

Christmas Riddles for Adults

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1.

I am bought by the dozen and hung with care, yet by January nobody remembers I was there. What am I?

3.

The person who makes me doesn't want me.
The person who buys me doesn't keep me.
The person who receives me often returns me. What am I?

5.

I have a mouth that never speaks and a bed where no one sleeps, yet a famous baby once lay in me. What am I?

7.

I fly all night without wings, land without feet, and enter without knocking. Who am I?

9.

I am a month of giving, yet my own name admits I am missing something. What am I?

11.

Forward I am heavy, backward I am not.
Santa lifts millions of me every Christmas Eve. What am I?

13.

A man is pushed out of a window on Christmas Eve and walks away without a scratch. How?

2.

You can catch me under a doorframe but never in your hands. Catch me at the right moment and you might catch a kiss too. What am I?

4.

I get chopped down, dressed up, and stared at for a month. Then I am thrown out on the curb like nothing happened. What am I?

6.

Every December I gain weight for a single night, then I am left empty and limp by morning. What am I?

8.

What do you call a bankrupt Santa?

10.

In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' how many gifts arrive in total across all twelve days?

12.

I am red, I am white, and I only stand up straight when you hang me upside down. What am I?

14.

What do Santa's little helpers learn in school?

15.

I am a plant with red leaves that everyone assumes is a flower, and I take over every store in December. What am I?

17.

Why is it so hard to keep a secret at the North Pole?

19.

The song 'Jingle Bells' was originally written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas.

21.

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

23.

A Christmas logic teaser: Santa has 8 reindeer plus Rudolph. He hitches them in pairs. How many reindeer fly without a partner?

25.

Why did the Grinch go to the liquor store on December 26th?

27.

I am the only workplace where one employee does all the deliveries, takes all the credit, and the entire workshop is fine with it. What am I?

29.

Every year I get milk and cookies for doing a job one night a year, while you get a mug that says 'World's Okayest Employee.' Who am I?

16.

I am written once a year, full of demands, and sent to a place with no postal code. What am I?

18.

I get more famous the redder I get, and my coworkers used to laugh at me for it. Who am I?

20.

Three men are in a sleigh crash. Every single man is hurt, but two people walk away fine. How?

22.

I am a war fought every December with paper, tape, and swearing. What am I?

24.

I stand all winter in your yard wearing a scarf I never asked for, and I quietly disappear without saying goodbye. What am I?

26.

You see me once in December, twice in a sled ride, and never in a chimney. What am I?

28.

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30.

It is Christmas Eve. Grandma's clock chimes 6 times at 6:00, taking 30 seconds. How long does it take to chime 12 times at midnight?

31.

I am invisible until you exhale on a cold Christmas morning, then I vanish just as fast. What am I?

33.

In 'A Christmas Carol,' Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by exactly three ghosts.

35.

I am eaten in Britain after a loud pop, worn as a paper crown, and I contain the worst joke you will hear all year. What am I?

37.

Secret Santa logic: 4 coworkers draw names. What is the chance the FIRST person to draw pulls their own name?

39.

I show up once a year on a paycheck, vanish into bills before you ever feel me, and everyone still argues about whether I was fair. What am I?

41.

For one month a year it becomes not only acceptable but actively encouraged to wear my most hideous possible form to the office. What am I?

43.

In December I get swiped without a second thought; in January I return with interest and absolutely no holiday spirit. What am I?

32.

What do you call it when your whole family agrees on one Christmas movie?

34.

A dinner guest asks: 'What has 13 hearts around the table but no other organs?' Everyone stares at the card players. What is the answer?

36.

The more of me you leave out for Santa, the fewer of me there are by morning. Yet Dad always looks suspiciously full. What am I?

38.

Eggnog was once so popular that cadets at West Point rioted over it in 1826.

40.

I have twenty-four little doors, and behind each one is a tiny chocolate reward a grown adult pretends to be far too mature to enjoy. What am I?

42.

I am wine that somebody decided to heat up, spice, and serve in a paper cup at a market stall so you will forget how frozen your feet are. What am I?

44.

I am the one evening coworkers reveal a little too much, and the very next morning everyone silently agrees it never happened. What am I?

45.

I rule the table on the twenty-fifth, then haunt the back of the fridge in sandwich form until well past New Year. What am I?

47.

We arrive with the holidays, quietly critique your cooking, stay a day longer than promised, and leave you badly needing a vacation. Who are we?

49.

I stay corked until the toast, make a very loud exit, and get blamed for most of what you say in the hour that follows. What am I?

51.

Britain leaves me out for Santa by the plateful, I contain no actual meat despite my name, and adults inhale me with a glass of sherry. What am I?

53.

Round and green, I hang on the front door to welcome your guests, then disappear to the attic by January. What am I?

55.

Perched at the very top of the tree, I shine the brightest for all to see. What am I?

57.

No two of us match as we drift to the ground, six-sided and quiet, we fall without a sound. What are we?

59.

Ring me on doorways or tie me to sleighs, I jingle one bright note all through the holidays. What am I?

46.

You coil me neatly and pack me away every January, yet somehow I emerge each December as one impossible, cursed knot. What am I?

48.

I am the small, quiet slip of paper tucked into a box that politely admits your present might not survive the week. What am I?

50.

You set me carefully in November, swear on your life to respect me, and then blow straight past me by the second week of December. What am I?

52.

I am the quiet holiday art of passing an unwanted present along to someone new, all while praying its original giver is not in the room. What am I?

54.

Down me Santa slides each Christmas Eve, dusty with soot but happy to leave. What am I?

56.

Loaded with presents and pulled through the sky, I carry old Santa as the reindeer fly. What am I?

58.

Glossy green leaves and berries of red, I brighten the mantel where stockings are spread. What am I?

60.

Hidden inside the word 'present' is a smaller word for how you feel about getting socks yet again. What is it?

61.

The naughty find me in their stocking.
Change a single letter and I become the very
thing Santa achieves by dawn: reaching
every child. What word am I?

63.

A family celebrates Christmas on the beach
in blazing summer heat, on the correct date,
with no air conditioning trickery. Where are
they?

65.

Spoken by a big man in red, I am one short
syllable said three times, and I sound just like
the tool you use to weed a garden. What am
I?

67.

A fancy invitation reads XII slash XXV. Which
holiday date is that?

69.

I share my name with something you would
toss on a fire, yet I am sliced and eaten,
French in origin and coated in chocolate.
What am I?

71.

Santa's street has houses numbered 1 to 10,
and he skips every house whose number is a
multiple of 3. How many does he visit?

73.

I wear a soldier's uniform, I star in a famous
ballet, and my whole job is to crack under
pressure. What am I?

62.

Two fathers and two sons each unwrap one
Christmas present, yet only three gifts are
opened. How does that work?

64.

I roast on an open fire in a famous song, I
drop from a tree in autumn, and I share my
name with a reddish-brown horse. What am
I?

66.

The word 'Christmas' is really two words
squeezed together. What religious service is
hiding at its end?

68.

My title pairs quiet with darkness, yet choirs
belt me out at the top of their lungs every
December. Which carol am I?

70.

Santa eats 1 cookie at the first house and
doubles the amount at every house after.
How many has he eaten once he leaves the
fourth house?

72.

In the Twelve Days of Christmas, which gift
arrives in the greatest total number across all
twelve days?

74.

You will still be picking me out of the carpet in
July, long after the tree has gone, like a
glittering curse. What am I?

75.

Give me a shake and a blizzard erupts; set me down and the storm quietly settles. A whole winter lives inside my glass. What am I?

77.

On December 24th a man collects a gift for everyone on his list and pays no cash at the register. He is completely honest. How?

79.

Why do you never spot Santa waiting around in a hospital?

81.

What do sheep wish one another around the holidays?

76.

I am a chimney's constant company and a clean stocking's worst nightmare, the black dust that rubs off on Christmas Eve. What am I?

78.

What can you catch at a crowded Christmas party that you can never throw back?

80.

What does Santa ride on his day off once the sleigh is parked?

Answer Key

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1. A Christmas ornament.
2. Mistletoe.
3. A fruitcake.
4. A Christmas tree.
5. A manger.
6. A Christmas stocking.
7. Santa Claus.
8. Saint Nickel-less.
9. December. Say it slowly: it ends in 'ember,' the dying remains of a fire.
10. 364. Each gift repeats every remaining day. Add it all up and you get 364, one gift short of a full year.
11. The word 'ton.' Backward it spells 'not.'
12. A candy cane.
13. He was pushed out of a ground-floor window into fresh snow.
14. The elf-abet.
15. A poinsettia
16. A letter to Santa.
17. Because your kids will always find out. Also, the walls have elf ears.
18. Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer.
19. True. True. James Lord Pierpont wrote it in the 1850s for the Thanksgiving season. Christmas adopted it later.
20. The two who walked away were women. Every man was hurt, and there was only one man.
21. The Christmas alphabet has no L (noel).
22. Gift wrapping.
23. One. Nine reindeer in pairs leaves exactly one without a partner. That is why Rudolph flies up front alone.
24. A snowman.
25. He was looking for some holiday spirits.
26. The letter E.
27. Santa's workshop at the North Pole.
28. Snowman (snow + man).
29. Santa Claus.
30. 66 seconds. Six chimes have 5 gaps, so each gap is 6 seconds. Twelve chimes have 11 gaps: 66 seconds.
31. Your breath.

32. A miracle.
33. False. False. Four ghosts visit him: Jacob Marley first, then the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come.
34. A deck of cards.
35. A Christmas cracker
36. Cookies.
37. 1 in 4. Four names in the hat, one of them is yours. The first draw is a clean 1 in 4.
38. True. True. The Eggnog Riot happened when cadets smuggled whiskey in for their Christmas eggnog. Around 20 were court-martialed.
39. A Christmas bonus.
40. An advent calendar.
41. An ugly Christmas sweater.
42. Mulled wine.
43. A credit card.
44. The office Christmas party.
45. Leftover turkey.
46. A tangled string of Christmas lights.
47. The visiting in-laws.
48. A gift receipt.
49. A bottle of champagne.
50. Your holiday budget.
51. A mince pie.
52. Regifting.
53. A Christmas wreath.
54. A chimney.
55. The star on top of the tree.
56. A sleigh.
57. Snowflakes.
58. Holly.
59. A bell.
60. Resent.
61. Coal, which becomes goal.
62. They are a grandfather, his son, and his grandson, just three people.
63. In the Southern Hemisphere, where December is summer, like Australia.
64. A chestnut.
65. Ho ho ho.
66. Mass, since Christmas means Christ's Mass.

67. December 25, Christmas Day.
68. Silent Night.
69. A yule log cake.
70. 15 cookies.
71. 7 houses.
72. The geese and the swans tie, at 42 birds each.
73. A nutcracker.
74. Tinsel.
75. A snow globe.
76. Soot.
77. He redeemed gift cards he had been given.
78. A cold.
79. Because he has excellent private elf care.
80. A Holly Davidson.
81. A merry Christmas to ewe.