

Quiz 37 Answers

1. Which country has sent a Christmas Tree to London every year since 1947 to thank Britain for their help during WWII? Norway
2. Two of the Magi were Melchior and Balthazar. Who was the 3rd? Caspar
3. In some countries New Year's Eve is also know by which Saint's Feast Day? Saint Sylvester
4. Which island nation is the first in any year to celebrate a New Year Samoa
5. Christmas Carol written by an Austrian priest because the organ was broken? Silent Night
6. Who gives all the presents in The Twelve Days of Christmas? My True Love
7. Which traditional New Year's Eve song title means 'time long past'? Auld Lang Syne
8. On New Year's Day 1993 which former country effectively split into two? Czechoslovakia
9. What were mince pies made of in Victorian times? Beef and Spices
10. In which century was Christmas officially banned in England for approx. 13 years 17th Century
11. Prosperity, warmth and good cheer are some of the wishes brought by a 'first-footer'. Which items traditionally represent these sentiments? Silver coin, Coal and Whisky
12. What has been a long tradition in New York on 31st December starting at 11.59pm? The Times Square Ball Drop counting down to the New Year
13. Which famous poet penned the words that are used in 'In the Bleak Mid Winter' Christina Rossetti
14. In 1697 Charles Perrault wrote a story called 'Cendrillon'. How is it known in English? Cinderella
15. In which country at New Year is it customary to eat 12 grapes at midnight? Spain
16. A torchlit procession, led by the Guizer Jarl, is held annually to celebrate the end of the Yule season. Where does this happen and what is the name of the festival? Shetland Up Helly Aa
17. John Horsley was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole to do what in 1843? Design first Christmas Card
18. How many reindeers are originally said to pull Santa's sleigh? Eight
(Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet
Cupid, Donner and Blitzen)
19. What annual event was first televised from Vienna in 1953? The New Year's Day Concert
20. Why is January so-called? After Janus the Roman God of Beginnings whose two faces look to the future and the past.

