A FREE ARDENT WORKSHOP STARTER · LETTER

Christmas Trivia

Free Starter Round

12 carol questions tagged Snowflake, Holly or Star, an answer key with sources, a tie-breaker card, a team answer sheet and a scorecard with a worked example.



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EVERY QUESTION HAS A TIER

SNOWFLAKE · 1 PT HOLLY · 2 PTS STAR · 3 PTS





ONE CAROL ROUND, SCORED BY TIER

ARDENT WORKSHOP

FREE STARTER · HOST'S PAGE

How to play this round

One round, twelve questions. Every question is tagged with a tier, so a five-year-old and a grandparent can share a team and both matter.

Snowflake - 1 point
Easy and kid-friendly

Holly - 2 points
Medium: most adults know it

Star - 3 points
Hard: for the trivia buff

RUNNING THE ROUND

1. Split into teams and give each team a team answer sheet (page 5) and a pencil.
2. Read the one-line intro at the top of page 3, then read each question twice. The tier is printed beside every question, so teams know what it is worth.
3. Collect the sheets, read the answers from the answer key (page 4) and tick each right answer.
4. Count each team's right answers by tier and write them on the scorecard (page 7). Points = Snowflakes x 1 + Holly x 2 + Stars x 3. Page 6 shows a whole round filled in.

IF TWO TEAMS TIE

Read the tie-breaker card (page 7): each team writes one number, and the closest guess wins. Still level, the team with more Star answers wins. Still level, share the win.

PRINTING TIPS

- Print at 100% (Actual size) on Letter or A4 paper.
- Print the answer key (page 4) on its own sheet and keep it face down, or read it from the screen.
- Print page 5 once for each team. Page 7 is yours to print again for every game night.

FREE STARTER · ROUND 1

Carols & Hymns

Old carols, their words and their writers. Public-domain songs only, so no pop charts tonight.

Snowflake 1 pt · Holly 2 pts · Star 3 pts · read each question twice

1. In which language was 'Silent Night' originally written?
2. In 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' what did my true love give to me on the first day?
3. In 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' how many lords a-leaping come on the tenth day?
4. Finish the line: 'Away in a manger, no crib for a ___'.
5. Finish the line: 'Glory to the ___ King' from 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'.
6. 'Silent Night' was first performed on Christmas Eve 1818 in a church in which country?
7. Which English hymn writer wrote the words to 'Joy to the World'?
8. Which French composer wrote the music for 'O Holy Night'?
9. What was the original title of 'Jingle Bells' when it was published in 1857?
10. What is the Latin title of 'O Come, All Ye Faithful'?
11. Which German composer's music was adapted into the tune of 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'?
12. In the carol, 'Good King Wenceslas' was really a duke of which region?

Answers on the next page (host only)

FREE STARTER · ROUND 1 · ANSWER KEY (HOST ONLY)

Answers · Carols & Hymns

Keep this page face down. Tick each team's right answers, then count them by tier.

1 **German**
Did you know? Its German title is 'Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht'.
Source: Hymnary.org — Silent Night, Holy Night

2 **A partridge in a pear tree**
Did you know? The twelfth day brings twelve drummers drumming.
Source: Hymnary.org — The Twelve Days of Christmas

3 **Ten**
Did you know? Day nine brings nine ladies dancing.
Source: Hymnary.org — The Twelve Days of Christmas

4 **Bed**
Did you know? Though long credited to Martin Luther, he did not write it; it was first printed in the United States in 1885.
Source: Hymnary.org — Away in a Manger

5 **Newborn**
Did you know? Charles Wesley's 1739 original began 'Hark how all the welkin rings'.
Source: Hymnary.org — Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

6 **Austria**
Did you know? Joseph Mohr wrote the words and Franz Xaver Gruber composed the tune.
Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica — Silent Night

7 **Isaac Watts**
Did you know? It was published in 1719 and is based on Psalm 98.
Source: Hymnary.org — Joy to the World

8 **Adolphe Adam**
Did you know? Placide Cappeau wrote the poem 'Minuit, chrétiens', and Adam set it to music in 1847.
Source: Hymnary.org — O Holy Night

9 **One Horse Open Sleigh** (Accept 'The One Horse Open Sleigh')
Did you know? James Lord Pierpont published it in Boston.
Source: Library of Congress — The One Horse Open Sleigh (sheet music)

10 **Adeste Fideles**
Did you know? Frederick Oakeley made the best-known English translation in 1841.
Source: Hymnary.org — O Come, All Ye Faithful

11 **Felix Mendelssohn**
Did you know? He wrote it in 1840 for a celebration of printing; William H. Cummings adapted it in the 1850s.
Source: Hymnary.org — Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

12 **Bohemia**
Did you know? The real Wenceslas, a 10th-century duke, became the patron saint of Bohemia.
Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica — Wenceslas I

FREE STARTER · TEAM ANSWER SHEET · ROUND 1

Carols & Hymns

Team name _____

host ticks

1	1 pt	_____	☐
2	1 pt	_____	☐
3	1 pt	_____	☐
4	1 pt	_____	☐
5	1 pt	_____	☐
6	2 pts	_____	☐
7	2 pts	_____	☐
8	2 pts	_____	☐
9	2 pts	_____	☐
10	3 pts	_____	☐
11	3 pts	_____	☐
12	3 pts	_____	☐

Snowflakes right ____ x 1 · Holly right ____ x 2 · Stars right ____ x 3

Round points _____

FREE STARTER · WORKED EXAMPLE

The Ashgroves' carol round

Three teams played the Carols & Hymns round. Each team's right answers are counted by tier, multiplied by the tier's points, and added up.

Team	Snowflakes right x 1	Holly right x 2	Stars right x 3	Points	Tie-break guess	Off by	Place
Team Tinsel	3	2	2	**13**	1950	16	**2nd**
The Jingle Belles	4	3	1	**13**	1972	6	**1st**
Holly Jolly Crew	4	2	1	**11**	1985	19	**3rd**

THE TIE-BREAKER CARD THEY READ

In what year was Kwanzaa first celebrated?

Answer: 1966. Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa, which runs December 26 to January 1.

Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica — Kwanzaa

The Jingle Belles and Team Tinsel tied on 13 points. The Jingle Belles guessed 1972, 6 years off; Team Tinsel guessed 1950, 16 off. The Jingle Belles win.

Team Tinsel had more Star answers (2 to 1), but the closest guess is applied first; Stars only decide it when the guesses are level.

Every name and score here is invented: the Ashgrove family is fictional.

FREE STARTER · PRINT AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE

Your scorecard

Write each team's name, count its right answers by tier from the team answer sheet, then fill in the points. Tie? Use the card below.

Team	Snowflakes right x 1	Holly right x 2	Stars right x 3	Points	Tie-break guess	Off by	Place

CUT OUT THE TIE-BREAKER CARD, THEN TRIM OFF THE HOST'S ANSWER BELOW THE DASHED LINE

TIE-BREAKER CARD 1

In what year was Kwanzaa first celebrated?

Your guess: _____

Each team writes one number. Closest guess wins.

Host only - answer: 1966

How a tie is settled

1. Closest guess on the card wins.
2. Still level: the team with more Star answers wins.
3. Still level: share the win.

From one carol round to the whole night

You have a carol round with an answer key, a tie-breaker card and a scorecard that settles a tie. When the whole family is playing all evening, the full pack does the rest.

WHAT THE FULL PACK ADDS

The **Christmas Trivia & Family Game-Night Pack** adds 120 checked questions across Family, Kids' and Grown-ups' editions, eight tie-breaker cards, team answer sheets and a printable scoreboard, bingo, charades and draw-it cards, an indoor scavenger hunt and more bonus games, and a workbook (Excel and Google Sheets) that balances kids and adults across teams, adds a kids' bonus, keeps one live leaderboard for the night and the Family Cup year to year. Find it at ardentworkshop.com/products/christmas-trivia-and-family-game-night-pack/

See the full range at **ardentworkshop.com**.

The Ashgrove family is invented, and so is every name and score in the worked example. Answers were checked against the reference printed on each answer-key line. Not affiliated with any film, book, brand or character.

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