

# Embracing Age Big Christmas Quiz 2023 - ANSWERS

## ROUND 1: Christmas cards

1. The first recorded Christmas card was sent by Michael Maier, a German physician, in which year? **(a) 1611**
2. For a bonus point, who did Michael Maier send this card to? **King James I of England and his son the Prince of Wales**
3. The first commercially available Christmas card was commissioned by Henry Cole and designed by John Callcott Horsley in which year? **(b) 1843**
4. And how big was the initial print run of this card? **(c) 1000**
5. For a bonus point, according to the Postal Museum website (but don't cheat and look it up!), who sent the first official Christmas card? **Queen Victoria**
6. As printing methods improved, Christmas cards became much more popular and were produced in large numbers around which year? **(b) 1860**
7. When did robins first appear on Christmas cards? **(c) 1880s**
8. For a bonus point, why did robins become a popular image on Christmas cards? **In Victorian times, postmen were nicknamed 'robins' because of their red coloured uniforms, and from there the robin on the Christmas card came to represent the postman who delivered the card**
9. According to the Royal Family's official website, approximately how many cards did Queen Elizabeth II send each year? **(b) 750**
10. For a bonus point, when did the Queen typically begin signing her cards each year? **During her summer trip to Balmoral**

## True or false?

Favourite Christmas cards from the Victorian era depicted the following images..

11. A frog and a stag beetle slow dancing? **True**
12. A mouse riding a lobster? **True**
13. A child in a teacup? **True**
14. Hares riding bicycles? **True**
15. 3 flies on a sugar cube? **True**
16. Mischievous clowns? **True**
17. Violin-playing cats? **True**

18. In 2017 robins were more widely featured on Christmas cards than polar bears?  
**False**
19. Early British Christmas cards rarely showed winter or religious themes, instead favouring flowers, fairies and designs that reminded the recipient of the approach of spring **True**
20. In the UK, Christmas cards account for approximately 20% of the volume of greeting card sales. **False (almost 50%)**

## ROUND 2: Christmas greetings

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| 1. Joyeux Noël - <b>French</b>              | 11. Feliz Navidad - <b>Spanish</b>                 |
| 2. Nadelik Lowen - <b>Cornish</b>           | 12. آپکو بڑا دن اور نیا سال مبارک ہو - <b>Urdu</b> |
| 3. Happy Holidays - <b>US English</b>       | 13. Nadolig Llawen - <b>Welsh</b>                  |
| 4. Buon Natale - <b>Italian</b>             | 14. Καλά Χριστούγεννα - <b>Greek</b>               |
| 5. 圣诞快乐 - <b>Chinese</b>                    | 15. Glædelig jul - <b>Danish</b>                   |
| 6. Fröhliche Weihnachten -<br><b>German</b> | 16. Nollaig Shona Duit - <b>Irish</b>              |
| 7. Geseende Kersfees - <b>Afrikaans</b>     | 17. Prettige kerstdagen - <b>Dutch</b>             |
| 8. Čestit Božić - <b>Croatian</b>           | 18. メリークリスマスそしてよいお年を -<br><b>Japanese</b>          |
| 9. Feliz Natal - <b>Portuguese</b>          | 19. Selamat Hari Natal - <b>Indonesian</b>         |
| 10. Gëzuar Krishtlindjet - <b>Albanian</b>  | 20. Wesolych Świąt - <b>Polish</b>                 |

### ROUND 3: Christmas anagrams

1. SPRETENS - **PRESENTS** (both)
2. NILEB LEGJLS - **JINGLE BELLS** (children)
3. KRETYU - **TURKEY** (care home residents)
4. FRESH TO BUJIS - **BIRTH OF JESUS** (care home residents)
5. SHIRTSEET CRAM - **CHRISTMAS TREE** (both)
6. RICHER VECCUSH - **CHURCH SERVICE** (care home residents)
7. SKONESWALF - **SNOWFLAKES** (children)
8. TYOS - **TOYS** (children)
9. SCOMRARLS CATISH - **CHRISTMAS CAROLS** (care home residents)
10. GITHLS - **LIGHTS** (children)
11. HACLECOOT - **CHOCOLATE** (children)
12. MIDLINE DAR SYNAFF - **FRIENDS AND FAMILY** (care home residents)
13. TRAVAN DADCENEL - **ADVENT CALENDAR** (children)
14. SCODETRAIN - **DECORATIONS** (both)
15. SENIP MICE - **MINCE PIES** (care home residents)
16. NASTA - **SANTA** (children)
17. SCISKGONT - **STOCKINGS** (both)
18. SGUWHIP AN - **WASHING UP** (care home residents)
19. TEAPONTEN - **PANETTONE** (care home residents)
20. RAST - **STAR** (children)

## ROUND 4: Christmas gifts

Can you put these classic Christmas gifts in order of when they were first released in the UK?

- Meccano 1901/1907
- Hornby clockwork train 1920
- Mickey Mouse toy 1930
- Monopoly 1935
- Slinky 1943
- Plastic Lego 1949
- Matchbox cars 1953
- Scalextrix 1957
- Etch a Sketch 1960
- Sindy doll 1963

Can you sort these favourite toys into the decade in which they were first popular?

### 1970s

- Space hopper
- Star Wars figures
- Weebles
- Uno game
- Pippa doll

### 1980s

- Rubik's Cube
- Care Bears
- Cabbage Patch Kid dolls
- Transformers
- Sylvanian Families

### 1990s

- Baby BORN toy
- Beanie Babies
- Buzz Lightyear
- Tamagotchi
- Furby

### 2000s

- Bratz dolls
- Nintendo DS
- Iggle Piggle soft toy
- High School Musical dance mat
- Zhu Zhu pets

### 2010s

- Ninjago lego series
- Minecraft toys
- Loom bands
- Hatchimals
- Fidget spinners (mass market)

## ROUND 5: Picture Round

1. Mug handle
2. Microphone
3. Holly berry
4. Church cross
5. Felt tip pens
6. Emergency exit sign
7. Zebra crossing
8. Clarinet
9. Knitting
10. Shoe
11. Broccoli
12. Bicycle pedal
13. Fire extinguisher
14. £1 coin
15. Remote control

## ROUND 6: Famous duos and groups

### From stage and screen

Liesl, Friedrich, Louisa, Kurt, Brigitta, Marta & Gretl (60s)  
Wayne & Garth (90s)  
Elphaba & Glinda (00s)  
Fred & Ginger (1930s on)  
Laurel & Hardy - 20s to 50s

### TV partnerships

Ant & Dec  
Anton, Motzi, Shirley & Craig  
Rachel, Ross, Monica, Chandler, Joey & Phoebe  
Morecombe & Wise - Eric and Ernie  
McDonald & Dodds

### Disney duos

Troy and Gabriella  
Mickey and Minnie  
Pumbaa & Timon  
Woody and Buzz  
Anna and Elsa

### Children's classics

Tom & Jerry  
Barbie & Ken  
Mario & Luigi  
Scooby Doo & Shaggy  
Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa-Laa, Po

### Books:

Harry, Ron, Hermione  
Romeo & Juliet  
Meg, Jo, Beth & Amy (Little Women)  
Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson  
George, Julian, Anne, Dick, Timmy (Famous Five)

### Musical duos and groups

Simon & Garfunkel - 60s  
Phil & Don (Everley) 40s  
Chas & Dave - 70s  
Wham - George & Andrew 80s  
Karen & Richard (Carpenter) 70s  
John, Paul, Ringo and George (Beatles)  
Niall, Liam, Louis, Zayn & Harry (One Direction)  
Emma, Victoria, Melanie, Melanie & Geri (Spice Girls)  
Agnetha, Anni-Frid, Benny and Bjorn (ABBA)  
Freddie, Roger, John & Brian (Queen)