


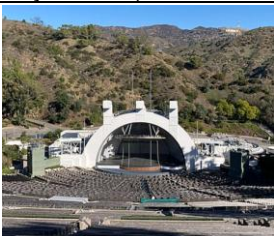
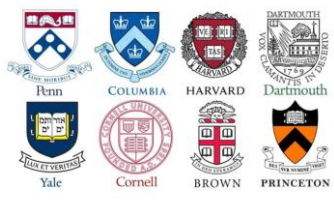






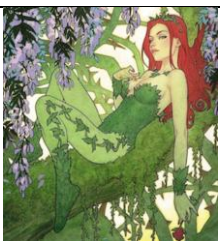





Team name: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the faces etc, sort them into five linked groups of four, and give the reason for each link.

1.		2. (the city identified)		3.		4.	
5.		6. (the concert venue)		7. (how they are collectively known)		8. (the make and model)	
9. (the department store)		10.		11. (the brewery)		12. (the territory)	
13.		14. (the TV series)		15. (the iconic West End restaurant)		16. (the British city)	
17. (the character)		18. (the character)		19. (the one-word British name)		20. (the author)	
A				B			
C				D			
E							

# A BUNCH OF FIVES

Name:		Score
1	...the brands whose 2025 Xmas ads star: Joe Wilkinson and Keira Knightley; The Grinch; Puss in Boots; Dawn French; Simon Bird; (initials of answers rearranged alphabetically: AABMW);	
2	...the last word of each of the verses of the "Good King Wenceslas" carol (initials: F; F; W; C; B);	
3	... the artists who have released the following Christmas singles this year: "XMAS"; "One of Us"; "Where Love Lives"; "Slayyy Bells" "Everybody Knows It's Christmas" (initials: KM/TF/AL/DW/RG);	
4	... the 5 Hebrew names for the following Jewish festivals (the answers are in alphabetical order): Festival of Lights; Passover; Festival of Lots; The Jewish New Year; Day of Atonement;	
5	... the seasonal words or phrases from the anagrams: PSALM GURU; OMIT SLEET; SCENT TUSH; SMART NEON; WOKE FLANS;	
6	... the Presidents of France on Christmas Day in the following years (all different): 2020; 2015; 2010; 2005; 1965;	
7	... the Australian cities hosting the 2025-26 Ashes Test matches;	
8	...the elder of each Christmas Day birthday pairs: (a) musician Annie Lennox or actress Sissy Spacek; (b) Lib Dem Ed Davey or footballer Gary McAllister; (c) ultrarunner Camille Herron or cricketer Alastair Cook; (d) model Helena Christensen or musician Dido; (e) actor Jeremy Strong or DJ Armin van Buuren;	
9	... the 5 elements whose current chemical symbols in order (when written in upper case) spell the word PRESENTS;	
10	... the words missing from the chorus of this well-known song: "I just want you for my own/More than you could ever know/BLANK BLANK BLANK BLANK BLANK/All I want for Christmas is you"?	



# CRACKER BARREL

Complete the underlined phrases in Christmas cracker jokes		Your answer:	Score
1	What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? F____ A J____ G____ F____.		
2	What's green, covered in tinsel, and goes ribbet ribbet? M____.		
3	I love getting Latin chat-up lines through social media. I C____ every DM.		
4	What do angry small rodents send each other for Christmas? C____ M____ cards!		
5	What do you call an old snowman? A P____!		
6	I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop, but the female guard saw me and I couldn't get P____.		
7	What do you call it when a family passes down a turkey recipe? C____ and B____!		
8	Which pop star carves her own wooden Nativity scene? S____ C____.		
9	What do you call a Belgian reselling World Cup 2026 tickets at inflated prices? A B____ T____.		
10	I just deleted all the German names off my phone. It's H____ free.		
11	What do you call a subversive child who doesn't believe in Santa? A R____ without a C____.		
12	How do snowmen shop online? They use the W____- net.		
13	I keep randomly shouting out "broccoli" and "cauliflower". I think I might have F____.		
14	Why did the snowman go shopping at the vegetable market? He was P____ his N____.		
15	What is a French burglar's favourite Christmas film? L____, A____.		
16	Why does Santa enter houses through the chimney? Because it S____ him.		
<b>TURN OVER THIS SHEET FOR QUESTIONS 17-20</b>			



# CRACKER BARREL

17	What's a dog's favourite carol? B____, the H____ A____ S____.		
18	My dad suggested I register for a D____ C____. He is a man after my own heart.		
19	Which singer-songwriter subject of a 2025 music biopic is a Christmas tree's favourite? S____ S____.		
20	I bought my son a F____ for Christmas. I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it.		

## **LINKS: “FESTIVE SPIRIT”**

## **A Seasonal Link**

**1 What two-word term – literally meaning “Lamb of God” in Latin – is used as a symbolic name or symbol of Jesus Christ in Christian liturgy, as well as the name of a related prayer?**

**2 Portrayed by Josh Brolin, *which* alien warlord from the planet Titan [spoiler alert!] uses the Infinity Gauntlet to wipe out half of all life in the universe during the film *Avengers: Infinity War*?**

**3 On *which* road are the official residences of the UK’s First Lord of the Treasury and Second Lord of the Treasury?**

**4 Giving its name to the distinctive black teas that it produces, *which* northeast Indian state – the most populous in that region – is also known for Kaziranga National Park, home of the Indian rhinoceros?**

**5 The next Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles – before this, *what* was the last US city to host the games?**

**6 “Just Around the Riverbend”, “Savages” and the Oscar-winning “Colors of the Wind” are all songs from *which* 1995 Disney animated musical film?**

**7 The next edition of the men’s sporting tournament AFCON begins this week on December 21<sup>st</sup>. For *what* two words do the letters AFC stand?**

**8 What is the one-word anatomical term for the bone in the human body that connects the humerus and the clavicle?**

**9 Second letters of answers 1-10 of this round followed by final letters of 1-10 in order spell a 20-letter seasonal mystery guest. *Which* writer first created this character? (first name and surname required)**

**10 First sold from his New York City bakery in 2013, what portmanteau name did French pastry chef Dominique Ansel trademark for his invention combining qualities of two different food items?**

## LINKS: “SWEET GHERKIN”

## A Seasonal Link

**1 English, Shona, and Ndebele are the most common of the record 16 official languages of *which* landlocked African country with Victoria Falls on its northwest border?**

**2 “I swear by Apollo Healer, by Asclepius, by Hygieia, by Panacea and by all the gods and goddesses ...” – by *what* two-word name do we best know the text that begins with that phrase (when translated into English)?**

**3 Also the name of a National Park and a 1987 album, what is the more common name for the *yucca brevifolia*?**

**4 The indoor US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis is home to *which* professional team in one of the US “Big Four” sports?**

**5 Made with rice, tomatoes, chilis, onions and other ingredients, *which* west African dish is a source of friendly competition over which variant is the best, particularly between Ghana and Nigeria? (One word.)**

**6 Brisbane Road is the home ground of *which* London men’s professional football club?**

**7 What non-SI metric unit of area is equal to the area of a square with sides of 100m each?**

**8 Jeremy Allen White, Ayo Edebiri and Ebon Moss-Bachrach star in *which* acclaimed Chicago-set TV show first broadcast on Hulu in 2022?**

**9 What is the surname of the acting sisters Elle and Dakota, the latter of whom was the youngest-ever nominee for a Screen Actors Guild award at the age of 7 back in 2001?**

**10 Following the pattern that is appropriately at the “east” end of each answer 1-9 in this round in order, *what* seasonal five-letter word comes next?**

**LINKS: “ADVENT CALENDAR”**

**A Seasonal Link**

**Each answer is a single word either 4 or 6 letters long.**

- 1 The Parthenon on the Acropolis is dedicated to *which* Greek goddess associated with wisdom, warfare and handicraft, who was born from the forehead of her father Zeus?**
- 2 “Ils sont”, “nous serons”, “tu es”, “je suis” are all conjugations of *which* common French verb?**
- 3 Which name is both the first name of a French winger who won the Champions League with Bayern Munich in 2013, and the surname of a French composer whose works include the *Symphony in D minor* (1886) and the *Prelude, Chorale and Fugue* (1884)?**
- 4 What unit of measurement was likely derived from the width of the human thumb and has a name derived from the word for “thumb” in some other European languages?**
- 5 Loosely based on the opera *La bohème*, *which* Pulitzer Prize-winning musical includes the songs “Take Me or Leave Me”, “Light My Candle”, and “Seasons of Love”?**
- 6 What is the surname of Andrew, the founder in 1867 of the upmarket department store chain with a flagship store located at #611 Fifth Avenue in New York City?**
- 7 What is the surname of the only man to have been both US President (1909-13) and Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court?**
- 8 For what does the letter T stand in the diploid, “P is 9-T of the L”? (A diploid is a phrase where some of the words have been replaced by their initial letters.)**
- 9 Created by Alexey Pajitnov in the mid-1980s, *what* is the second-best-selling video game series (behind Mario) of all time?**
- 10 In comparative phrases, *which* English word is equivalent to the French (or Spanish) “que”, the German “als”, or the Italian “di”?**

**BONUS: What seasonal present is revealed when you use your answers to this round to build your own Advent Calendar in the sheet below?**



## **LINKS: “ADVENT CALENDAR”**

**A Seasonal Link**

**(Note: The question numbers are not linked to the numbers in the grid)**

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24

**Seasonal present:**

**13 / 4 / 12 / 16 / 18 / 5 / 21 / 17 / 2 / 11 / 24 / 20**