

HOLIDAYS



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Christmas	
1. Which two of Santa's reindeer have names that start with the letter "C"?	Comet & Cupid
2. What is Santa Claus' name in England?	Father Christmas
3. What did your true love give you on the eighth day of Christmas?	Eight Maids-a-milkin'
4. Before modern heating systems, how did Santa sneak into houses?	Down the chimney
5. What round festoon do some people hang on their doors?	A wreath
6. What tree is the symbol of Christmas?	A pine/ evergreen tree
7. Who builds the toys in Santa's workshop?	The elves
8. Whose birth does Christmas celebrate?	Jesus
9. What solar event occurs around Christmas?	Winter solstice
10. What is another name for a song sung around Christmastime?	A carol
11. What were the names of the Three Wise Men who visited baby Jesus?	Melchior, Gaspar, & Balthazar
12. According to Charles Dickens, who are the three spirits of Christmas?	Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, & Yet to Come (Future)
13. What did the Three Wise Men bring baby Jesus?	Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh
14. What color was Rudolph's nose?	Red
15. The Belsnickle is which country or group of people's equivalent of Santa?	German or Pennsylvania Dutch

16. What city did Mary & Joseph have to return to for the census, in which Jesus was born?	Bethlehem
17. Who was the main character in the movie "A Christmas Story"?	Ralphie (Parker)
18. In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", what happens every time a bell rings?	"An angel gets its wings"
19. What does Susan finally receive in "Miracle on 34 th Street"?	A house & family
20. What was the name of the Grinch's dog?	Max
21. Who explains to Charlie Brown "what Christmas is all about"?	Linus van Pelt
22. What was the famous Christmas poem that first mentioned Santa with a sleigh and reindeer together?	"T'was the Night Before Christmas"
23. What does Mariah Carey want for Christmas?	(All I want for Christmas... is) "You!"
24. If the weather outside is frightful, and the fire is so delightful, what should you do?	"Let it Snow!"
25. On what date is Christmas celebrated?	December 25th
26. What animal carried Mary to Bethlehem?	A donkey
27. In the "Santa Clause" movies, what tool man played Santa Claus?	Tim Allen
28. In the movie "Jingle All the Way", what toy were Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad fighting over?	"Turbo Man" action figure
29. What was the name of Will Ferrell's character in the movie "Elf"?	Buddy

30. What Christmas carol was originally written for the guitar since the church organ was broken?	"Silent Night"
31. What is the German word for "evergreen tree"?	Tannenbaum
32. According to the song, how many days of Christmas are there in total?	12 (twelve)
33. What magical item brought Frosty the Snowman to life?	An (old, silk, black top) hat
34. Where does Santa Claus live?	The North Pole
35. What is hung by the fireplace for Santa to fill with toys?	Stockings
Chanukah	
36. How many nights long is the celebration of Chanukah?	8 (eight)
37. "Chanukah" is the Hebrew word meaning what?	"Dedication"
38. How many candles are on a Menorah?	9 (nine)
39. Who was hiding in the temple when the fuel meant for one day lasted for eight nights?	Judah Maccabee
40. What is a dreidel?	A top (child's toy)
41. What colors are on the Israeli flag?	Blue & white
42. What is the name of the "extra" candle, used to light the other candles of the Menorah?	The Shamash
43. How many sides are on a dreidel?	4 (four)
44. What is the Hebrew word for potato & onion pancakes fried in oil?	Latkes (or Livivot)

45. What is another word for coins or coin-shaped chocolates given during Chanukah?	Gelt
46. What type of filling is in traditional sufganiyots (donuts)?	Jelly
47. What is recited around the menorah as it is being lit?	A blessing
48. What popular comedian sang "The Hanukkah Song(s)"?	Adam Sandler
49. The Maccabees witnessed the first miracle of Chanukah in which city's Temple?	Jerusalem
50. What hymn is sung during the lighting of the candles each night?	"Ma'oz Tzur"
Kwanzaa	
51. What are the three main colors of Kwanzaa?	Red, black & green
52. What is the last day of the Kwanzaa celebration?	January 1 (or New Year's Day)
53. Who was the creator of Kwanzaa?	Dr. Maulana Karenga
54. What is the name of the candelabra in Kwanzaa?	The kinara
55. What does the word "Kwanzaa" mean?	"First fruits"
56. How long is Kwanzaa?	7 (seven) days

57. Name two of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.	Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity & Faith
58. What is the traditional greeting of Kwanzaa?	“Habari gani?” (or “What’s new?”)
59. What do all of the family members drink from each night?	The unity cup
60. Benne cakes are made from what seed?	Sesame seed
Halloween	
61. What is a house or hayride called that is supposedly infested with evil spirits?	Haunted
62. What is another name for Halloween?	All Hallow’s Eve
63. What color cat is considered unlucky?	A black cat
64. What do people typically wear on Halloween?	A costume
65. What phrase is used for going door to door asking for candy?	“Trick or Treat?”
66. What vegetable is most associated with Halloween?	A pumpkin
67. What does Charlie Brown keep getting in his trick-or-treat bag in “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown”?	Rocks
68. What is another name for a spirit that haunts a place or building?	A ghost
69. What do you call a dead person’s limousine?	A hearse

70. What type of pot do witches use for their brews?	Cauldrons
71. What do you call a pumpkin with a carved face?	Jack-o-lantern
72. Where did Ichabod Crane originally see the Headless Horseman?	Sleepy Hollow (on a bridge)
73. Who tries to combine Halloween with Christmas in "Nightmare before Christmas"?	Jack Skellington
74. Of all Fridays, which is considered most unlucky?	Friday 13 th
75. Name one of the three actresses in "Hocus Pocus".	Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, & Kathy Najimy
76. Who was the villain in the Halloween movies?	Michael Myers
77. Which Shakespearean Tale is best known for its three witches?	Macbeth
78. Finish the first line of the witches' incantation: "Double, double, toil and..."	"Trouble"
79. Who is also known as the "Friendly Ghost"?	Casper
80. What is the date on which we celebrate Halloween?	October 31 st
Easter	
81. On what day do Christians celebrate Jesus' death?	Good Friday
82. What mythological animal is associated with Easter?	The Easter Bunny

83. What food is both decorated and hidden on Easter?	Eggs
84. What Judy Garland and Fred Astaire musical can you hear “Stepping out with My Baby” in?	The Easter Parade
85. What day of the week does Easter always occur?	Sunday
86. Besides food coloring, what liquid is used to dye eggs?	Vinegar
87. This company makes “Crème Eggs”, which are chocolate on the outside, and filled with white and yellow colored fondant on the inside.	Cadbury
88. What holiday is celebrated a week before Easter?	Palm Sunday
89. Easter is the first Sunday following the first full moon after what solar event?	Spring Equinox
90. Easter is closely related to what Jewish holiday, a feast celebrating the Jews leaving Egypt?	Passover
Thanksgiving	
91. Both the religious separatists and the non-religious settlers leaving Europe to come to America aboard the Mayflower are called what?	Pilgrims
92. What member of the Patuxet tribe helped the Pilgrims when he found them living in his village after disease had killed all the previous inhabitants?	Squanto
93. What is the name of the rock inscribed with the year of arrival of the Pilgrims?	Plymouth Rock

94. What was the name of the first governing document of the Pilgrims?	Mayflower Compact
95. What man was the military advisor for the Pilgrims, but was made famous for his clumsy courtship by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow?	Myles Standish
96. What is the day after Thanksgiving better known as?	Black Friday
97. Which American painter created the iconic Thanksgiving day scene "Freedom from Want"?	Norman Rockwell
98. What has the Monday after Thanksgiving become known as?	Cyber Monday
99. What sport is famously watched after eating the Thanksgiving meal?	Football
100. What is Thanksgiving sometimes referred to as, named for the centerpiece food of the meal?	Turkey day
St. Patrick's Day	
101. St. Patrick's Day celebrates which country's culture?	Ireland
102. What did St. Patrick get rid of in Ireland?	Snakes
103. Which city famously dyes its river green to commemorate St. Patrick's Day?	Chicago
104. What food is often served on St. Patrick's Day?	Corned beef and cabbage
105. St. Patrick's Day is often celebrated with what drink?	Beer
106. What mythological group of people are known for hiding pots of gold?	Leprechauns

107. Where are Leprechauns said to hide their pots of gold?	At the end of the rainbow
108. If you wanted to gain the gift of speaking eloquently, what would you kiss in Ireland?	The Blarney Stone
109. What does “Erin go bragh” mean?	“Long live Ireland!” or “Ireland Forever!”
110. What plant is a symbol of good luck as well as Ireland?	Four-leafed clover
4th of July	
111. The 4 th of July commemorates the signing of what document?	Declaration of Independence
112. What year was the Declaration of Independence signed?	1776
113. What country did the U.S. declare independence from?	Great Britain/England
114. Who has the largest and first signature on the Declaration of Independence?	John Hancock
115. What were the first two battles of the American Revolution?	Battles of Lexington and Concord
116. When will the U.S.’s tercentennial be?	2076 (300 years after 1776)
117. The 4 th is often celebrated with what Chinese invention?	Fireworks
118. What American food was invented in Saratoga, and is thinly sliced deep-fried potatoes, seasoned with salt?	Potato chips
119. How many stars were on the first U.S. flag?	13 (Thirteen- one for each colony)

120. What city is the Liberty Bell, crack and all, located in?	Philadelphia
Valentine's Day	
121. What symbol of an internal organ is commonly associated with Valentine's Day?	Heart
122. In which country was Valentine's Day first celebrated?	England
123. What company is the largest manufacturer of Valentine's cards?	Hallmark
124. What winged infant, wielding a bow and arrow, started as the full-grown son of Venus in Roman myth?	Cupid
125. What pair of Shakespearian lovers both tragically died as a result of their forbidden love?	Romeo and Juliet
126. What company produces chocolates known as Kisses, as well as Hugs?	Hershey's
127. What letters are used to represent kisses and hugs in writing?	X's and O's
128. What is the name of the candy hearts with little messages written on them made by Necco?	Sweethearts / Conversation hearts
129. What perennial is the unofficial flower of Valentine's Day, and by any other name would smell just as sweet?	Rose
130. The St. Valentine's Day Massacre was a casualty in the battle between what two prohibition era gangsters?	Al Capone and Bugs Moran

New Year's	
131. What Scottish poem turned folk song means "days gone by" and is often used at New Year's?	Aud Lang Syne
132. What word comes from the Latin "confectum" and is tiny pieces of paper thrown at celebrations?	Confetti
133. Where in New York City is the famous New Year's Eve party held?	Times Square
134. Who hosted the televised New Year's Eve celebrations in Times Square from 1974 to 2012?	Dick Clark
135. What is dropped in Times Square to signify the coming of the New Year?	A ball
136. What was the name given to the year that many people feared a computer glitch would cause a technological crisis on New Year's Day?	Y2K
137. What year did Prince sing about celebrating like, due to the supposed impending end of the world?	(Party like it's...) 1999
138. What bubbly wine named for an area of France was branded as a royal drink?	Champagne
139. What is the most popular New Year's resolution in the U.S.?	Lose weight
140. Is midnight A.M. or P.M.?	Technically neither, but most commonly A.M.
Misc.	
141. What do Muslims do for the entire month of Ramadan?	Fast, or do not eat during the daylight

142. What festival ends Ramadan?	Eid al-Fitr
143. For which holiday are people encouraged to plant and care for trees?	Arbor Day
144. Labor Day is the first Monday of which month?	September
145. What September holiday was established to acknowledge the contribution of older members of our communities?	Grandparents Day
146. What Jewish holiday is known as the "Day of Atonement"?	Yom Kippur
147. What do we commemorate every Dec. 7 th since 1941?	Pearl Harbor, or America's entrance into WWII
148. What day is the shortest day, or the day with the shortest amount of sunlight?	Winter Solstice, December 21 st or 22 nd
149. What is another name for the Jewish New Year?	Rosh Hashanah
150. What event in his life does Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrate?	His birthday
151. What country was the first to implement Daylight Savings Time?	Germany (and Austria-Hungary)
152. What happens if the groundhog sees his shadow on Groundhog's Day?	There will be six more weeks of winter
153. Name six of the twelve zodiac animals used in Chinese New Year's.	Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig
154. Which two President's birthdays were combined to make President's Day?	Lincoln and Washington