



IDIOMS RELATED TO CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR EVE!

1. It's Dec. 23, but no one at the White House is feeling much **in the Christmas spirit**.
2. Everyone was **in the Christmas spirit**, so no one thought it odd when Santa came walking down the street around noon, one day before Christmas Eve.
3. Get **in the Christmas spirit** with this "70+ Question Trivia Quiz" about Christmas traditions around the world.
4. Ten tips to get **into the Christmas spirit**: 1. Make a cup of hot cocoa..., 2. ...
5. When you grow older, family pressures, work commitments, loneliness, or other things can make you lose **the wondrous Christmas spirit** of your childhood.

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase "**be in the Christmas spirit**"
 - a. To be in bad temper and behave badly
 - b. When you enjoy many indulgences (e.g. much food, wine, gifts, spending money etc.), with the excuse that it doesn't happen often
 - c. to be in a festive mood

1. Please join us; **the more the merrier**.
2. Speaking of parties, **the more the merrier**.
3. But you're glad they were able to help... **the more the merrier**.
4. Hike in groups - **the more the merrier!**
5. **The more the merrier**, so invite your friends and neighbours to come with you.

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase "**the more the merrier**".

- a. the more people there are, the better a situation or event will be.
- b. there are some people who are not fans of this holiday season, they use this expression to show their lack of the Christmas spirit
- c. It means don't get upset or annoyed about something which is unimportant

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| 1. Her face lights up like a Christmas tree whenever she sees Tom. |
| 2. Johnny later told me that he could not stop thinking about me, ... So when he walked around the corner and saw me standing there, he lit up like a Christmas tree . |
| 3. I must have lit up like a Christmas tree , because her smile got even wider when she saw my relieved reaction. |
| 4. while she was shopping, she was lighting up like a Christmas tree . |
| 5. That girl's face lit up like a Christmas tree when I mentioned his name. |

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase “**light up like a Christmas tree**”.

- a. We use it to wish to someone happy holidays and all the best for the New Year.
- b. We use it to describe someone's sudden very happy mood, after a situation.
- c. It means 'don't judge a book by its cover', meaning the size of something is irrelevant to its value.

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| 1. We also ring in the New Year with all the family and friends. |
| 2. On December 31, 2008, Lina rang in the New Year with her annual New Year's Eve show. |
| 3. New Year Eve is the night when young and old stay up past midnight to ring in the New Year . |
| 4. On December 31, 2009 Julie and Doug were planning to ring in the New Year at Chez Rouge with Maggie. |
| 5. If you are ringing in the New Year all alone, chances are you're ready to finally find love in 2011. |

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase “**ring in the New Year**”.

- it describes a situation where all your dreams have come true.
- when something positive happens to you which you were not expecting
- To celebrate the end of the previous year and the start of the new one, typically with a party.

1. It would be **like turkeys voting for Christmas** if we are asked to work over the Christmas break too.
2. Nobody liked the new boss's decision but was afraid to tell him so. They had to be **like turkeys voting for Christmas** out of fear they might lose their jobs.
3. Afrom Jones tweeted that those who supported Brexit were "**turkeys voting for Christmas**". They knew economy would get worse in Britain.
4. Those who supporting this politician's views are voting for more poverty in our country. They are **like turkeys voting for Christmas**.
5. Pitter knew well that the new boss would be unfair to the employers, but he had promised to support him. He knew he was **like turkeys voting for Christmas**.

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase “**like turkeys voting for Christmas**”.



- when people choose to accept a situation that can only end badly for them
- in order to fully test something, you need to experience it yourself
- it's the kindness behind an act, like offering a gift, that matters, however imperfect or insignificant it may be.

1. **Christmas came early** this year for Timothy and his wife, who were the lottery winners ...

2. it seems like **Christmas came early** for the PC companies in 2020, since the advent of Coronavirous and the following lockdowns have made their sail numbers reach the top.

3. **Christmas came early** for Marian this year. Just in two months she found herself the heiress of an enormous, lucrative company.

4. In 2018 Arianna Grande's **Christmas came earlier** when her smash hit "Thank U, Next," reigned at No. 1 on the chart for seven weeks.

5. **Christmas came early** this year for the boys in Alpha Boy's Home, who were paid a surprise visit by Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt...

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase "**Christmas came early**".
 - a. there are things in our lives we can do with a little hard work
 - b. when it snows at Christmas time
 - c. when something positive happens to you which you were not expecting then it is like Christmas

1. My mum will be there **with bells on**! She loves tea parties.

2. Thank you for the invitation. We'll be there **with bells on**.

3. - "Are you coming to Paul's tonight."

-"Sure, I'll be there **with bells on**.

4. See ya soon... in your hometown, **with bells on**!

5. I'll go to his party, but definitely **with no bells on**...

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase "**with bells on**".
 - a. to describe someone's sudden very happy mood
 - b. to do something or go somewhere very willingly, with pleasure
 - c. don't get stressed out trying to make Christmas perfect

1. If you think this industry is going to shut down, take a look at the profits it's making. As the old saying goes, **the proof is in the pudding**.

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| 2. It's the best car you can find in the market at the moment, and you can test it yourself. Besides, the proof is in the pudding . |
| 3. The proof is in the pudding , as the saying goes, and in camera terms that means the photographs. |
| 4. " The proof is in the pudding and I think people should check out the TV show before they go saying things like that". |
| 5. Michael is very careful to make you feel like a valued customer, and the proof is in the pudding - he makes deals work. |

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase "**the proof is in the pudding**".

- a. in order to fully test something, you need to experience it yourself
- b. to do something or go somewhere very willingly, with pleasure
- c. it describes a situation where all your dreams have come true.



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| 1. Make sure you're on top of the project plan and what you're meant to do. Don't be left out in the cold . |
| 2. The members of the music band are now reunited but Liv is left out in the cold . No one wants a liar around. |
| 3. Anyone who cannot keep up with the pace of work in this factory, will be left out in the cold with no job. |
| 4. Despite his hard work in the company, William was left out in the cold , remarking, "I had started as nothing and in the eyes of those who mattered, would always be nothing". |
| 5. Songs like 'Lovin' You' by Minnie Riperton and 'The Morning After' by Maureen McGovern were topping the pop charts, leaving many rock-and-roll fans feeling like they were left out in the cold without a jacket. |

- Circle the best meaning that fits the phrase “**be left out in the cold**”.
 - a. something really good happened that was completely unexpected.
 - b. to do something or go somewhere very willingly, with pleasure
 - c. to be forgotten or not included in an activity