



RESSNEWS



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Which Christmas movie are you? Quiz

1. Do you like Christmas?

- a) No
- b) I like gifts.
- c) I like spending time with my loved ones.
- d) Oh yes, it is such a romantic holiday!

2. What do you want for Christmas?

- a) Nothing, I hate Christmas.
- b) I want like 15-20 presents.
- c) Health and love for my loved ones
- d) A partner

3. Which Christmas tree is your favourite?

a)



c)



b)



d)



4. What is your favourite tradition?

- a) Destroying snowman
- b) Not eating and waiting for the golden pig
- c) Cutting an apple in half
- d) Kiss under the mistletoe

5. Choose one type of Christmas sweets!

- a) I am on a diet, so I don't have any favourite sweets.
- b) Gingerbread (perníčky)
- c) Vanilla Crescents (vanilkové rohlíčky)
- d) Anything heart shaped, especially Linzer cookies

6. What is your favourite Christmas song?

- a) I hate Christmas songs every time I hear one my head feels close to exploding.
- b) Rolničky
- c) Půlnoční
- d) All I Want For Christmas Is You

7. What do you think about "trdelník"?

- a) It's a scam.
- b) I LOVE IT, especially with ice cream and sprinkles.
- c) It's fine but I prefer chestnuts and hot wine.
- d) Yes, it is a must when exploring the city over Christmas

Results:

If you got mostly a)'s you are the movie *How the Grinch stole Christmas*. Everything about Christmas annoys you. You think that gift giving is a waste of money, and that Christmas food is disgusting and has too many calories. Our advice for you is to stop being a hater and just enjoy something for once.

If you got mostly b)'s you are the movie *Home Alone*. You absolutely adore Christmas. It is your favourite time of the year. By far your favourite thing about it is receiving gifts. You are a kid at heart and even though it may be time to grow up, our Ressnews team will support you no matter what.

If you got mostly c)'s you are the movie *Three Nuts For Cinderella*. You are a casual Christmas enthusiast. You could live without it but when the time comes you enjoy it, nonetheless. You like keeping traditions and most of all spending time with your family. You are an old soul, and we love you for that.

If you got mostly d)'s you are the movie *Love Actually*. You love Christmas and it's probably your favourite holiday right after Valentine's Day. You do like the Christmas movies, food, and gifts but the most enjoyable thing about them is having someone to experience them with. You are a true romantic and the thing you seek the most is a kiss under the mistletoe.

If you want to know more about the movies you should read the [MOVIES EXPLANATION](#) article.

MOVIES EXPLANATION

DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (GRINCH)

A well-known movie from the year 2000 about a green creature trying to steal Christmas just because his own life is so miserable and tasteless and not to mention, his only friend is a dog who he probably hates as well. The only person who was able to „save“ Christmas from Grinch was a little girl Cindy Lou who made Grinch change his mind. So, in the end of the day, even if you are a Grinch, you can also have a happy ending.



HOME ALONE

“It's about a big family, they are basically flying to France, but before leaving they have a fight. Kevin is the main character, he has a fight with his family because they treat him poorly, so they tell him to sleep in the attic and leave him there. At the airport his parents notice that they might have forgotten something (Kevin), so Kevin is left home alone. Then some thieves try to rob the house and no one notices because everyone in the neighbourhood left, therefore Kevin decides to have fun with pranking the thieves and that's it and then the family comes back and they reunite.”

- members of Ressnews

THREE WISHES FOR CINDERELLA

A national treasure for Czech people, everyone knows and loves this movie or has seen it at least once. A typical love story about someone with a lower status (Cinderella) falling in love with someone of a higher status (prince). Cinderella is also being bullied by her stepmother and a stepsister, but that doesn't stop her from being a kind and caring person. In the beginning she gets three nuts that help her three wishes to come true.



LOVE ACTUALLY

This movie is a collection of all types of love stories, whether it's sibling love, romance, a story about married couple having a rough time or a forbidden love story. Because the topic of these movies is Christmas, it would be obvious thing to say that all these stories are happening around Christmas time.

THE WORLD'S WEIRDEST CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The Yule Lads, Iceland

Thirteen mischievous troll brothers bring Icelandic children small gifts (or rotting potatoes!) during the 13 nights leading to Christmas. Each troll, like Spoon-Licker or Sausage-Swiper, has a different personality, adding a playful twist to the holiday.



Pooping Log and Pooper Figurine, Catalonia

Catalan traditions include a smiling log that "poops" presents when beaten with sticks and a figurine of a defecating man placed in nativity scenes, both adding humor to their celebrations.

Mari Lwyd, Wales

A skeletal horse draped in a white sheet visits homes for a singing duel, blending eerie imagery with festive cheer in this ancient tradition.

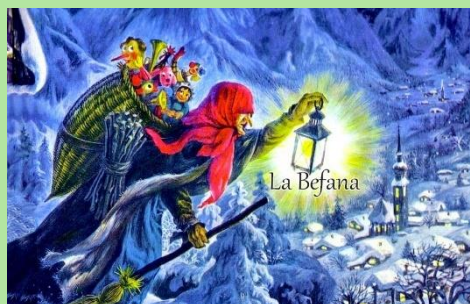


KFC Christmas, Japan

Buckets of fried chicken have become the meal of choice for Christmas Day in Japan, thanks to a wildly successful 1970s KFC marketing campaign.

Krampus, Austria

This horned demon roams the streets scaring children who misbehave, serving as Santa's dark counterpart in Alpine folklore.



La Befana, Italy

An old witch delivers gifts (and coal) on Epiphany Eve. Italian families across Italy leave out a glass of wine and a plate of sausages for 'La Befana'.

Spider Webs, Ukraine

Inspired by a legend, Ukrainians decorate trees with webs, honoring a widow and her kids who did not have enough money to buy decorations for their Christmas tree. Then on Christmas morning she woke up to see their tree covered in gold and silver cobwebs.



Radish Carving, Mexico

Oaxaca's "Night of the Radishes" features sculptures made from oversized radishes, showcasing creativity in this vegetable-based art competition.

Epiphany Eve = Christian festival on the last night of the Twelve Days of Christmas, marking the coming of the Epiphany (January 6)

CHRISTMAS COOKIES RECIPES

EYES IN LOVE (Paví / Zamilovaná / Andělská očka)

List of ingredients:

180 g	butter (soft)
70 g	sugar (powdered)
2	egg yolks
260 g	flour (plain)
lemon peel	
seeds from half a vanilla pod	
2 tbsp	cocoa
<i>Filling:</i>	
50 g	currant jam
1	egg yolk



Procedure:

1. We make the dough a day in advance, rub the butter and sugar, add the yolks one by one and the cocoa.
2. We put flour, lemon peel and seeds on the roll, put the butter mass in the middle and work it into a nice dough, wrap it in foil and put it in the fridge.
3. We divide the bun into two halves, roll out a snake, which we cut into equal parts.
4. We make balls out of them, put them on a baking sheet with baking paper and flatten them with our fingers.
5. Make wells in the middle, brush with egg yolk and fill the wells with currant marmalade.
6. Bake for about 8-12 minutes until golden.

CANDY CANE COOKIES

List of ingredients:

3 c.	all-purpose flour
1 tsp	baking powder
½ tsp	salt
1 c.	butter, softened
1 c.	granulated sugar
1	large egg
1 tbsp	milk
1 tsp	peppermint extract
red food coloring	
sanding sugar	



Procedure:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt.
2. In another large bowl using a hand mixer, beat butter and sugar until creamy. Add egg, milk, and peppermint extract and beat to combine. Add dry ingredients and beat until fully incorporated.
3. Remove half the dough from the bowl, form into a disc and wrap with plastic wrap. Add red food colouring to remaining dough and beat to combine. Form red dough into a disk, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate both doughs until firm, at least 2 hours and up to 3 days.
4. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Divide each disk into 24 pieces; roll each piece to a 6" long rope. Take one red and one white rope and twist the two pieces together, bending the top into a hook to form a candy cane shape. Place on a prepared baking sheet and sprinkle with sanding sugar. Repeat with remaining dough. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 30 minutes.
5. While cookies chill, preheat the oven to 180°C. Bake cookies until just set and edges are lightly golden, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool completely before serving.

LEMON COOKIES WITH RASPBERRIES

List of ingredients:

210 g	plain wheat flour
70 g	powdered sugar
140 g	softened butter
2 pcs	egg yolk
1 tsp	finely grated lemon peel

For the cream:

125 g	softened butter
60 g	powdered sugar
25 ml	lemon juice
25 ml	rum

For icing and decoration:

100 g	powdered sugar
2 tbsp	lemon juice
2 tbsp	rum
raspberries (lyophilized or freeze dried)	



Procedure:

1. Make a smooth dough from flour, sugar, butter, egg yolks and lemon zest, wrap it in cling film and let it rest in the fridge until the next day.
2. Preheat the oven to 180 °C and line a tray with baking paper.
3. Roll out the dough into a 3-4 mm sheet, cut circles out of it and place them on a baking sheet. Put in the oven and bake for about 7 minutes until pink. Leave the lemon rounds to cool.
4. For the cream, beat the butter with the sugar until foamy, then beat in the rum and lemon juice. Glue the circles with the finished cream. Put them in the fridge to cool for at least 30 minutes.
5. For the frosting, whisk the icing sugar with the lemon juice and rum. Spread the resulting glaze on the surface of the glued lemon candy and decorate with crushed freeze-dried raspberries. Do not let it harden. Store the finished lemon wheels in the refrigerator.



FINISH FAMOUS CAROLS LYRICS



TOP 4 DRUG SMUG

1. Pablo Escobar: The King of Cocaine

Country: Colombia

Cartel: Medellín Cartel

Years Active: 1970s – 1993

Drugs Smuggled: Cocaine

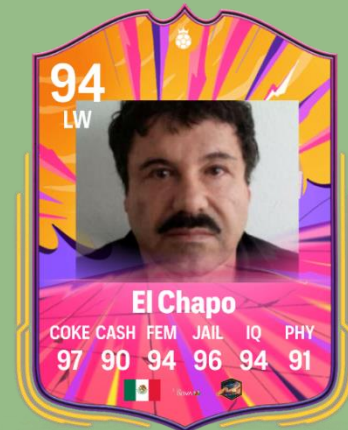
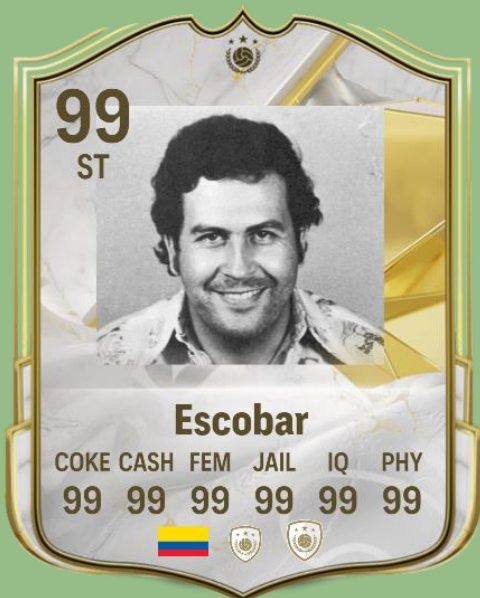
Pablo Escobar is often considered the most infamous drug lord in history. As the leader of the Medellín Cartel, he controlled up to **80%** of the **cocaine** smuggled into the United States during the 1980s. His cartel's vast operations spanned multiple countries, and cocaine was the cornerstone of his empire.

Smuggling Methods:

- **Airplanes and Boats:** Escobar relied on small planes and boats to transport cocaine from Colombia to the U.S. His cartel also used makeshift submarines and boats for larger shipments.
- **Mules:** Escobar's organization used "mules"—people who swallowed or concealed cocaine in hidden compartments—to bypass border checks.

Wealth:

At the height of his power, Escobar's fortune was estimated at **\$30 billion**, making him one of the richest men in the world. His wealth was so vast that he reportedly spent \$2,500 per month just on rubber bands to organize his cash!



2. Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán: The King of the Sinaloa Cartel

Country: Mexico

Cartel: Sinaloa Cartel

Years Active: 1980s – 2016 (Captured)

Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán is one of the most infamous drug lords of the 21st century. As the leader of the Sinaloa Cartel, he was responsible for trafficking massive amounts of drugs into the U. S.

Drugs Smuggled:

- **Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine, and Marijuana:** The Sinaloa Cartel controlled a major portion of the global drug trade. They trafficked cocaine and heroin from South America to the U.S., methamphetamine from Mexico, and marijuana from both countries.

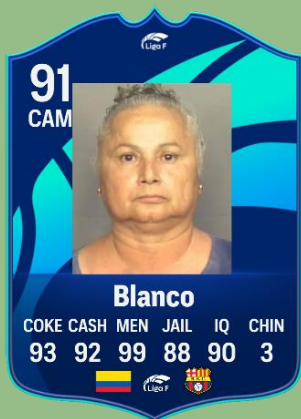
Smuggling Methods:

- **Tunnels:** El Chapo became infamous for using tunnels to smuggle drugs under the U.S.-Mexico border, bypassing law enforcement.
- **Submarines and Boats:** His cartel also employed semi-submersible submarines and boats to carry large shipments of cocaine.

Wealth:

At his peak, El Chapo's net worth was estimated at **\$1 billion**. Despite his vast wealth, El Chapo was captured twice and sentenced **to life in prison**.

GLERS OF ALL TIME



3. Griselda Blanco: The Cocaine Godmother

Country: Colombia

Cartel: Medellín Cartel

Years Active: 1970s – 1985 (Captured)

Griselda Blanco, the “Cocaine Godmother,” was one of the most notorious drug lords of the 1970s and 1980s. She smuggled massive amounts of cocaine from Colombia to the U.S., particularly Miami.

Drugs Smuggled:

- **Cocaine:** Blanco trafficked tons of cocaine, helping to dominate the U.S. market during the 1980s.
- **Cash and Weapons:** She was also involved in money laundering and trafficking weapons to protect her operations.

Smuggling Methods:

- **Airplanes:** Blanco was one of the first to use small planes to transport cocaine.
- **Boats and Mules:** She used boats to move drugs and couriers to carry cocaine across the border.

Wealth:

At her peak, Blanco’s fortune was estimated at **\$2 billion**. Eventually arrested in the 1980s, she was sentenced to prison and later deported to Colombia in 2004.

4. Carlos Lehder: The Airplane King

Country: Colombia

Cartel: Medellín Cartel

Years Active: 1970s – 1987 (Captured)

Carlos Lehder was a key figure in the Medellín Cartel and one of the most innovative drug smugglers of his time. Active in the 1970s and 1980s, he is credited with revolutionizing the cocaine trade by using airplanes to smuggle drugs from Colombia to the United States.

Drugs Smuggled:

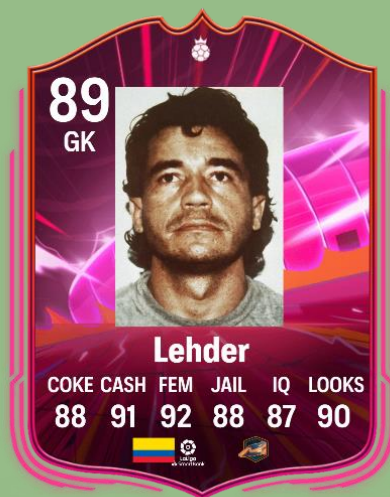
- **Cocaine:** Lehder was a major trafficker of cocaine, responsible for shipping large amounts from Colombia to the U.S.

Smuggling Methods:

- **Airplanes:** Lehder introduced the use of small private planes to transport cocaine, bypassing traditional smuggling routes and significantly increasing efficiency.
- **Private Airports:** He built a private airport on Norman's Cay in the Bahamas, which became a key hub for the cartel’s operations.

Wealth:

At his peak, Lehder’s fortune was estimated at over \$2 billion. Arrested in 1987, he was sentenced to 55 years in prison but was released in 2020 and deported to Germany. Lehder’s innovative use of aviation helped reshape the drug trade.



DRESS UP!



Ho ho ho! Dress up is back in our school and we would like to invite you all to join us on **December 19** and dress up!

We have decided on Christmas/pyjamas theme this year. You can either choose between those themes or combine them both together, let your imagination run wild and post your outfits on your Instagram and tag our school profile.





HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

