



Kids' Winter Holiday Trivia Questions



1. Which number is the most symbolic of the Kwanzaa celebration?
2. How tall was the biggest working menorah for a Hanukkah celebration?
3. On what date does the Bible say Jesus Christ was born?
4. What was the first Christmas Day called?
5. When do the Twelve Days of Christmas start and end?
6. What famous Wonder of the World is thought to be associated with ancient Winter Solstice celebrations?
7. Which famous emperor chose January first as New Year's Day?
8. Which country is the first to celebrate New Year's Day each year?
9. Chinese New Year is marked each year by one of 12 different what?
10. The nine days of Las Posadas honor the nine months Mary spent doing what?
11. Saint Nicholas is thought to be the inspiration for Santa Clause, but Saint Nicholas Day is celebrated on this other day in December.
12. Groundhog Day falls on February 2nd, which is exactly halfway between what two celestial events?
13. Valentine's Day was named after a saint, but how many different saints named Valentine does the Catholic Church recognize?
14. Which March holiday is the last major holiday celebrated before winter ends and spring officially begins.
15. During the Norse celebration of Yule people believed each spark from the burning log would bring what?
16. Boxing Day is a British holiday that celebrates what kind of action?
17. The Chinese Dongzhi Festival celebrates the winter solstice and literally means "winter" does what?
18. Today Advent spans the four Sundays before Christmas, but how long were the first Advent celebrations?
19. Saturnalia is a Greek winter holiday that honors which Greek god?
20. Which winter holiday is celebrated in nearly every country around the world?





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Answers



1. Seven. There are seven letters in Kwanzaa and seven days for the celebration that includes seven principles and seven primary symbols.
2. It was 60 feet tall and built in 1997. They used a crane to lift a Rabbi each night to light the candles.
3. The Bible does not give a date for his birth so Pope Julius I chose December 25th.
4. Christians decided to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th and called it the Feast of the Nativity.
5. From December 25 to January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas because some Christians celebrate Epiphany on January 6.
6. Stonehenge is positioned to face the sunset on Winter Solstice, so some believe it was used in celebrations of the holiday.
7. Julius Caesar selected the date to honor Janus, the god of beginnings.
8. The small pacific island nation of Tonga is the first to experience January first each year.
9. Animals. Each year is symbolized by either the horse, sheep, monkey, chicken, dog, pig, rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, or snake.
10. Being pregnant with the baby Jesus.
11. It's celebrated on what was believed to be his birthday, December 6th.
12. Winter solstice and the spring equinox.
13. Three. That's why no one really knows which saint Valentine's Day was inspired by.
14. Saint Patrick's Day is on March 17 making it the last holiday before spring starts on March 20.
15. The birth of a new piglet or calf.
16. Charitable giving.
17. It means "winter arrives."
18. In the early days, advent lasted 40 days.
19. Saturn, the god of agriculture.
20. New Year's is celebrated by many countries, although some celebrate on different days depending on which type of calendar they use.

