

The Christmas Quiz for Work

Twenty-four questions in four rounds, built for a team that did not choose to be there. Nothing needs a religious upbringing, a British childhood or a drink in hand.

4 rounds · 24 questions · about 35 min

ROUND 1 — The office party, historically

Where the traditions your company is re-enacting actually came from.

1. The Christmas cracker was invented in Victorian London by a man whose day job was what?
 - ☐ A A printer
 - ☐ B A sweet maker
 - ☐ C A toy seller
 - ☐ D A chemist
2. What is the name of the gift exchange where each person draws one colleague's name at random?
 - ☐ A Secret Santa
 - ☐ B Gift roulette
 - ☐ C The Christmas draw
 - ☐ D Santa's lottery
3. Christmas Jumper Day, now an office fixture in the UK, was launched in 2012 by which charity?
 - ☐ A Comic Relief
 - ☐ B Save the Children
 - ☐ C Oxfam
 - ☐ D Shelter
4. One widely accepted explanation for the name Boxing Day is that boxes of what were handed out on 26 December?

(open question)
5. In Japan, the end-of-year party that companies hold for their staff is called what?

(open question)
6. Which UK retailer's Christmas advert has been treated as an annual national event since 2007?
 - ☐ A Marks & Spencer
 - ☐ B Sainsbury's
 - ☐ C John Lewis
 - ☐ D Boots

ROUND 2 — Year end around the world

Useful round if the team is spread across more than one country.

7. In which country is a “13th month” Christmas bonus not a perk but a legal requirement for employers?

- ☐ A The Philippines
- ☐ B Singapore
- ☐ C South Africa
- ☐ D Chile

8. In Sweden, the big festive spread that workplaces and families lay on is called what?

- ☐ A Julbord
- ☐ B Smorgasfest
- ☐ C Vinterbord
- ☐ D Julafton

9. In Spain, offices and departments commonly club together to buy tickets for what, every December?

(open question)

10. In Iceland, what are people traditionally given on Christmas Eve, to the point that the publishing year is built around it?

- ☐ A Books
- ☐ B Wool socks
- ☐ C Chocolate
- ☐ D Candles

11. In Ireland, 26 December is a public holiday known as what?

(open question)

12. In Germany and Austria, the outdoor Christmas market that the office trip inevitably ends up at is called what?

(open question)

ROUND 3 — Christmas on screen

Crowd-pleaser round. Expect this one to be loud.

13. In the American series The Office, Michael ruins Secret Santa by converting it into what?

- ☐ A A raffle
- ☐ B A Yankee Swap
- ☐ C An auction
- ☐ D A sealed-bid exchange

14. In *Love Actually*, what is the job of the character played by Hugh Grant?

- ☐ A Publisher
- ☐ B Prime Minister
- ☐ C Barrister
- ☐ D Record producer

15. In *Elf*, which New York department store does Buddy end up working in?

- ☐ A Macy's
- ☐ B Bloomingdale's
- ☐ C Gimbels
- ☐ D Saks

16. In *The Holiday*, what do the two main characters swap for the Christmas break?

(open question)

17. In *Scrooged*, what is the job of the character played by Bill Murray?

- ☐ A Advertising executive
- ☐ B Television executive
- ☐ C Property developer
- ☐ D Newspaper editor

18. In *It's a Wonderful Life*, what is the name of the town?

(open question)

ROUND 4 — True or false

Fast round. Read them straight through with no pause and mark at the end.

19. True or false: the Christmas tree was popularised in Britain by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert.

- ☐ A True
- ☐ B False

20. True or false: Coca-Cola invented the red-suited Santa.

- ☐ A True
- ☐ B False

21. True or false: the poinsettia is named after a person.

- ☐ A True
- ☐ B False

22. True or false: mistletoe, the plant people are made to kiss under, is a parasite.

- ☐ A True
- ☐ B False

23. True or false: writing "Xmas" is a modern invention by advertisers who wanted to save space.

- ☐ A True
- ☐ B False

24. True or false: in Norway there is a tradition of hiding the household brooms on Christmas Eve.

- ☐ A True
- ☐ B False