



POINSETTIA TRIVIA QUIZ



How much do you know
about this traditional Christmas plant?

1. How many varieties of poinsettias are in existence?
A. 12 B. between 30-40 C. over 100 D. nearly 2000
2. What is the most colorful part of the poinsettia called?
A. a blossom B. a bract C. a floret D. a crown
3. Poinsettias get their name from...
A. a former US ambassador to Mexico C. the daughter of a botanist
B. derivative of Latin meaning "bright" D. all of the above
4. In the wild, how big can poinsettias grow?
A. 2-3 ft high B. 6-8 ft high C. 10-15 ft high D. over 30 ft
5. Properly caring for potted poinsettias entails each of the following EXCEPT:
A. 65-75 degree room temperature C. bright but indirect sunlight
B. 12-14 hours/night of total darkness D. daily water so soil stays moist
6. Approximately what percentage of all potted plants sold are poinsettias?
A. 10% B. 20% C. 30% D. 50%
7. Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous. Studies show that, to get seriously ill, a child would have to ingest about how many poinsettia leaves?
A. 100 B. 250 C. 500 D. 1000
8. Poinsettia leaves do contain a common substance some skin types may find irritating. What is it?
A. capsaicin B. formaldehyde C. ragweed D. latex
9. Poinsettias are produced commercially in all 50 states. Which state grows the most poinsettia plants, at nearly 7 million pots annually?
A. California B. South Carolina C. Florida D. Georgia
10. What is the legend of Pepita?
A. A medicine woman used poinsettia plant to heal famous Aztec warrior
B. A poor Mexican girl gave weeds to Jesus which miraculously turned red
C. A Spanish nun used poinsettias to dye red cloth for Christmas tree skirt