

Puns from the North. . .

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Part One

pun A play on words; the humorous use of words or phrases, especially those that sound alike, for the intentional purpose of giving them a different meaning.

Riddles and puns working together are a laugh-a-minute team. Sign them on as part of Santa's crew, and you have Puns from the North with Santa himself in the pole position.

Rev up your punnybone, get in the race, and lap the leader by spotting the pun-filled response to each riddle below. Write the letters of the correct answers in the blanks to the left.

- _____ 1. What do elves learn in school?
(A) the elf-abet
(B) misschievement
(C) Toyota
(D) painting
- _____ 2. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
(A) a Draculacicle
(B) frozen fangs
(C) frostbite
(D) snow chips
- _____ 3. What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?
(A) Cool Cat
(B) Sandy Claws
(C) Yuletide
(D) Merry Mew
- _____ 4. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
(A) ice cream
(B) Rice Krispies
(C) popsicles
(D) snowflakes
- _____ 5. Why does Santa deliver Christmas gifts by going down chimneys?
(A) He doesn't want to carry around a bunch of door keys.
(B) It soots him.
(C) He has tunnel vision.
(D) It's an open invitation.
- _____ 6. Why doesn't all the soot that Santa gets on him make him sick?
(A) He has had his flue shot.
(B) He has an immunity clause.
(C) He brushes it off before it can germinate.
(D) It just isn't suitable.



- _____ 7. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Clause?
(A) yuleless
(B) frightful
(C) claustrophobic
(D) scrooged
- _____ 8. What did Santa shout to all his toys on Christmas Eve?
(A) Time to buckle up!
(B) Okay everyone. Sack time!
(C) Remember, no battery breaks for the next thousand miles!
(D) For the last time—No reindeer play in the sleigh!
- _____ 9. Why was one of Santa's little helpers depressed?
(A) He had low elf-esteem.
(B) He was a little behind in his work.
(C) He thought he was being short changed.
(D) His spirits were low.
- _____ 10. What do reindeer say before they tell a joke?
(A) This is so funny!
(B) I just flew in to tell you. . .
(C) This is going to sleigh you!
(D) Stop prancing around.
- _____ 11. Why does Scrooge love all of Santa's reindeer?
(A) Because he finds every one of them uplifting.
(B) Because he knows how time can fly.
(C) Because every buck is dear to him.
(D) Because they give rather than receive.
- _____ 12. What do you get if you cross a sheep with a singing insect?
(A) a woolly warble worm
(B) insomnia
(C) a yarn of a tale
(D) baa! humbug!
- _____ 13. If athletes get athletes' foot, what do astronauts get?
(A) spaced out
(B) missletoe
(C) starbucks
(D) bellyaches
- _____ 14. What do you call the icicles that get stuck in Santa's beard?
(A) Arctic hares
(B) breakers
(C) chin-chillers
(D) cross hairs



- _____ 15. Where does Frosty the Snowman keep his money?
(A) in a freezer
(B) on ice
(C) under his hat
(D) in a snow bank
- _____ 16. What do you get when you cross a famous archery expert with a gift-wraper?
(A) punctured packages
(B) Ribbon Hood
(C) bowties
(D) Archey and Bowinkle
- _____ 17. How do Mr. and Mrs. Santa get around when they go out on the town?
(A) on an icicle built for two
(B) They go dashing through the snow.
(C) on a one-reindeer open sleigh
(D) They pole vault.
- _____ 18. If Santa rode a motorcycle, what kind would it be?
(A) a Ho-ho-honda
(B) a Holly Davidson
(C) a Kawasaki
(D) a John Deer
- _____ 19. What kind of bird helps Santa write his gift list?
(A) a tern
(B) a sea gull
(C) a daffy duck
(D) a penguin
- _____ 20. What kind of food do you get when you cross a blizzard with an angry polar bear?
(A) a frosty
(B) a brrrr-grrr
(C) a cold cut
(D) ice scream



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Fill your punnybone with high octane. Zoom over into the fast lane! Find the puniest answer to the following riddles, and then write their letters in the blanks to the left.

_____ 1. Where do Santa's reindeer like to go for refreshments?

- (A) Barnes and Nobel
- (B) The Deery Queen
- (C) Tinsel Town
- (D) The Pottery Barn

_____ 2. Why did Santa take all the bells off his sleigh?

- (A) The neighbors complained about the noise.
- (B) He didn't want to jingle all the way.
- (C) He hopes to win the No Bell Prize one day.
- (D) He didn't like them ringing in his ears.

_____ 3. What did the elves sing to Santa on his birthday

- (A) Frosty the Snowman
- (B) Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow
- (C) Sleigh Ride
- (D) Reindeer Games

_____ 4. Does Santa have any money?

- (A) Yes. That's why he's so jolly.
- (B) Yes, in several snow banks.
- (C) No. He's Saint Nickeless.
- (D) Yes. He's a frequent flier.

_____ 5. What do you get if you cross a Yule Log with a duck?

- (A) a fire quacker
- (B) a fire starter
- (C) snap, crackle, pop
- (D) one really angry duck

_____ 6. What treat always makes Santa happy?

- (A) a chocolate chip cookie
- (B) a jolly doughnut
- (C) a blueberry muffin
- (D) ice cream

_____ 7. What did the ghosts say to Santa Claus?

- (A) We'll have a boo Christmas without you.
- (B) You can't scare us.
- (C) Don't believe what you hear. We've all been nice.
- (D) Trick or treat!



- _____ 8. How do rodents get around the North Pole during the winter?
(A) snow tunnels.
(B) crumbs trails
(C) snow cheese
(D) mice skates
- _____ 9. What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa when she handed him an umbrella?
(A) It's raining somewhere.
(B) It's going to rain, dear.
(C) Better safe than sorry.
(D) Try not to lose this one.
- _____ 10. What comes five minutes after all the presents have been opened?
(A) playtime
(B) Christmas past presents
(C) Christmess
(D) Christmas joy
- _____ 11. What do you get when you cross a Christmas tree with a Mac?
(A) an apple tree
(B) fruit and berries
(C) a little green apple
(D) a pineapple
- _____ 12. What did Mrs. Claus do to the Christmas tree before she displayed it in the den?
(A) She got it all spruced up.
(B) She brought it indoors.
(C) She threaded tinsel through its needles.
(D) She decorated it and then announced its presence to Santa and the elves.
- _____ 13. What happened to the awful dress that Santa gave Mrs. Claus for Christmas?
(A) She kept it under wraps.
(B) She wore it out.
(C) She took it to the frock exchange.
(D) It disappeared when Dasher put it in the dryer.
- _____ 14. What would Prancer get if he ate a Christmas tree?
(A) tinselitis
(B) a shiner
(C) grounded
(D) stary-eyed
- _____ 15. Where does Santa store all his valuables?
(A) in the Arctic attic
(B) He keeps them on ice.
(C) in a base mint
(D) in the Pole vault



- _____ 16. Why did Santa Claus go to the paint store when Mrs. Claus said he needed to lose some weight?
- (A) They were getting ready to reduce prices.
 - (B) He heard he could get thinner there.
 - (C) He wanted to brush up on his cooking skills.
 - (D) It was a long walk.
- _____ 17. What does a reindeer do when he has an upset stomach?
- (A) He naps in a blanket of snow.
 - (B) He waits until his condition is stable.
 - (C) He takes an elk-a-setlzer.
 - (D) He rests for a few hours in a no-fly zone.
- _____ 18. What does Santa always take with him when he goes to the golf course?
- (A) an elf caddie
 - (B) a reindeer game
 - (C) a Christmas tee
 - (D) a merry-go-round
- _____ 19. Why does Santa have trouble keeping his New Year's resolutions?
- (A) They just go in one year and out the other.
 - (B) He has a habit of giving things away.
 - (C) He forgets where he put them.
 - (D) They take a back seat in the sleigh.
- _____ 20. What is Santa's excuse when he gets lost driving on New Year's Eve?
- (A) He can't see well in the fog.
 - (B) He's not used to being out so late.
 - (C) Nobody leaves the lights on for him.
 - (D) He blames the old lane signs.



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Answer Keys

Part One

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. C
11. C
12. D
13. B
14. C
15. D
16. B
17. A
18. B
19. D
20. B

Part Two

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. D
9. B
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. C
14. A
15. D
16. B
17. C
18. C
19. A
20. D