

ET4Bs Christmassy Quiz 2016 (fully loaded with all the trimmings, *including answers*)

General knowledge

1. "If music be the food of love, play on", comes from which Shakespeare play? **Twelfth Night**
2. The North Pole, said to be Santa's home, is located in which ocean? **Arctic Ocean**
3. Which British monarch (who died in 1936) introduced the custom of giving thousands of Christmas puddings to staff? **King George V**
4. In which country does Santa most famously enjoy his own personal postcode, HOH OHO? **Canada**
5. Which well known Premier League football manager was sacked in 2015 just after enjoying Christmas dinner with the team? **Jose Mourinho**
6. What was the name of the penguin in the 2014 John Lewis Christmas Advert? **Monty**
7. Which Christmas condiment is made from fruit sometimes referred to as marshworts? **Cranberry sauce**
8. Which is the first animal to be mentioned in the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'? **Mouse**
9. Who was the second ghost to pay a visit to Scrooge in Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'? **The Ghost of Christmas Past** (the first being the ghost of his old business partner Jacob Marley, then followed by the third and fourth Ghosts of Christmas Present and Christmas Yet To Come!)
10. Which pre-decimalisation coin was traditionally put in a Christmas Pudding to bring good luck to the finder? **Sixpence** (preferably a silver one)
11. The singing of Christmas carols was banned in England in 1649 (another of Oliver Cromwell's cheery ideas, after banning Christmas in 1647) Was the ban finally lifted 11 years, 21 years, or 31 years later? **11 years later** (1660)

Entertainment

12. Name any of the three of Bing Crosby's co-stars in the film "White Christmas" (a point for each)? **Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen**
13. On which TV series will you find the character called 'Santa's Little Helper'? **The Simpsons** (this is the name for their pet dog)
14. Who appears as Dr Who's companion in the 2006 Christmas special, 'The Runaway Bride'? **Catherine Tate**
15. Which 1988 movie starring Bill Murray is a modern re-telling of 'A Christmas Carol'? **Scrooged**
16. Who directed the 2003 Christmas based film 'Love Actually'? **Richard Curtis**
17. Bedford Falls was the setting for which classic 1946 Christmas based 'feel good' movie? **It's a Wonderful Life**
18. The leader of Iran and Marge Simpson are two of the past contributors to the 'alternative' annual Christmas message, broadcast by which UK TV channel? **Channel 4**
19. In the traditional pantomime, what is Aladdin's surname? **Twankey** (he is of course Widow Twankey's son)
20. Which festive character do the boy and the snowman meet in the TV film 'The Snowman'? **Father Christmas**
21. Who conducts Eric as he plays 'all the right notes but not necessarily in the right order' in the Morecambe and Wise 1971 Christmas special? **Andre Previn**
22. In the title of the 1947 film, on which Street was there a miracle on? **34th**
23. Who wrote and co-produced the 1993 movie 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'? **Tim Burton**

Born or died on Christmas Day

Each of the following was either born or they died on Christmas Day, can you name them (a point for each)?

24. Died Christmas Day 1946, name the actor who was famous for one-liners like 'who stole the cork from my lunch'. When approaching his deathbed he was allegedly caught looking through the Bible 'for loopholes'. **W C Fields**
25. Born 25th December 1949, she won a Best Actress Oscar for the film 'The Coal Miner's Daughter'. **Sissy Spacek**
26. British physicist born Christmas Day 1642, responsible for formulating the laws of motion? **Sir Isaac Newton** (born 25th December according to the 'Old Style' Julian Calendar, if we're being pedantic)
27. Madcap DJ and irreverent TV entertainer born on 25th December 1944, who had a top ten hit in 1983 with the charmingly titled 'Snot Rap'. **Kenny Everett**
28. Born 25th December 1919, she was the only permanent member of the cast of TV soap 'Crossroads', between 1964 and 1981. **Noele Gordon** (there was no truth in the rumour that the sets were built in 1919 too)
29. Famous for his "little old tramp" routine, this silent screen star passed away on Christmas Day 1977? **Charlie Chaplin**
30. This actor, born on Christmas Day in 1899, famously starred in Casablanca? **Humphrey Bogart**
31. Writer and singer of the perennial Christmas classic "Fairytale of New York", born 25 December 1957. **Shane MacGowan**

Music

32. Which Christmas dessert features in the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"? **Figgy pudding**
33. Which Christmas number one featured in the 2001 cult movie 'Donnie Darko'? **Mad World** (by Michael Andrews feat. Gary Jules)
34. "Adeste Fideles" is the Latin version of which Christmas carol? **O Come All Ye Faithful**
35. Which band, who enjoyed the Christmas No. 1 single in 1973, would deliberately misspell words or letters on their hit records? **Slade** (on the original 45 record label, the letter 's' in 'Merry Xmas Everybody' is spelt back to front)
36. Who composed the music known as The Nutcracker Suite, for the Christmas themed ballet The Nutcracker? **Tchaikovsky**
37. Who duetted with Robbie Williams on his 2001 Christmas number 1, 'Something Stupid'? **Nicole Kidman**

Sadly missed in 2016

These are questions about well known celebrities who sadly passed away in 2016.

38. A long running mainstay of Coronation Street, Hilda Ogden (aka Jean Alexander) left the show on Christmas Day in 1987 to do what? **She became a doctor's housekeeper (in Derbyshire)**
39. David Bowie, who was one of stars of the 1983 film 'Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence', released a classic album in 1972. Whilst often shortened to just 'Ziggy Stardust', what is the album's full title? **The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars**

40. Whose festive TV Special in 2000 promised us Christmas with 'All the Trimmings'? **Victoria Wood**
41. 'Hallelujah Noel be it Heaven or Hell, the Christmas we get we deserve' were the profound lyrics of a 1975 Christmas hit, for which celebrated prog-rocker? **Greg Lake** (his recent death followed close on the heels of the death of his former band mate Keith Emerson, in March 2016). The 1975 song of course was 'I believe in Father Christmas'
42. "Que!" Andrew Sachs' brilliant comedy creation of 'Manuel' in Fawlty Towers allegedly hailed from which Spanish city? **Barcelona** (though when televised in Spain, the dubbed version had him as being from Naples)
43. Legendary singer and poet Leonard Cohen wrote the anthemic song 'Hallelujah' in 1984, which provided the UK Christmas No 1 single in 2008 for whom? **Alexandra Burke** (three cheers for the X Factor eh!)
44. Who was the star of 'Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory', the popular 1971 film based on a Roald Dahl story. **Gene Wilder**
45. Muhammad Ali wasn't known for pulling any punches in or out of the ring. Who did he once accuse of being 'so ugly that when he cries, the tears turn around and go down the back of his head'? **Joe Frazier**
46. Complete the punchline for this Ronnie Corbett joke: 'A grandfather has gone missing after eating four cans of baked beans, two cauliflowers and a jar of gherkins. His family have made an emotional appeal'...? **'For him not to come home for at least a fortnight'**
47. The fans of which legendary broadcaster have campaigned to get his (not-so legendary) rendition of 'The Floral Dance' to No 1 this Christmas? **Terry Wogan** (as with everything else he did, Terry didn't take his 1978 chart success with the song too seriously)