

# Brian's Infamous and Fiendish BSCC Christmas and Technology Quiz

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# Brian's BSCE Christmas and Technology Quiz

- Questions are either Christmas or Technology related
- To make it easier, at least three possible answers are given for each question (except for two) – all you have to do is pick the right one
- Possible answers are generally listed in alphabetical order
- There are 20 questions this year
- If you know your Christmas films and Christmas songs and have paid attention during our Friday morning sessions you will find many of the questions very easy!

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**Q3:** In the classic film The Wizard of Oz, which character does Dorothy meet first?

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B: 101

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B: report@actionfraud.police.uk

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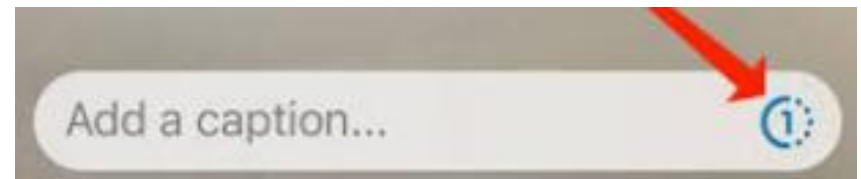
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- A: Lisbon      B: London      C: Reykjavik      D: They will all get them at the same time

# Answers



**Q1:** In the classic Christmas song the '12 days of Christmas', which of these do you get first?

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**Answer B: Ladies Dancing**

*Ninth day: 9 Ladies Dancing*

*Tenth day: 10 Lords a-Leaping*

*Eleventh day: 11 Pipers Piping*

*Twelfth day: 12 Drummers Drumming.*

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**Answer : Blitzen**

*Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dancer, Dasher, Donner, Prancer and Vixen.*

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**Answer B: The Scarecrow.**

*Dorothy subsequently meets the Tin Man and finally the Lion.*

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**Answer : Bashful**

*The seven dwarfs' names are Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, and Sneezy.*

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**Answer A: 7726.**

*Forward the text to the **free** short code 7726 which spells **S P A M** on a phone's keypad. You will then be asked to send the phone number the text came from. 0300 123 2040 is the number for scam calls. 101 is the number in Scotland. 159 is the number that connects you directly to your bank's fraud prevention service.*

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**Answer C: report@phishing.gov.uk**

*The NCSC will automatically test the email for scams.*

*If you've lost money or think you think you may have been a victim of fraud, you should also report it to Action Fraud at reporting.reportfraud.police.uk*



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*The first text message was sent on December 3rd, 1992.*

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**Answer D: YouTube**

*Meta Platforms, Inc. owns Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. The company, formerly known as Facebook, Inc., rebranded to Meta in 2021 to reflect its focus on building the metaverse.*

*YouTube is owned by Google which it acquired in November 2006.*

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**Answer C: William the Conqueror**

*William the Conqueror was crowned King of England on Christmas Day in 1066.*

*Æthelred the Unready was King of the English from 978 to 1013 and again from 1014 until his death in 1016.*

*King John was born on Christmas Eve, December 24 1166.*

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*The first broadcast in colour was in 1967.*

*The first broadcast recorded outdoors was in 1975.*

*The first broadcast published on the internet was in 1997 and the first to be filmed in 3D was in 2012.*

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*The correct order is B N M.*

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*The dot over the lowercase letters i and j is called a tittle.*

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**Answer D: 1,500**

*Other reports say between 1,000 and 1,200 whilst other say 3,000. Which ever figure is 'right' it's a lot! There are reckoned to be nearly 4 million Apps on the Google Play store and around 2 million on the Apple Store.*

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**Answer B: LOUVRE**

*Yes, you can't make it up, it was LOUVRE, not even LOuvr3e!*

*To make matters worse, it has also been reported that the password for the cybersecurity software from Thales used by the museum was "Thales".*

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**Answer C: View once**

*You can send a photo or video that will disappear on WhatsApp after the recipient has opened it and exited the media viewer.*

*Once they exit the media viewer, the media will no longer be visible in that chat and they can't view it again.*

*View once photos and videos won't be saved to the recipient's Photos or Gallery, and they can't forward them.*

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**Answer A:**

*For those following Christian tradition, the first day of Advent (the fourth Sunday before Christmas) is a traditional time to start decorating.*

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**Answer D: They will all get them at the same time**

*Lisbon, London and Reykjavik are all in the same time zone so they will all get them midnight local time.*

How many did you get right?

