

10 FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS – QUESTIONS

1. The text was taken from a (website, newspaper, book).
2. Put these in the order (1-10) they are mentioned in the text. The first one has been done for you.

a. Victorian Christmas traditions	
b. The song ‘Jingle Bells’	
c. Saint Nicholas	
d. Secret Christmas celebrations	
e. Christmas tree decorations	
f. The birthday of Jesus	1
g. The mischievous trolls	
h. Christmas celebrations in January	
i. The Christmas tree in Trafalgar square	
j. The meaning of the word ‘Christmas’	

3. Tick (✓) FOUR true facts found in the text.

a. Everyone celebrates Christmas on the 25 th of December.	
b. Christmas means Christ’s mass.	
c. The tradition of sending cards is very recent.	
d. Germans were the first to decorate Christmas trees.	
e. The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square, London, is artificial.	
f. La Befana and the Yule Lads are Christmas characters.	
g. ‘Jingle Bells’ and ‘One Horse Open Sleigh’ are the same song.	
h. In 1644, Christmas could not be celebrated in England.	

4. The orange words are **hyperlinks**. Hyperlinks are **electronic links** that allow you to move from a place in a document to another in the same or a different document. Choose one hyperlink from the text and explain why you would like to click on it.

Example: I choose the hyperlink *Russia* because I want to learn more it.

Hyperlink: _____

Reason: _____

5. Match the captions in the table below with the photos found in the text. Write the number of the photo near the appropriate caption.

Example: The nativity scene with baby Jesus. Photo number: 1	
a. The puppet of La Befana, the friendly witch. Photo number: _____	b. Christmas tree decorations. Photo number: _____
c. A family eating traditional Christmas food in the Victorian era! Photo number: _____	d. Santa Claus delivers presents to children in his flying sleigh. Photo number: _____

6. a. How do you think the writer feels about Christmas?

b. Give ONE reason for your answer.

7. Match the words with their meaning.

a. sparkling		experts in history
b. era		shining brightly
c. historians		a period of time
d. everlasting		song
e. terrific		naughty
f. mischievous		lasting for a very long time
g. anthem		excellent

8. Which fact surprised you the most? Fact _____

Why? _____