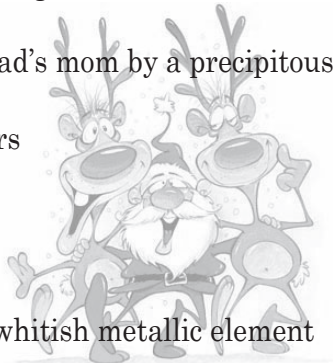


A Christmas Song Quiz

Identify the Christmas Song the clues represent.

- 1. Oh, member of the round table with missing areas
2. Boulder of the tinkling metal spheres
3. Vehicular homicide was committed on Dad's mom by a precipitous darling
4. Wanted in December: top forward incisors
5. The apartment of two psychiatrists
6. The lad is a diminutive percussionist
7. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis
8. Decorate the entry ways
9. Cup-shaped instruments fashioned of a whitish metallic element
10. Oh small Israel urban center
11. Far off in a haybin
12. We are Kong, Lear, and Nat Cole
13. Duodecimal enumeration of the passage of the yuletide season
14. Leave and broadcast from an elevation
15. Our fervent hope is that you thoroughly enjoy your yuletide season
16. Listen, the winged heavenly messengers are proclaiming tunefully
17. As the guardians of woolly animals protected their charges in the dark hours
18. I beheld a trio of nautical vessels moving in this direction
19. Jubilation to the entire terrestrial globe
20. Do you perceive the same vibrations, which stimulate my auditory sense organ?
21. A joyful song of reverence relative to hollow metallic vessels, which vibrates and bring for a ringing sound when struck
22. Parent was observed osculating a red-coated unshaven teamster
23. May the Deity bestow an absence of fatigue to mild male humans
24. Rose-colored uncouth dolf is aware of the nature of precipitation, darling



Christmas Recipes

Curried Fruit with Ham Steak

Ingredients:
1 (15 1/2-ounce) can tropical fruit salad or chunky mixed fruit
1 (1 1/2 pounds) fully-cooked center-cut ham slice, cut 3/4-inch thick
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 to 1 teaspoon curry powder or 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg or ginger
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1/4 cup pineapple juice or orange juice.
Direction:
1. Drain fruit, reserving syrup. Set aside.
2. Trim fat from ham. Place ham on the unheated rack of broiler pan. Broil 3 to 4 inches from the heat for 12 to 14 minutes or until heated through, turning once.
3. Meanwhile, for sauce, in a small saucepan cook onion and curry powder (or nutmeg or ginger), in butter over medium heat until onion is tender. Stir in cornstarch. Add pineapple or orange juice and reserved fruit syrup. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more. Carefully stir in drained fruit. Heat through.
4. Serve warm sauce over ham.



Candy Cane Brittle

Ingredients:
Package of white chocolate
5 regular sized candy canes
Directions:
1. First, melt the white chocolate. You can melt the chocolate using the microwave in a bowl, or off the stove in a pan. The easiest way is in the microwave.
2. Mash the candy canes up into pieces. Make sure that they are finely crushed.
3. Pour the white chocolate in a cookie sheet spread out evenly for a thin layer.
4. Sprinkle the crushed candy cane on the top of the layer of white chocolate. Make sure you do this right after you have poured the white chocolate on the cookie sheet so that it cools with the sprinkles on top.
5. Let it cool for about 30 minutes or until hard. Once it has cooled, break it into pieces and you are done. If desired, take a knife and cut into squares.



Layered Spinach Salad

Ingredients:
9 ounces refrigerated uncooked cheese tortellini
2 cups shredded red cabbage
6 cups torn spinach
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cup sliced green onions
1 cup prepared ranch dressing
8 to 10 slices smoked bacon, cooked and crumbled
Directions:
1. Cook tortellini according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water.
2. In a 13 x 9 x 2-inch glass dish, layer cabbage, spinach, tortellini, tomatoes, and green onions.
3. Pour dressing evenly over top and sprinkle with bacon; cover. Refrigerate until serving time.



Peanut Butter Balls

Ingredients:
-Melt together-
12 oz pkg chocolate chips
1/2 stick parafin wax
Mix together:
1 stick butter
1 c peanut butter
1 box powdered sugar
Roll into small balls, then dip (with a toothpick, turkey skewer, etc) into chocolate and parafin mix. Drop on waxed paper to set but first: decorate w/ a red cinnamon candy-Pretty and everyone seems to like them.



Who Is Santa?

Honker Staff Staff Reporter

The story of Santa Claus has been told from generation to generation. Through the years this story has been changed to meet individual family beliefs. As a young child, we are led to believe that Santa Claus really exists and is the champion of all gift givers. The following is a historical report of the man known as Santa Claus. For as long as most Americans can remember, Santa Claus has been visualized as the jolly fellow with rosy red cheeks, wearing a red and white suit, and packing around a large, rounded belly that "shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly," as described in Clement Clarke Moore's poem "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" published in 1823, which is more commonly know today by it's opening line "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

However, the modern day image of Santa Claus cannot be credited entirely to Moore's famous poem. The look we now associate with Santa Claus stemmed from a number of different sources, evolving over the years to become what we see him as today.

The story of Santa Claus, the gift giver, originally began around 300 A.D. with the first well-known gift distributor Saint Nicholas of Myra, which is now known as Turkey. Saint Nicholas was born to a wealthy family and was orphaned at a young age after both of his parents died of a plague. Nicholas, then age 17, went to live at a monastery where he went on to become one of the youngest Catholic priests. Stories were told of his generosity, giving his wealth to the poor in

the form of gifts, especially to the children of the area. Tales speak of him throwing bags of gold into chimneys and tossing small bags of gifts through windows into stockings hung on fireplaces where they were placed to dry.

The Santa's, or gift givers of today, developed by different countries actually came dressed in many different colors, sometimes even wearing black. To England, it was Father Christmas who was always illustrated with ivy, a mistletoe, or sprigs of holly. Germany referred to its gift giver as Weihnachtsmann, or in English, the Christmas man. Russia's Grandfather Frost wore blue rather than red. But it was the Dutch name of Sinterklaas which eventually sparked a name for the American people. Sinterklaas was often mispronounced by Americans, sparking the beginning of the traditional name Santa Claus in America.

Around 1863 the American cartoonist, known as Thomas Nast, began creating many different illustrations of Santa Claus for the cover of Harper's Weekly. Nast's illustrations of Santa Claus included a white beard smoking on a long-stemmed pipe dressed all in a red fur suit. Santa Claus wasn't always a "big man." Actually Santa Claus was portrayed as a small figure that rode in a sleigh driven by eight tiny reindeer and was able to fit through chimney tops to deliver presents.

Santa Claus has evolved from the hearts of all who believe in him. As long as there are Christmas advertisements, campaign slogans, store displays, holiday specials on television and more importantly those who continue to believe, there will always be a Santa Claus.

- Answers to Christmas Songs
1. Oh Holy Night
2. Jingle Bell Rock
3. Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer
4. All I Want For Christmas Is My Front Teeth
5. The Nutcracker Suite
6. Little Drummer Boy
7. Silent Night
8. Deck the Halls
9. Silver Bells
10. Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
11. Away in a Manger
12. We Three Kings
13. The Twelve Days of Christmas
14. Go Tell It on the Mountain
15. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
16. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
17. While the Shepherds Guarded Their Flocks By Night
18. I Saw Three Ships
19. Joy to the World
20. Do You Hear What I Hear?
21. Carol of the Bells
22. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
23. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
24. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Holiday Word Search

- Presents
Candles
Mistletoe
Candy
Ornaments
Snow
Garlands
Santa Claus
Icicles
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New Years



- Sleigh
Fireworks
Family
Party
Feast
Lights
Willows
Naughty
Nice
Gifts
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Snowmen
Holly

Rudolph



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Has anyone heard the news that the famous world renowned reindeer is for sale? Santa has declared that Rudolph has brought joy, entertainment, excitement, and love to him, so Santa is going to sell Rudolph so he can bring all these qualities to a lucky family. The price has not yet been decided, but may be a little costly. However it is worth having a reindeer on your block right?

Rudolph was one of the nine reindeer who guided Santa's sleigh through the dark and fog. With that being said, maybe you can get a snow sleigh and let him guide the way safely. Not only can he guide you safely, he can also brighten up the night or your room with his "nose so bright."

With a famous reindeer in your neighborhood, you could be the coolest kid on the block and Rudolph grantees you will make plenty of friends.

Feeding him is not a problem, all you need to do is keep plenty of vegetables in your house, especially carrots. Although, you never know when he might come join you at the dinner table and enjoy some of what you are eating.

Rudolph also likes to play games with others, though the other eight reindeer did not let him join all the time. They came to like him and play games with him, now he loves to play games with anyone. There are far too many games for him to decide which his favorite would be.

Wish all luck to all who want him, and to the person who gets him, have fun with your new famous reindeer.

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Word search grid with letters and a reindeer illustration in the background.