

# CHRISTMAS QUIZ

First, match the words in **bold** with the pictures. Then decide if the following sentences are true or false in the UK.

- 1) **Santa** (or **Father Christmas**) enters your house through the chimney and the **fireplace**.
- 2) Traditionally, if you hang a **stocking** by the **fireplace**, Santa will fill it with money.
- 3) Father Christmas travels on a **sleigh** pulled by **reindeer**.
- 4) Santa lives in the **North Pole**, and if English children send a letter to Santa, Santa's Grotto, Reindeerland, SAN TA1, he will reply.
- 5) It is traditional to kiss people underneath the **mistletoe**.
- 6) Now, **holly** is used as a **decoration**, but traditionally, it was to protect us against evil spirits.
- 7) It is bad luck to have Christmas **decorations** up after the 6th January.
- 8) Traditionally, **crackers** contain jokes, hats and food.
- 9) English people traditionally eat **turkey** on Christmas Day.
- 10) It is illegal to eat **mince pies** on Christmas Day.
- 11) It is traditional to cook money (for example, a £10 note) inside a **Christmas Pudding**.
- 12) The Mariah Carey song "All I want for Christmas is you" is a **carol**.
- 13) The day before Christmas is called **Christmas Eve**, and the day after is called Boxing Day.
- 14) There are 25 days on an **advent calendar**.
- 15) **Snowmen** are traditionally dressed as Santa.
- 16) We have used the word "Xmas" instead of 'Christmas' for over 500 years.



# TEACHER'S NOTES

## 1 - Introduction + Activity

Introduce the activity by seeing how many of the pictures the students can identify. Then give them time to match the words in bold with the pictures (or parts of pictures) and discuss which sentences they think are true in the UK.

Monitor the students and give help/clues where necessary. Note: Christmas Eve is on the advent Calendar (24<sup>th</sup>) and several of the pictures could be called decorations.

## 2 - Feedback

Elicit answers from the students.

- 1) True
- 2) False (he fills it with presents)
- 3) True
- 4) True - this is a service from the post office!
- 5) True
- 6) Apparently this is true - a long, long time ago!
- 7) True - if you forget to take them down, you should leave them up till the next Christmas to avoid more bad luck.
- 8) False - jokes and hats, but not food.
- 9) True-ish. Although goose and other fowl are also eaten.
- 10) True, but it's one of those old laws which aren't enforced anymore. If you don't believe me, look at this website: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/6204511.stm> (obviously everything on the internet is true!)
- 11) False - coins, not £10 notes!
- 12) False. Carols are songs of praise or joy - not pop songs.
- 13) True. Sorry I couldn't find a picture for Boxing day!
- 14) False-ish. When I was a child, advent calendars had 24, but some do have 25 nowadays.
- 15) False. Carrot noses, coal for eyes, scarfs and hats are the usual.
- 16) True (according to Webster's dictionary). It uses the Greek letter 'chi' which looks like an 'x' in English.

## 3 - Follow-up

The true/false sentences could be used as prompts for the students to discuss and compare with Christmas festivities in their own countries. (e.g. for number 1 - does Father Christmas travel in a sleigh? Is it pulled by reindeer?).

Or, students could create their own true/false quiz about a festival in their country.

Or, the Mariah Carey song 'all I want for Christmas' uses some of this vocabulary - if you can find the lyrics on the internet, you could make a gap fill for this!

