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- 1 **True or False:** Jingle Bells became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
- 2 **True or False:** Snow is white.
- 3 **True or False:** The mom in “A Christmas Story” was right when she said falling icicles can seriously hurt people.
- 4 **True or False:** Florida was the first US state to declare Christmas a holiday.
- 5 **True or False:** “Jingle Bells” was originally a Thanksgiving song.
- 6 **True or False:** Christmas became a federal holiday in the US in 1807.
- 7 **True or False:** Over 2 billion Christmas Cards are sent each year in the U.S. at Christmastime
- 8 **True or False:** The name “Santa Claus” comes from the Dutch Sinterklaas.
- 9 **True or False:** Studies show that the average American gains three pounds over the holidays.
- 10 **True or False:** Santa has eight reindeer including Rudolph.
- 11 **True or False:** The image of Santa Claus as we know it was defined by the brand Pepsi.
- 12 **True or False:** Christmas falls during summer in Australia.
- 13 **True or False:** Kris Kringle is the German name for Saint Nicholas.
- 14 **True or False:** The first eggnog in America was made in the Jamestown Settlement.
- 15 **True or False:** According to Icelandic lore, the “Yule Cat” roams the countryside devouring children who don’t wear the clothes they get for Christmas.



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1 True

2 **False:** It's translucent. The light reflecting off of it makes it appear white.

3 **True:** There are a handful of deaths by icicle every year.

4 True

5 True

6 **False:** Christmas became a federal holiday in the US in 1870.

7 True

8 True

9 **False:** It's closer to one pound

10 **False:** Counting Rudolph, Santa has 9 reindeer.

11 **False**

12 True

13 **False:** Kris Kringle is German, but comes from a separate tradition that later melded with Saint Nicholas/Santa Claus.

14 True

15 True