

CHRISTMAS

Quiz

Take some time out from wrapping gifts and baking to try your hand at this Christmas Quiz. If you get all 20 questions correct, plus the bonus question you are a Christmas legend. Feel free to research the answers, or ask a friend.

- Diane Skinner

1. What movie stars Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby and is set at an inn? Hint: It was the first movie to present the song White Christmas.
2. Is Santa a smoker?
3. How many reindeer does Santa have?
4. What are the names of Santa's reindeer?
5. What Christmas cookie is made with molasses?
6. In what country does Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol take place?
7. In what Christmas song does someone ask for figgy pudding?
8. If you meet someone under the mistletoe, what should you do?
9. What did Joseph do for a living?
10. Who told the shepherds that Jesus was born?
11. In what country does Sinterklaas leave presents for children in wooden shoes?
12. In the movie National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, what animal jumps out of their Christmas tree?
13. In Night Before Christmas what is dancing in the children's heads?
14. What gifts do the three wise men bring to baby Jesus?
15. What is the famous Christmas ballet called?
16. What is Scrooge's first name?
17. Why was the Grinch so mean?
18. Who famously sang Blue Christmas?
19. On the Eleventh Day of Christmas my true love sent to me ...
20. How many times does Santa check his Naughty and Nice list?

Bonus Question: What are the names of the three wise men?

Answers on page 30



Here Comes Santa Claus!

The name Santa Claus evolved from Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Saint Nicholas in Dutch. Saint Nicholas was a monk in what is modern-day Turkey, known for his generosity and dedication to helping children and the needy. His feast day was eventually celebrated across Europe on the anniversary of his death, December 6, each year. The History Channel reports that Dutch settlers eventually brought the tradition to New Amsterdam (now New York City), and when stores began to advertise Christmas shopping in the 1820s, newspaper advertisements often featured images of Santa Claus.

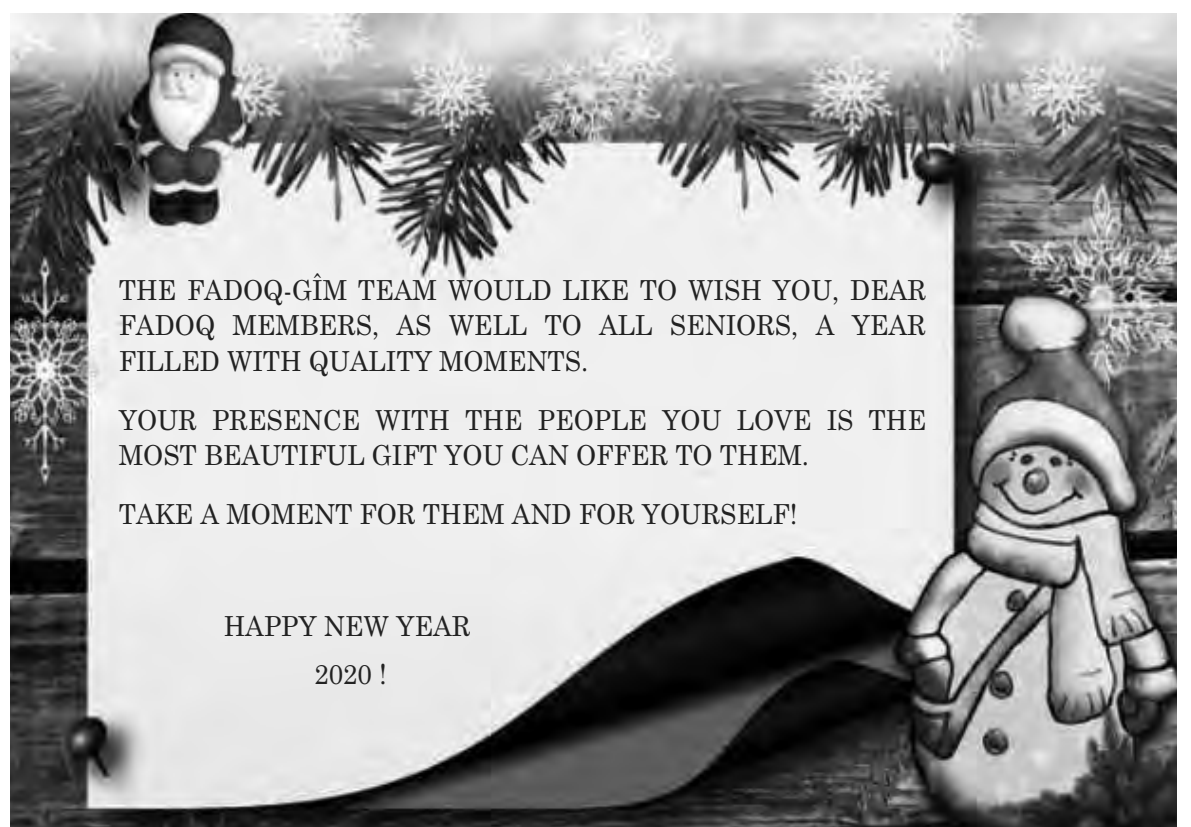
Clement Clarke Moore's 1822 Christmas poem entitled "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" (also known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas") helped cement our modern-day image of a jolly and generous Santa Claus traveling on a sleigh led by eight flying reindeer.

Christmas

Christmas is a time for sharing, laughter and caring. Let the Christmas spirit fill you with love and harmony and bring joy to you and your family this 2019. A merry heart is good medicine so let that special star shine its blessings in your heart this season and beyond.

Christ was born on Christmas day. The gladness of Christmas is hope and the heart of Christmas is love. Let your community spark that flame of hospitality this holiday season. Jolly surprises, hearts filled with cheers and Santa's surprise gifts can make happy families this holiday season. Precious moments along with those tasty sweets should serve as a Christmas reminder of how much Christmas means to us all.

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New Carlisle, Quebec.



T'was the Night Before Christmas at Home



Our old New Carlisle farmhouse near the beautiful Chaleur Bay had that smell of home-baked bread and goodies because that was the only way. Mom's rocking chair going full speed ahead while Dad lies on the couch snoring loudly. Christmas carols with a bit of static, coming off the old Eveready radio.

Mom tucking us in home-made beds with blankets and sometimes coats,
Because our family was like many others on the Coast.

We were not rich, but we had happiness and love.

Our old farmhouse at Christmas was special because Mom and Dad loved us.

The old wood stove crackling loudly because of the cold Chaleur night,

Thick frost covered our thin window panes; Santa nowhere in sight.

Snowing hard; we wonder if old Rudolph and the other reindeer could find their way.

Was Santa dressed in red and white bringing toys for us in his big red sleigh?

Memories of those fun Christmas days will stay with us forever.

The joy of laughter throughout the house and home-made fudge everywhere.

Under the green spruce tree laid a few gifts wrapped in homemade ribbons and bows.

Christmas morning came and we all scampered down
those 18 cold wooded steps on our little tiptoes

All Mom could afford were homemade things along with an orange and an apple.

We celebrate Christmas much different today, but we try to make it like it used to be.

Much of us older folks try to keep Christmas simple like it used to be.

I will always think of Christmas as happy and loving as it only lasts for a little while.

*Ken Ross
New Carlisle, Quebec.*



2019 Cascapedia 50+ Plus Club

Kelly Cochrane

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - Once again the Cascapedia 50+ held its annual concert on December 7. Participants did an amazing job with many different singers participating in this event.

It was a memorable concert for all who were involved. The event was such a great success thanks to Allister Campbell, Jimmy Cahill, Gaétan Boudreau, John Gedeon (SR), Leo Legouffe, Eileen Hardy, James Hardy, Sandra Dugas, Theresa Campbell, the children, their parents, the attendees and the volunteers who helped with preparations.

The annual door prize of a Christmas dinner basket was won by Normand Cyr.

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"All I want for Christmas"

LETTERS TO SANTA

On December 4, 2019, children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at New Carlisle High School, along with children from the Munchkin Mansion Playschool at Family Ties met in the Family Ties library to write their letters to Santa. The letters were then carefully addressed and mailed to the North Pole. The children then gathered around the guest storyteller, Elaine Almond, who shared an interactive story of Santa's missing sleigh, which the children were able to find!

- Amie Major

Munchin Mansion Play-School

Dear Santa

My name is Grayson. I am 3 years old. For Christmas I would like a tractor toy and excavator. From Grayson Murray – *Grayson Kruse-Murray*

Dear Santa

Hi Santa, my name is Elizabeth (Lizzie). Mommy and Daddy say I've been a nice girl this year and I would like to know if you could please bring me some new dollies this year for Christmas. Thank you. – *Elizabeth Hunting-Allison*

Dear Santa

I would like lots of boxes and snacks and candy. Love Isabelle – *Isabelle Smith*

Dear Santa

I would like a nice sled to play outside. I would also like anything Paw Patrol. Love Wesley – *Wesley McDavid*

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like a fire truck and tractor. I've been an excellent boy all year. Love Landon – *Landon Smith*

Dear Santa

I would like a nice doll to play with. I would also like a sled to play outside. Love Lucilla (Loulou) – *Lucilla Noseworthy*

Dear Santa

My name is Silver, I'd like a tent and dolls. – *Silver Gallan*

Dear Santa

I am 3 years old. I've been a really good girl. For Christmas I want a Barbie, a dollie and some chocolate too. – Love Isabella – *Isabella Buttle-Gedeon*

NCHS Pre-Kinder

Dear Santa

I want a skeleton doll, a unicorn, a Barbie and a reindeer. I would also like a new Paw Patrol umbrella. – *Isabelle Carrier*

Dear Santa

I would like to talk to an elf. I want for Christmas a new lunch kit. I love you xxx – *Oceanna Lily Huntington-Smith*

Dear Santa

My name is Bradley and I love school. I enjoy playing with my classmates. For Christmas I would like to have bubbles and a Sponge Bob toy. I can't wait for Christmas xxx – *Bradley Main*

Dear Santa

I would like a Christmas Rainbow Corn. I will leave out some cookies and white milk. I was a good girl all year. I love you, love Emma. – *Emma Brooklyn Law*



The children enjoyed listening to guest storyteller Elaine Almond.

Dear Santa

I want for Christmas a creepy doll. What are you favourite cookies? I love you and I was a good girl too! xxx – *Alyiah Hunting-Allison*

Dear Santa

I would like a Batman house please, Ryan toys plane and a dinosaur set. Oh and a car set. I will leave cookies for you and milk. Love Elliot – *Elliot Marsh*

NCHS Kindergarten

Dear Santa

I've been a good girl, for Christmas I would like a toy horse that I can ride and a happy Barbie. I would also like new Lego and \$100 and a dress and a rainbow horse. – *Melanie Main*

Dear Santa

I have been a good student and I enjoy playing with my classmates. For Christmas I would like diamonds and a necklace. Also a LOL surprise. I love you Santa. – *Ella Smith*

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl and I want a diary for Christmas. I will leave chocolate chip cookies for you and Mrs. Claus. – *Sofia Jacob-Leberre*

Dear Santa

I wish you give me 100 gems. I love you Santa. – *Stephanie Huntington*

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like a flamingo. I want a sick Barbie that I can help, new Legos and 10 million dollars. – *Talia Cayouette*



Dear Santa

My name is Aden and I've been good every day this year. I would like a dinosaur toy, trees and a gate. I love you. – *Aden Huntington*

Dear Santa

My name is Milly-Christine and I've been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like an electric notebook because I saw one on the internet. Also I would like a LOL furry pet. I love you and I hope to see you soon. – *Millie Christine Benwell*

Dear Santa

My name is Herminey, I am 5 years old and I've been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have 10 diamonds and 10 hundred million dollars. I love you. – *Herminey Bourgaize*

Old Fashioned Pie Pastry

Diane Skinner

Christmas is a time to honour traditions. This old-style pie crust recipe was brought to the Gaspé over 200 years ago by Scottish settlers. It was not printed in a book, but passed on to daughters and granddaughters by their mothers and grandmothers. Did you ever ask your grandmother if you could copy down her recipe for ginger snaps, bread pudding or pie pastry? Chances are it was not written down anywhere. She just knew what to do from years and years of baking.

This recipe for old fashioned style pie pastry was told to me and I admit that I wrote it down. I share this with you for Christmas time. However, I am pretty certain that some of our Spec readers already use this very same recipe, especially those with Scottish heritage.

After Christmas supper when everybody is moaning about being too full to eat another bite, announce that you have home made pies. Magically, they will find room for pie!



Photos: Wikipedia

Pie Pastry

(This makes enough pastry for 4 pies.)

Ingredients:

5 level cups flour
½ tsp. baking powder (level)
4 tsp. brown sugar
½ tsp. salt
1 package Crisco (Which has been available since 1911. Before that, lard was used. Some bakers still use the lard because they like the taste better.)

Instructions:

Blend by hand, using a pastry blender.
1 egg, beaten, in a 1 cup measuring cup
Add to this 3 tsp. vinegar
Add enough very cold water to add up to ¾ cup.
Make a 'well' in the dry mixture. Add the wet mixture to the dry ingredients.
Mix lightly. Mixing lightly means to handle the pastry as little as possible. Overhandling makes the pastry tough.
Turn onto a lightly floured surface.
Form into a giant ball and put in the fridge for about 20 minutes.
Cut into 4 smaller balls. Each will give you a top and a bottom for a pie.
Roll out and place into pie plate.
Place in your filling. Fold under tops.
Bake at 400 degrees for 15 – 20 minutes. Then turn down to 350 degrees for about 20 minutes.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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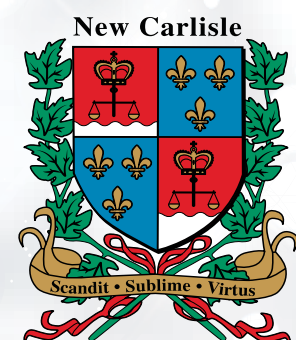
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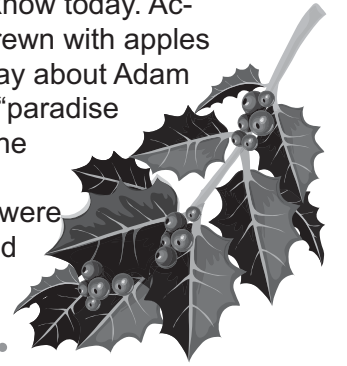
wish everyone a

Merry Christmas

and a safe and
prosperous New Year!

May your holiday be trimmed
with beauty and a feeling
of pure happiness
that grows all year!

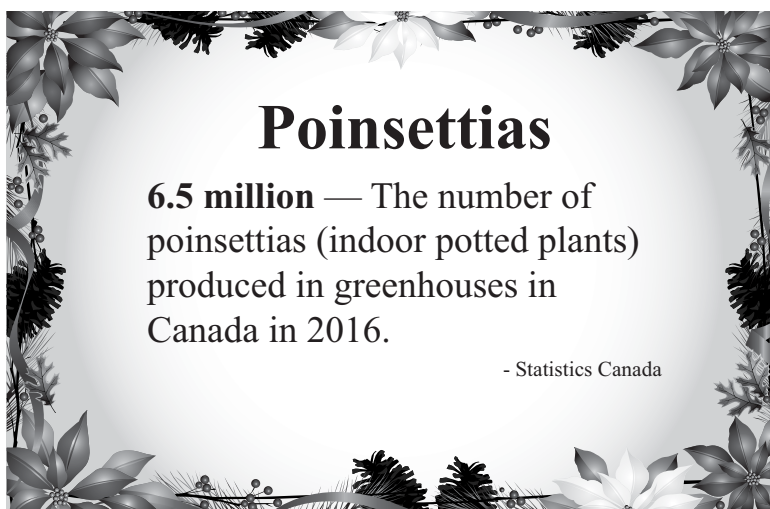




Christmas Traditions

O Christmas Tree

Trees that remain green all year have long held symbolic importance to cultures around the world, particularly when winter nights were longest and sunlight was in short supply. Ancient Romans who associated the winter solstice with the pending return of green farmlands decorated their homes and temples with evergreen branches to mark the occasion. Druid priests likewise decorated temples with evergreen boughs to represent eternal life. Christians in 16th-century Germany, however, are credited with bringing decorated Christmas trees into the home, beginning the tradition we know today. According to Encyclopedia Britannica, a fir tree strewn with apples first appeared as the main prop in a popular play about Adam and Eve, prompting some Germans to set up "paradise trees" of their own at home in celebration of the Christmas season. Additional symbolic decorations like wafer cookies and candles were added to represent the Eucharistic host and Christ as "the light of the world."



Poinsettias

6.5 million — The number of poinsettias (indoor potted plants) produced in greenhouses in Canada in 2016.

- Statistics Canada

Happy New Year

Each one of us can recall which days and months were filled with strength, guidance, and protection in 2019. Let families and residents of the Coast be blessed this coming year following a path filled with unconditional love, abundance and peace. Let 2020 be a new chapter in our lives, filled with goals, hope, peace, and serenity. New Carlisle is just one small town along the Bay of Chaleur where residents are thinking of a new year filled with friendship, happiness, and new ideas. Appreciate the little things you have in life and let the worries lay aside as everyone hopes for good health, a loving family and strength in 2020. Keep in mind that resolutions may last or may not but the sun will rise each day filled with hope and prosperity.

*Kenneth Ross.
New Carlisle, Quebec*

CHRISTMAS

Quiz Answers

- Holiday Inn
- Yes! He smokes a pipe.
- Santa has 9 reindeer.
- Their names are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph.
- Gingerbread
- England
- We Wish you a Merry Christmas
- You should kiss!
- He was a carpenter.
- The angel
- The Netherlands
- A squirrel.
- Visions of sugar plums
- Gold, frankincense and myrrh
- The Nutcracker
- Ebenezer
- The Grinch had a small heart.
- Elvis Presley
- 11 pipers piping
- Twice (He's making a list and checking it ...!)

Bonus Answer: Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior

Holiday lights

Light emitting diodes (LEDs) have emerged as an energy-efficient alternative to conventional incandescent lighting. Festive holiday lighting has proven to be particularly well-suited to LED technology.

41% — The proportion of Canadian households that reported using LED holiday lights.

Holiday candy and snacks

\$460.2 million — The value of sales of candy, confectionery and snack foods at large retailers in December, the month with the highest sales.

Eggnog and whipping cream

5.2 million litres — The approximate volume of commercial sales of eggnog in Canada in December.

5.7 million litres — The approximate volume of commercial sales of whipping cream in December.

- Statistics Canada

Festively named places in Canada

Candyville	Ice Lake	Snow Lake
Champagne	L'Enfant-Jésus	Snowball
Chimney	Gift Lake	Snow Peak Trailer Court
Christmas Island	Holly	Snow Road Station
Christ-Roi	Holly Park	Star
Cranberry	Marie Joseph	Stocking Harbour
Cranberry Junction	Noel	Sugarcane
Cranberry Portage	Noëlville	Toyes Hill
Evergreen	Reindeer Station	Turkey Point
Garland	Sled Lake	Winter
Goose Cove	Snowflake	Winterland