

## Christmas trivia numbers pairwork Version 2

### Student A

Choose one of the sentences below, turn it into a question and ask your partner. If they guess the wrong number, give them hints like "It's much higher" until they get exactly the right number.

Useful language for doing the activity		
The real answer is	much much/ far far much/ far/ a lot significantly/ considerably/ quite a bit/ markedly somewhat slightly/ a little/ a bit a tiny bit/ marginally	more/ greater/ larger/ higher  less/ fewer/ smaller/ lower

- "The Christmas Song" was written by Mel Torme in only forty minutes. He was nineteen years old at the time.
- A Christmas tree needs to be planted about ten years before it is sold.
- About twelve million Christmas trees were expected to be sold in two thousand and seven.
- Americans send approximately two billion Christmas cards a year.
- Christmas day was first proclaimed an official holiday in the USA in eighteen thirty six (in Alabama).
- For Christmas two thousand and seven, three quarters of Americans said they planned to buy gift tokens as Christmas presents.
- Forty percent of American shoppers start their Christmas shopping before Halloween
- If you really bought your true love a partridge in a pear tree, you would have to pay a hundred and four dollars (two thousand and five prices).
- In two thousand and seven, forty seven percent of Americans planned to buy at least some Christmas presents online.
- Seven out of ten British dogs get Christmas presents from their owners.
- The "Princess" Beanie Baby teddy bear produced to commemorate the death of Princess Diana was sold for up to three hundred dollars each during Christmas nineteen ninety seven.
- The average American household was predicted to spend forty nine dollar seventy six cents on Christmas decorations in two thousand and seven.
- The character Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was created by an advertising man for a store pamphlet in nineteen thirty nine.
- The first electric Christmas tree lights were used in eighteen ninety five.
- The song "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby has sold over thirty one million copies to date.
- Thirty five percent of all diamonds are sold over the Christmas period (even more than for Valentine's Day)

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- A traditional Ukrainian Christmas dinner has twelve courses.
- America's official Christmas tree is three hundred feet (ninety meters) high. It is a sequoia in King's Canyon National Park, California
- Celebrating Christmas was illegal in the UK for thirteen years from sixteen forty seven to sixteen sixty.
- Christmas trees first become popular in Germany in the sixteenth century.
- Christmas was first celebrated on the twenty fifth of December in the fourth Century AD.
- During the Christmas shopping season in the USA, Visa credit cards are used five thousand three hundred and forty times a minute
- In the UK, it is good luck to eat twelve mince pies (one on each day of the twelve days of Christmas)
- The actor Charlie Chaplin died on Christmas day in nineteen seventy seven.
- The actor Humphrey Bogart was born on Christmas Day in eighteen ninety nine.
- The first cartoon depicting Santa Claus with reindeer and a sleigh first appeared on the third of January eighteen sixty three.
- The first charity Christmas card was produced by UNICEF in nineteen forty nine.
- The first Hallmark Christmas cards were sold in nineteen fifteen.
- The real Santa Claus (Saint Nicholas) lived in Turkey in the fourth century AD
- The Rumanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was executed on Christmas day in nineteen eighty nine.
- The scientist Sir Isaac Newton was born on Christmas Day in sixteen forty two.
- The singer of the hit song "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" was twelve years and eleven months old when it reached number one in the American pop charts.
- The surrealist artist Joan Miro died on Christmas day in nineteen eighty five.

*Without looking at your previous worksheet, see if you can remember how these numbers were pronounced:*

1642 and 1863 (years)

3/1/1863 and 25/12 (dates)

From 1500 to 1599 (a century)

5,340 and \$104 (large numbers)

31,000,000 and 2,000,000,000 (very large numbers)

$\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{7}{10}$  (fractions)

\$49.76 (money)

90 meters in feet (Imperial measurements)

*What is the rule for how to pronounce years?*

*What's the rule for where "and" goes in large numbers (especially in British English)?*