

## ET4Bs Christmas Quiz 2022 (including answers)

### Christmas-themed Entertainment (TV, Films, and Music)

1. Despite trying your best to forget them, the following Christmas No 1 novelty records will probably be etched on your brain forever. Put the songs in the order they were originally hits, earliest first?
  - a) Mr Blobby by Mr Blobby
  - b) There's no-one quite like grandma by St Winifred's school choir
  - c) I love sausage rolls by Ladbaby
  - d) Can we fix it? by Bob the Builder
2. Complete this line from the popular carol, Good King Wenceslas: 'Brightly shone the moon that night.....?'
3. Who was the male co-star of the 1954 film White Christmas, alongside Bing Crosby who sang the record-breaking title tune?
4. Michael Andrews (ft Gary Jules) had a surprise Christmas No 1 in 2003 after their version of the song, *Mad World*, had been featured in which cult film?
5. Henry Travers appears opposite James Stewart in many of the key scenes of which classic 1940s Christmas-eve based feel-good film directed by Frank Capra?
6. In 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney, which part of his anatomy was tickled after getting stuck (and remember, this is supposed to be a family quiz!)?'
7. Which festive character is it said will 'go down in history', according to the popular kids tune.
8. Which traditional pantomime does the character Buttons appear in?
9. Based on the popular carol, how many ships were seen 'sailing in, on Christmas Day in the morning'?
10. According to the Christmas favourite *Fairytale of New York*, what were the 'boys of the NYPD choir' singing?
11. Which two acts have jointly scored the most Christmas number 1 singles in the UK, with 4 each? A point for each.
12. What is the well-known opening line to Nat King Cole's classic 'Christmas Song'?
13. The *Inside No 9* episode 'The Devil of Christmas' featured folklore about which Santa Claus' alter-ego, who is said to punish naughty children?
14. In 2003, the final (apart from all the repeats of course) '*Only Fools and Horses*' Christmas special aired. Complete the title of the hit episode: Sleepless in...?

### General Christmas-themed knowledge

15. Before turkey became the most popular celebratory lunch, which other 'treat' was traditionally eaten at Christmas in the UK? Was it: a) hog's head, b) tripe, or c) cow heels?
16. King Charles III is expected to deliver his first Christmas speech on 25 December. Which UK monarch began this annual tradition of broadcasting to the nation and commonwealth? A bonus point if you can guess the year of that first broadcast (two years either way permitted).
17. In days of old, if you went 'Wassailing' at this time of year, what would you be doing?
18. Which 4-letter word, synonymous with Christmas, actually comes from an olde traditional (believed to be pagan) Germanic festival?
19. According to a rather bleak quotation in which CS Lewis book, is the fictional land of Narnia said to be 'Always winter but never Christmas'?
20. Which Roman mythological god of love shares his name with one of Santa's reindeer?
21. The tradition of sending Christmas cards, as we now know them, first became popular in the 19th century. In which country did the tradition originate: Was it: a) USA, b) Germany, or c) UK?

22. Approximately how many turkeys are said to be consumed in the UK each year at Christmas? Is it: a) 5 million, b) 10 million, c) 15 million or d) 20 million?

### **So that was 2022 – bad as all that?**

These questions commemorate a few famous (and infamous) events, as well as some well-known and revered people who passed away, over the last 12 months.

23. In 2022, Liz Truss suffered the ignominy of being the shortest serving Prime Minister in UK history. How long did her ill-fated tenure last? Was it a total of: a) 40 days, b) 50 days or c) 55 days (the answer required is inclusive of both the first and last days)?
24. During the short period of Liz Truss's premiership, HM Queen Elizabeth II sadly passed away. How many years young was the Queen at her death?
25. Which West Ham footballer was featured in an online video kicking his cat as a 'joke'?
26. Who performed the UK entry at the 2022 Eurovision Song Contest, finishing 2nd to Ukraine?
27. At which location was the first ever UK weather temperature above 40°C recorded, in July 2022? Was it a) Hyde Park, London, b) Royston, Herts, or c) Coningsby, Lincs?
28. In more spine-chilling news, the so called *Wagatha Christie* trial concluded, with Rebekah Vardy unsuccessful in her High Court defamation case brought against Colleen Rooney. In the case, Ms Rooney had apparently laid out a trail of false leads, in order to identify (Ms Vardy as) the alleged source of various newspaper leaks. Which of these was NOT quoted in court as one of these false stories: a) Ms Rooney had visited Mexico b) her basement had flooded c) she had crashed her car, or d) she planned to appear on *Strictly come dancing*.
29. Whose application to trademark her brand as "Queen of Christmas" was unsuccessful, in 2022?
30. 'I saayyy', Leslie Phillips had rather a good innings didn't he, passing away at age 98 in November. Which of these *Carry On* films did he appear in: a) Carry on abroad, b) Carry on constable, or c) Carry on at your convenience?
31. *Great Balls of Fire* singer and performer Jerry Lee Lewis passed away in October, aged 87. How old was his under-age cousin, whom he married in 1957, causing an international uproar from which his career never really recovered?
32. Before his international success in the *Harry Potter* films, Robbie Coltrane (who died in October) had established himself as a popular headline actor, in mainly comic roles. However, one of his straight roles gave him his biggest TV success, with the character of Fitz in *Cracker* earning him three consecutive BAFTA awards for Best Actor. What was his character's name, 'Fitz', short for? Was it: a) Fitzgerald, b) Fitzpatrick or c) Fitzwilliam?
33. London born Angela Lansbury later moved to the US, where she starred in *Murder, she wrote*, set in the fictional idyllic town of Cabot Cove (which, counter-intuitively, proved to have the highest per capita murder rate in history). Before then, which of these classic family films did Angela star in: a) Mary Poppins (1964), b) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968), or c) Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971)?
34. Raymond Briggs died in August having written the book, and introduced (on its original release in 1982), the Channel 4 Christmas short film favourite, *The Snowman*. Which two UK stars (both sadly now also deceased) subsequently recorded alternative introductions to the film (a point for each)?
35. Olivia Newton-John passed away in August after a long illness. One of the relatively lower points of her (otherwise highly successful) career was singing the UK entry in the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest. Was the song called: a) Long live love, b) A little more love, or c) I honestly love you?
36. Avuncular actor and singer Bernard Cribbins died in July at age 93. After making novelty records such as *Right Said Fred*, he moved onto film, stage, and TV, featuring regularly in *The Wombles* and *Jackanory* amongst many other programmes. What was the name of his

sometimes grumpy but kind-hearted character in the 1970 film favourite *The Railway Children*? Was it a) Jenks, b) Sparks, or c) Perks?

37. Lester Pigott passed away in May after a stellar career as a jockey. He still holds the record for the number of times he won the Epsom Derby? Was this: a) 7 times, b) 8 times, c) 9 times or d) 10 times?
38. Tough guy actor Denis Waterman passed away in May, aged 74. Establishing himself initially as a child actor, which schoolboy character (from the books created by Richmal Crompton) did he play on TV in the early 1960s?
39. Smoothie Peter Bowles had a highly successful career as a character and leading-man actor, more or less up to his death in March, starring regularly in series such as *To the manor born*, *Rumpole of the Bailey*, *Only when I laugh* and *Perfect Scoundrels*, to name just a few. In the more recent TV series *Victoria* (loosely based on the life of Queen Victoria), which role did he play: a) Prince Albert, b) Benjamin Disraeli, or c) the Duke of Wellington?
40. Record breaking Aussie spin-bowler Shane Warne died suddenly in March, aged just 52. In an unusual statistical feat, he *twice* took the same career best figures of 8 wickets for 71 runs against England, at the same ground. Was that ground: a) Melbourne Cricket Ground, b) Adelaide Oval, or c) The Gabba, Brisbane?
41. Anna Karen, who passed away in February, played 'Aunt Sal' in *Eastenders* and, before that she played Stan Butler's dowdy sister Olive in *'On the buses'* (how we laughed – well maybe not, our expectations of TV comedy were more limited in those days!). Is it true or false that Anna appeared alongside Barbara Windsor in the film *Carry on Camping* (1969)?
42. Consummate joker Barry Cryer passed away in January. Is it true or false that Barry had a UK number 1 single in the 1950s with *The Purple People Eater*?
43. Force of nature performer Marvin Lee Aday, aka Meat Loaf, died in January 2022 (following quite soon after the death of his main writing collaborator, Jim Steinman, in 2021). Taken from his smash late-1970s album *Bat out of Hell*, which song is introduced by the (spoken) question 'On a hot summer night, would you offer your throat to the wolf with the red roses?'
44. Sidney Poitier who died in January became the first black actor to win a Best Actor Academy Award in the 1960s. For which of these trail-blazing films was he NOT Oscar nominated for Best Actor: a) Blackboard Jungle, b) The Defiant Ones or c) Lilies of the field?
45. Actress Ruth Madoc, passed away only recently in early-December. What was the name of her (nice but dim) character in *Hi de hi*, which provided her most famous TV role?
46. Multi-talented singer/songwriter Christine McVie passed away in November aged 79. What was her maiden name before she married fellow Fleetwood Mac member John McVie? Was it: a) Ideal, b) Wonder, c) Marvel or d) Perfect?