

# Christmas TRIVIA

How much do you really know about the most wonderful time of the year?

1. How much did the holiday classic *Elf* earn at the box office?  
*More than \$200 million*
2. In what state does *A Christmas Story* take place? *Indiana*
3. How many toys were collected during the first Toys for Tots drive in Los Angeles in 1947? *Over 5,000*
4. What were branches on the first artificial Christmas trees made of?  
*Dyed goose feathers*
5. In what country is it a tradition to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) on Christmas? *Japan. Orders must be placed up to two months in advance.*
6. How many Oscars did *Miracle on 34th Street* win? *Three*
7. According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, what is the best-selling Christmas/holiday single in the United States?  
*"White Christmas" by Bing Crosby.*
8. In *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000), what is the Grinch's costume made of? *Yak hair*
9. In what year did *A Charlie Brown's Christmas* debut? *1965*
10. What holiday decoration was originally made with strands of silver? *Tinsel*
11. On average, how long does it take for a tree to reach the ideal Christmas tree height (6-7 feet)? *15 years*
12. How many weeks did it take Charles Dickens to write *A Christmas Carol*? *Six*



13. What movie takes place in a real-life department store?  
*Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*
14. When and in what city did *The Nutcracker* ballet premiere in the United States? *1944 in San Francisco*
15. What store sold the first pre-lit Christmas trees? *Target*
16. What did Harry Potter get for his first Christmas at Hogwarts?  
*An invisibility cloak*
17. How many holiday cards are sold annually according to the National Greeting Card Association? *1.6 billion*
18. Which ocean should you travel to if you want to visit Christmas Island? *Indian Ocean*
19. Who invented electric Christmas lights?  
*Thomas Edison in 1880*
20. What is the opening song in *The Nightmare Before Christmas*?  
*"This is Halloween"*
21. Approximately how many lights does the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree in New York City have? *More than 25,000*
22. What was the first song played in space?  
*"Fingle Bells." It was played by the space crew of NASA's Gemini 6A.*
23. If you receive all the presents from the "12 Days of Christmas" song, how many gifts would you have? *364*
24. What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising? *Coca-Cola*
25. According to *National Geographic Kids*, how many LEGO sets are sold about every second during the Christmas season? *28*
26. What is the first song to ever mention Santa Claus?  
*"Up on the Housetop"*
27. How many Christmas tree farms can you find in the United States? *Nearly 15,000*
28. In what year did NORAD (North America Aerospace Defense Command) start tracking Santa on Christmas Eve? *1955*
29. What other names has Clara from *The Nutcracker* gone by?  
*Maria and Marie*
30. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish? *"Feliz Navidad"*
31. What original recording of a holiday song was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1974? *"The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)" by Nat King Cole.*



32. According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, how tall was the world's tallest cut Christmas tree? *A Douglas fir measured 221 feet and was put on display at a shopping center in Seattle in 1950.*
33. What was the first state to declare Christmas an official holiday? *Alabama*
34. What did holiday retail sales total in 2020? *\$789.4 billion*
35. Which country started the tradition of putting up Christmas trees? *Germany*
36. Who narrated the classic 1966 TV special *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*? *Boris Karloff*
37. What country is the poinsettia native to? *Mexico*
38. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Hawaiian? *Mele Kalikimaka*
39. What was the second song to ever be broadcast on the radio? *"O Holy Night"*
40. How many states grow Christmas trees? *All 50 states grow Christmas trees, including Alaska and Hawaii.*
41. What does the holiday wreath represent? *The red berries represent the blood of Jesus and the wreath shape represents the crown of thorns.*
42. In what year did the first U.S. Christmas postage stamp go on sale? *1962*
43. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch"? *Eggnog*
44. What beloved holiday classic was a box office bust when released in 1946? *It's a Wonderful Life*
45. What two alternate names did Rudolph creator Robert May consider for his star character? *Reginald and Rollo*
46. The first known Christmas tree in the White House was placed in the Second Floor Oval Room by which U.S. president? *Benjamin Harrison*
47. What 225-ton gift was given to the United States by the French on Christmas in 1886? *The Statue of Liberty*
48. What are two popular names for Santa Claus? *Kris Kringle and Saint Nick*
49. How many reindeer are in the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas?" *Eight. There was no Rudolph.*
50. Which Oscar-winning actor played six different roles in the movie *The Polar Express*? *Tom Hanks*

