

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

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.

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".**

a. it describes a situation where all your dreams have come true.
b. when something positive happens to you which you were not expecting
c. 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. Afron 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".**



a. when people choose to accept a situation that can only end badly for them
b. in order to fully test something, you need to experience it yourself
c. 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 earlie**r 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, t**he proof is in the pudding.**

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.



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