

Christmas Jeopardy prepositions of time practice

Give your partner one of the answers on your sheet and see if they can make a correct question to get that answer, first of all without looking at the mixed questions on their worksheet.

Switch worksheets and do the same, this time without looking at the mixed questions.

Ask about any questions that you don't understand, etc.

First of all without looking at the examples, put one word into each gap below.

- When was Twas the Night Before Christmas published? About 200 years _____.
- How long is Xmas Day _____ Annunciation? 9 months _____.
- _____ what time does the sun rise in NZ on Xmas Day? _____ 5:46 AM.
- When was Xmas banned in Boston, Massachusetts? _____ 1659 and 1681.
- When does Advent start? 4 Sundays _____ Xmas Day.
- _____ what year had 14 US states declared Xmas Day to be a holiday? _____ 1816.
- Whose reign was Jesus born _____? _____ the reign of Caesar Augustus.
- How long does Xmas traditionally last (_____)? _____ 12 days.
- When was celebrating Xmas illegal in the UK? _____ 1647 to 1660.
- When was Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer created? _____ 1933.
- _____ which century did the real Saint Nicholas live? _____ the 4th century.
- _____ which season is Xmas celebrated in Brazil? _____ summer.
- When are online retailers busiest? _____ the 2nd Monday of December
- _____ when has Xmas Day been a national holiday in Russia? _____ 1991.
- When were letters delivered on Xmas Day in the UK _____? _____ 1961.

Check below.

Try to pronounce all the figures above, checking with the other worksheets if you need to.

First of all with no help, try to think of prepositions of time which match each of these definitions/ uses:

- _____ + an exact time
- _____ + a day or date
- _____ + a longer time such as a month, season, year or decade
- _____ = before now
- _____ = from a point of time in the past until now
- _____ + a length of time
- _____ ... to..." = starting and ending points
- _____ ... and..." = starting and ending points

What are the differences between the meanings/ uses of these prepositions of time?

- at/ on/ in
- by/ until
- from/ since
- ago/ before
- for/ since

Student A

- When was the poem *Twas the Night Before Christmas* published? About two hundred years ago.
- How long is Xmas Day after Annunciation (when Jesus's mother Mary found out that she was pregnant on the twenty fifth of March)? Nine months after.
- When does Advent start? Four Sundays before Xmas Day.
- Whose reign was Jesus born during?/ Who was Roman Emperor on the first Xmas Day? During the reign of Caesar Augustus (the first Roman Emperor).
- How long does Xmas traditionally last for? For twelve days.
- When was celebrating Xmas illegal in the UK? From sixteen forty seven to sixteen sixty.
- When was the character Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer created? In nineteen thirty nine (for a department store booklet).
- In which century was Xmas first celebrated on the twenty fifth of December?/ In which century did the real Saint Nicholas live? In the fourth century (AD/ CE).
- When are online retailers busiest? On the second Monday of December
- Since when have there been no national UK newspapers on Xmas Day? Since nineteen twelve.
- When were letters delivered on Xmas Day in the UK until? Until nineteen sixty one.

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Mixed questions

- At what time does the sun rise in New Zealand on Xmas Day?
- By what year had fourteen American states declared Xmas Day to be a public holiday?
- How long does a Xmas tree have to grow for?
- In which season is Xmas celebrated in Brazil?
- Since when has Xmas Day been a national holiday in Russia?
- When can Xmas decorations stay up until?
- When is Boxing Day?/ When is the second Xmas public holiday in the UK?
- When is Epiphany?/ When did the Three Wise Men visit baby Jesus?/ When should Xmas decorations be taken down?
- When was William the Conqueror crowned king of England?
- When was Xmas banned in Boston, Massachusetts?
- When were the first Xmas tree lights used?

Student B

- When is Epiphany?/ When did the Three Wise Men visit baby Jesus?/ When should Xmas decorations be taken down? Twelve days after Jesus was born/ Twelve days after Xmas Day.
- At what time does the sun rise in New Zealand on Xmas Day? At five forty six AM.
- When was Xmas banned in Boston, Massachusetts? Between sixteen fifty nine and sixteen eighty one.
- By what year had fourteen American states declared Xmas Day to be a public holiday? By eighteen sixty.
- How long does a Xmas tree have to grow for? For up to ten years.
- When were the first Xmas tree lights used? In eighteen ninety five.
- In which season is Xmas celebrated in Brazil? In summer.
- When is Boxing Day?/ When is the second Xmas public holiday in the UK? On the twenty sixth of December.
- Since when has Xmas Day been a national holiday in Russia?/ How long has Xmas Day been a national holiday in Russia? Since nineteen ninety one.
- When can Xmas decorations stay up until? Until the sixth of January.
- When was William the Conqueror crowned king of England? On Xmas Day in ten sixty six.

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Mixed questions

- How long does Xmas traditionally last for?
- How long is Xmas Day after Annunciation (when Jesus's mother Mary found out that she was pregnant on the twenty fifth of March)?
- In which century was Xmas first celebrated on the twenty fifth of December?/ In which century did the real Saint Nicholas live?
- Since when have there been no national UK newspapers on Xmas Day?
- When are online retailers busiest?
- When does Advent start?
- When was celebrating Xmas illegal in the UK?
- When was the character Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer created?
- When was the poem Twas the Night Before Christmas published?
- When were letters delivered on Xmas Day in the UK until?
- Whose reign was Jesus born during?/ Who was Roman Emperor on the first Xmas Day?