

# CHRISTMAS TRIVIA



1. What popular children's cracker today was introduced in 1902 as a Christmas ornament?
2. In 1939 Robert May created this Christmas figure as a Christmas promotion for Montgomery Ward department store in Chicago.
3. In the 1920's what world wide beverage company adopted the Santa Claus figure for a winter advertising promotion?
4. Who was the United States first ambassador to Mexico?
5. What popular Christmas candy today had it's debute and was given out by a choirmaster in 1670 to quiet the noisy children?
6. What best selling Christmas song did Gene Autry record in 1951?
7. What American President barred the Christmas Tree from being displayed in the White House?
8. What years were the first machine printed Christmas Card offered in a United States Variety Store?
9. In what year did Coke-Cola hire Haddon Sundblom to illustrate Santa Claus dressed in the red Santa Claus suit and Santa Claus hat trimmed in white fur that helped standardize the image of the gift-bringer in the eyes of America?
10. The politicians, women's groups, and seniors' organizations protested this Christmas song written in 1979 and popularized by Elmo and Patsy.
11. "Crying up the lum " is how some Scottish children tell Santa Claus their Christmas gift wishes. What is "crying up the lum "?
12. The Nutcracker phenomenon started as a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann in what year?
13. To determine who opens the first Christmas gift. What kind of glass Christmas ornament has to be found first on the Christmas tree?
14. What are the names of Santa Clauses eight reindeer as named in Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas"?
15. American's concern over the separation of church and state resulted in a number of court challenges. What was the "ruling name" of the United States Supreme Court decision?

# CHRISTMAS TRIVIA ANSWERS



1. The Barnum's Animal Cracker and box was introduced by the National Biscuit Company. The box, as it does today, had a string designed so that the box could be hung as a Christmas ornament.
2. Rudolph the Red Noised Reindeer.
3. The Coca-Cola company used Santa Claus to promote the idea that a soft drink was a winter beverage as well as a summer beverage.
4. Joel Poinsett the developer of the popular Christmas Poinsettia flower.
5. The candy cane.
6. Frosty the Snowman.
7. The environmentalist President Teddy Roosevelt.
8. In the 1850s Pease's Great Variety Store in Albany sold the first machine printed Christmas cards.
9. Haddon Sunblom was hired to illustrate Santa Claus in 1931 and drew Santa Claus illustrations till 1964.
10. Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.
11. They simply stick their heads up the chimney and shout out their Christmas desires.
12. The nutcracker began in 1816.
13. The Glass pickle ornament.
14. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder, and Blitzen. Note that Rudolph made his first appearance later in 1939.
15. The "Reindeer Rule" decided that the presence of secular elements such as Santa Claus, elves, and the reindeer had diluted the religious content sufficiently.