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Christmas Trivia Quiz

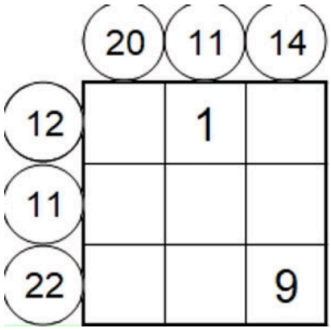
1. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch"
2. What are the other two most popular names for Santa Claus
3. Where did candy canes originate?
4. What does holly represent?
5. What are Christmas trees also called?
6. Which fairy tale was the gingerbread house inspired by?
7. How many tips do traditional snowflakes have?
8. What is the Hawaiian word for Santa Claus?
9. What is traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?
10. True or False: the North Pole has no time zone?
11. What is a tree with fake snow called?
12. What color are mistletoe berries?
13. What was the first company to use Santa Claus in its ads?
14. What is the name for the period between Christmas and New Year?
15. Which of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?

Math Puzzle for Winter: Quboq-9

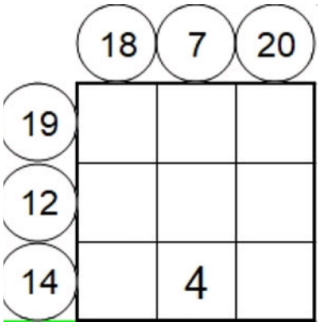
Fill in the 3 by 3 squares with digits 1 thru 9 (a few are already filled in as clues).

Each circled number outside of a square shows the total for that row or column.

Puzzle 1 (Easy):



Puzzle 2 (Harder):



Word Puzzle for Winter: Spoonerisms

In the 19th century, Rev. Spooner had his name attached to a common slip of the tongue after his congregation heard him ask them to sing a hymn called "Kinquering Congs Their Titles Take". Nowadays we have plenty of other examples to choose from, both intentional and not. These include saying "plaster man" for master plan", "cast far" for "fast car", "flutter by" for "butterfly", "porn hearts" for "horn parts", "crook and nanny" for "nook and cranny", “caking the bake” for “baking the cake”, “chewing the doors” for “doing the chores”, “lack of pies” for “pack of lies”, “shake a tower” for “take a shower”, “chipping the flannels” for “flipping the channels”, “wave the sails” for “save the whales”, “flock of bats” for “block of flats”, “bead a rook” for “read a book”, "sew this gentleman to his sheet", "it's kistomary to cuss the bride", and so forth.

In his poem "Translation," Brian P. Cleary describes a boy named Alex who speaks in spoonerisms. Humorously, Cleary leaves the poem's final spoonerism to the reader:

He once proclaimed, "Hey, belly jeans"
When he found a stash of jelly beans.
But when he says he pepped in stew
We'll tell him he should wipe his shoe!

Your challenge is to find more Spoonerisms that (almost) make sense! Let me know of any you find that strike your funny bone and I'll share them in a future email column.

Birthdays

December

Caroline Perkins	1
Charles Allison	3
Wendy Carnegie	5
Brian McGrain	6
John Abbott	6
Walter Syroid	8
John Miller	9
Laura Wierenga	12
Elizabeth Ginebaugh	12
Max Benedict	17
Jill Redder	20
Daniel Johnson	25
Angela Boldrey	27
Ronald Burl	30

January

Kathleen Herr	2
Elise Bennett	8
Kary Scheiern	12
Michael Knowlton	13
Matthew McNaughton	16
Roy Saper	18
Robert Marquis	19
G Stewart	19
Clyde Creque	22
Brinton Butler	23
Chuck Skinner	23
Eleanor Keating	29

February

Elizabeth Peacock	9
Alexander Moon	11
Michael Kelley	12
Phoenix Noelle	20
Ruth Lilley	24
Todd Eldred	25

Mensaversaries

December

Mary Calkins-Darling	1
Barry Kavanagh	1
Hiroki Fujiwara	7
Daniel Johnson	11
William Tupy	12
David Salsbury	15
Kenneth Bonifield	17
Clyde Creque	21
Richard Hobrla	21
Eric Sanko	25
Sharon Plavnick	32
Joyce Kowatch	44

January

Michael Kelley	1
Mary Fitch-Mihovich	2
Christopher Stimel	2
Roderick Baltzer	3
Kaitlyn Gordon	4
Graham Goble	5
Laura Markee	8
Phoenix Noelle	12
Dale Arnold	16
Mark Weiss	18
Robert Rutgers	19
Joseph Werner	24
Michael Wall	28
Terry Tyler	33
Thomas Korkoske	40
Kevin Smart	51

February

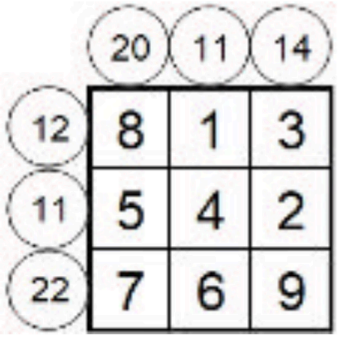
Wendy Kassal	1
Eleanor Keating	2
Michael Callahan	2
Allan Sherwin	2
Paul Erickson	3
Eric Roath	9
William Kendrick	14
Carol Duane	15
Steven Spitzley	16
Kevin Kane	19
Thomas Slater	24
John Stephenson	26
Joel Anderson	29
Ruth Lilley	34
Brinton Butler	37
Nan Van Andel	40
John Davidson	44
Joan Forgrave	46
Richard Woltersom	48

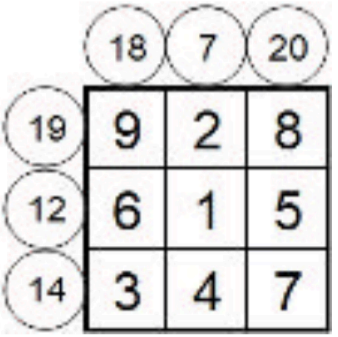
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Christmas Trivia Answers

1) Egg nog, 2) Kris Kringle and St. Nick, 3) Germany, 4) Christ's crown of thorns, 5) Yule trees, 6) Hansel and Gretel, 7) Six, 8) Kanakaloka, 9) An angel or star, 10) True, 11) Flocked, 12) White, 13) Coca-Cola, 14) Twixmas, 15) Cupid.

Math Puzzle Answers





A New Season of Theodore Talks Begins

The title of the January Theodore Talk is, "Narrative War: The Philosophy of Social Conflict". This virtual event will take place on Zoom January 25 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific).

Register for this presentation at https://tinyurl.com/3hbz4bj7.

Even if you can't attend the live Theodore Talk, as long as you register in advance you will receive a link to the Zoom recording of the event. All Theodore Talks have Closed Captioning enabled, and this year we are offering Translated Captions as well.

Questions? Contact us at MensaTheodoreTalks@gmail.com.

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