

**Directions:** Click on the links (underlined green words) to go to a site with the question's answer. Write your answer. Use the **History Menu** of your browser to return to this hunt.

1. What does The Grinch have in his smile? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Which President brought the first Christmas tree into the White House?  
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Your Aunt Cindy is collecting the President ornaments from the White House. There is one for each president. How many ornaments does she have?

What is the theme of this year's White House Christmas tree? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How did the Druids use mistletoe? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Holly trees and bushes are native to North America. List three reasons to plant native plants in your yard or at your school. \_\_\_\_\_  
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December Holidays Facts hunt continued....

5. What is a dreidel? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What did they feed the horse when it wouldn't eat latkes? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Name three ingredients used to make latkes. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Mount Washington, N.H. has some of the worst weather around.  
How much snow do they have today? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. If the wind speed is 10 MPH and the temperature is -5° Fahrenheit what is the wind chill?

10. After a visit to Mt. Washington, N.H., some Wassail is in order. What is the tradition of the wassail?  
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11. What are the chances you'll have snow for Christmas? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What does Della sell to be able to buy a gift for her husband in  
O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi"?  
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What really is the gift both Della and Jim gave each other? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Review the suggestions in *Two Gifts that Cost Nothing*.

a. I would like to give \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Which of these gifts would you like to given? Explain why it appeals to you.

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14. What is the winter solstice? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. What is the Icelandic Yule holiday? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. The name Kwanzaa comes from what language? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. What color are the poinsettia flowers? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. If you have a fireplace at home, perhaps you will burn a yule log. The unburned part is thought to protect a house from something. What is it?

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20. Describe the Christmas Truce.

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20. What is myrrh? \_\_\_\_\_

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21. Listen to Recycling Christmas Trees report. Break it down: How can people recycle a tree?

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22. Watch: Saving water for the holidays. What will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

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23. Watch the video on ***Order of Operations*** at the Mathflix website. Now apply the principles to a different situation. What is the order of operations for giving a gift?

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24. Write a mnemonic for your gifting order of operations. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Challenges:**

Suppose you wanted to write a poem about a holiday in December.

How many English words rhyme with the word “holiday”?

<http://www.rhymezone.com/> Enter holiday in the blank box.