmas Day.
B. He boarded a ship called Christmas.
C. He received a Christmas card from a rival captain.
D. He left a Christmas tree on the beach.

Correct answer: A. He sighted it on Christmas Day.
Parks Australia records that Mynors named the island after seeing it on Christmas Day in 1643.

10. Which city put an 85-metre floating Christmas tree in Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon for Christmas 2007?

A. Cape Town
B. Lisbon
C. Buenos Aires
D. Rio de Janeiro

Correct answer: D. Rio de Janeiro
Guinness World Records documents the 85-metre tree installed in Rio de Janeiro's lagoon for the 2007 season.

11. Which pair of captions matches the White House Historical Association's records for its 1969 and 1992 gingerbread displays?

A. 1969: a village of five houses. 1992: a village of five houses.
B. 1969: a village of five houses. 1992: one house.
C. 1969: one house. 1992: a village of five houses.
D. 1969: one house. 1992: a single replica of the White House.

Correct answer: C. 1969: one house. 1992: a village of five houses.
The association dates the first house to 1969 and the five-house village to 1992. The replica White House came in 1993.

12. NASA records an improvised Christmas tree aboard Skylab in 1973. Which pair identifies its main material and its topper?

A. Food cans and a paper snowflake
B. Food cans and a cardboard comet
C. Folded blankets and a cardboard comet
D. Spare pencils and a foil moon

Correct answer: B. Food cans and a cardboard comet
The Skylab 4 crew stacked repurposed food cans into a tree and made a cardboard cutout of a comet for the top.

13. Britain's usual royal Christmas broadcast did not take place in 1969. What was already scheduled for the holiday?

A. A new Christmas message filmed for broadcast on New Year's Day
B. The first televised royal Christmas message
C. The first radio broadcast of a royal Christmas message
D. A repeat of a documentary about the Royal Family

Correct answer: D. A repeat of a documentary about the Royal Family
The Royal Household records that a repeat of the documentary Royal Family was already on the 1969 schedule.

14. Which caption correctly pairs the donor country and traditional light arrangement for the annual Christmas tree in London's Trafalgar Square?

A. Norway gives the tree, and lights hang in vertical strings.
B. Norway gives the tree, and lights spiral round the trunk.
C. Sweden gives the tree, and lights hang in vertical strings.
D. Denmark gives the tree, and lights trace horizontal bands.

Correct answer: A. Norway gives the tree, and lights hang in vertical strings.
London City Hall dates the gift from Norway to 1947 and describes the traditional Norwegian display of vertical light strings.

15. In NORAD's origin account, a child trying to call Santa in 1955 reached which office in Colorado Springs?

A. The United States Post Office sorting office
B. The United States Weather Bureau forecast office
C. The Continental Air Defense Command operations centre
D. The local railway ticket office

Correct answer: C. The Continental Air Defense Command operations centre
NORAD's account says the call reached the Continental Air Defense Command, its predecessor. The duty officer had the staff keep watch for Santa.