

# December IQ

Spread some holiday cheer with these questions associated with December. Test your December IQ.

- Which of the following does **NOT** take place in December?
  - Boxing Day
  - Hanukkah
  - Christmas
  - Australia Day
- True or false? December gets its name from the Latin word *decem*, which means "twelve."

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- Diego Rivera was born on December 8. What was his profession?
  - Singer
  - Artist
  - Poet
  - Explorer
- What are the two zodiac signs for December?
  - Sagittarius and Capricorn
  - Aquarius and Pisces
  - Capricorn and Aquarius
  - Aries and Taurus
- True or false? December in the northern hemisphere is similar to June in the southern hemisphere.
- What five words follow "'Twas the night before Christmas" in the poem by the same name?

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- Basketball was invented in December of 1891. What basketball term means "to advance the ball by bouncing"?

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- December starts on the same day of the week as what other month of the year?

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9. Which of these December events occurred most recently?
- A. The plane carrying Glenn Miller was lost.
  - B. Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat.
  - C. "Silent Night" was performed for the first time in a church in Austria.
  - D. Teddy Roosevelt was the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
10. What blue-eyed crooner from Hoboken, New Jersey, was born on December 12, 1915?
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11. What is the birth flower for December?
- A. Daisy
  - B. Narcissus
  - C. Geranium
  - D. Iris
12. The film *It's a Wonderful Life* was released in December of 1946. Who was the male star of the film?
- A. James Cagney
  - B. Clark Gable
  - C. Cary Grant
  - D. Jimmy Stewart
13. What caused the giant tsunami in the Indian Ocean that occurred on December 26, 2004?
- A. Tornado
  - B. Earthquake
  - C. Hurricane
  - D. Typhoon
14. Chiclets were trademark registered in December of 1905. What kind of candy are Chiclets?
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15. On what date in December did the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor?
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# Answers

1. (D) Australia Day. Australia's national day is celebrated on January 26 every year.
2. False. Although December gets its name from the Latin word *decem*, *decem* means "ten," not "twelve." December was originally the tenth month in the Roman calendar.
3. (B) Artist. Rivera was a famous painter. He was also the husband of Frida Kahlo, another prominent Mexican painter.
4. (A) Sagittarius and Capricorn. Sagittarius is November 22 to December 21. Capricorn is December 22 to January 19.
5. True. Due to Earth's tilt, the southern hemisphere tips toward the sun in December, January, and February.
6. "When all through the house." The first line is "'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."
7. Dribbling. In the game of basketball, there are only two ways to move the ball down the court: dribbling or passing.
8. September. December always ends on the same day of the week as April.
9. (B) Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat. In chronological order: "Silent Night" was performed for the first time in a church in Austria in 1818. Teddy Roosevelt was the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906. The plane carrying Glenn Miller was lost in 1944. Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat in 1955.
10. Frank Sinatra. He started his career singing with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, but he later found great success as a solo artist.
11. (B) Narcissus. It is a member of the amaryllis family.
12. (D) Jimmy Stewart. He played the lead character, George Bailey.
13. (B) Earthquake. The 9.3-magnitude earthquake occurred in the Indian Ocean off the west coast of Sumatra.
14. Chewing gum. The square-shaped gum comes in a variety of flavors and colors.
15. December 7, 1941. Soon after, the United States entered World War II.