

# **OH YES IT IS!.....OH NO IT ISN'T!!**

**Can you tell which of these Christmas facts are true or false?**

1	"Jingle Bells" in 1965 became the first song played in space.		
2	Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was originally named Small Sam.		
3	The World record for a group of carol singers was 25,272 in Nigeria in 2014.		
4	The first Christmas stamp was launched in Canada in 1898.		
5	Alabama in 1836 became the first US State to officially recognise Christmas.		
6	The largest Christmas cracker was pulled in South Africa in 1991.		
7	The three wise men are only mentioned in St Matthew's gospel.		
8	The carol "Silent Night" is the most recorded Christmas song in the World.		
9	The White House Christmas tree tradition was introduced by Teddy Roosevelt.		
10	The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany from dyed goose feathers.		
11	The song "Jingle Bells" was actually written for Thanksgiving.		
12	Handel's oratorio "Messiah" had its premiere in London in 1742.		
13	Father Christmas is known as Grandfather Frost in Russia.		
14	"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is the highest grossing Christmas movie of all time.		
15	The first US Christmas postage stamp was issued in 1952.		
16	The largest gathering of Father Christmases was in Kerala, India in 2014.		
17	The pantomime "Mother Goose" was originally created for Danny LaRue.		
18	Rudolf the red-nose reindeer was originally mentioned in the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas".		
19	Christmas spending accounts for 10% of all annual retail sales in the USA.		
20	"O Come all Ye Faithful" was voted the UK's most popular carol in 2014.		