

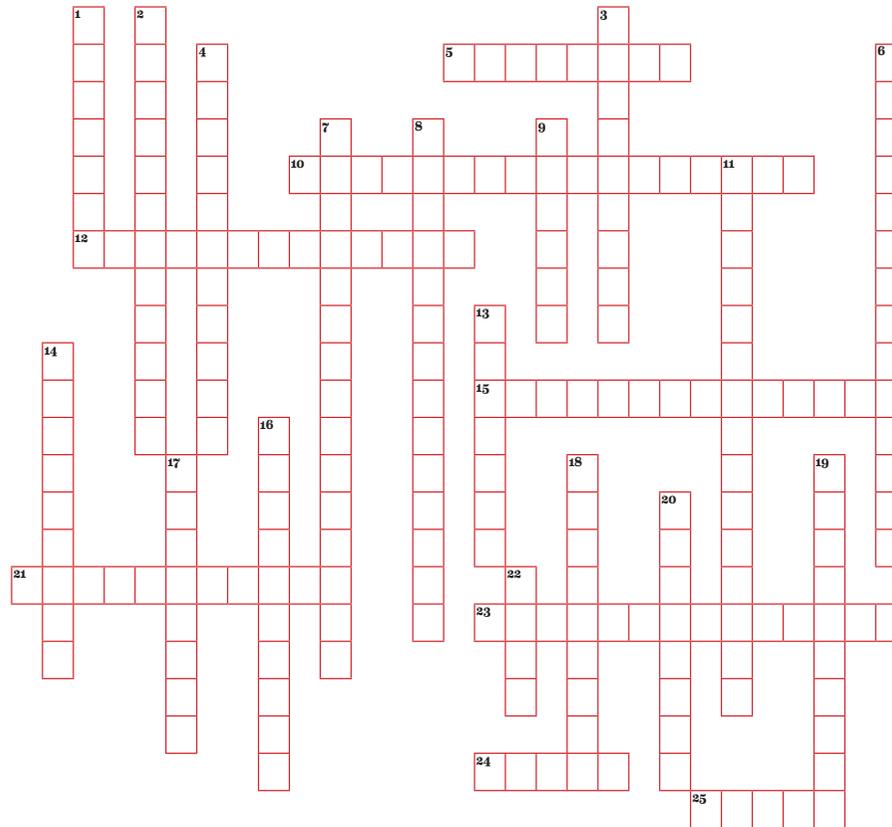
# 25 festive Numbers



Twenty-five lyrical, quizzical clues,  
Composed to confound by our Christmastime muse—  
Bring modern day classics and yuletide yore  
To conundrums with answers across-down-galore!

You may need assistance from [google.com](http://google.com)  
For seasonal sleuthing with guile and aplomb;  
Some quick, some cryptic, they're all wrapped in fun...  
Our blog will, on New Year's Day, show how it's done.

Embark on this challenge with eggnog on hand  
As puzzler's respite if need should demand.  
So, hark! Let us bid thee much Bungalow Cheer:  
A harmonious Christmas and Happy New Year!



## ACROSS

- 5** This flighty creature left a Winter Wonderland for the Kings Road [8]
- 10** Journey's jovial demeanour proves 'it's fun to ride in a one horse open sleigh' [8-3-3-3]
- 12** The only item on this little boy's Christmas list [3-5-5]
- 15** Frank Loesser's wolf weathers the mouse's coy consternation: "Baby, [3-4-7]"
- 21** Oft impersonated by matrimonial snowmen [6-5]
- 23** Fireside snack for when the snow 'doesn't show signs of stopping' [4-3-7]
- 24** Strictly speaking, of the Twelve Days of Christmas, which might call for a glitterball atop the tree? [5]
- 25** Eartha's been an angel all year and so tells Santa Baby this gift isn't a lot [5]

## DOWN

- 1** The Andrews Sisters pinned their stockings to this tree when Christmassing amidst an Indian Ocean outpost's husks [7]
- 2** 'The merry bells keep ringing' - and keeping guests awake - whilst Bing sings Berlin's seasonal greeting [5-7]
- 3** Sir Cliff opts for this festive foliage in preference to cheese with his tippie [9]
- 4** You know 'it's Christmas time in the city' when these ring-a-ling [6-5]
- 6** Last Christmas' discarded heart will, this Christmas, be given to... [7-7]
- 7** A Merry Little Christmas brings those dear to us, near to us once more [8-7]
- 8** Common theme to yuletide dreams [5-9]
- 9** If you spend Christmas here, ensure your phrasebook contains Mele Kalikimaka! [6]
- 11** When Santa Claus comes to town, you'd better [5-3], you'd better not [3], you'd better not [4]...
- 13** Reindeer number eight [7]
- 14** Wrap up well in Jingle Bell Square - don't catch a chill from the... [6-3]
- 16** With his Singers, this man-of-medleys is almost sprucely (coffin yarn - *anagram*) [3-7]
- 17** Ungulate companions to the Little Drummer Boy [2-3-3]
- 18** When vocal child spotted mommy's minor indiscretion with Santa [4-5]
- 19** The magical garment that brought Frosty to life [3-4-3]
- 20** The frequency of Christmas, were Roy Wood to have his wish [5-3]
- 22** This lake is 'beginning to look a lot like Christmas' [4]

★ Check our website for the solution on New Year's Day... and do **post a comment** to let us know how you get on!  
[bungalowindustries.com/Christmas2010](http://bungalowindustries.com/Christmas2010)