

Listening Comprehension Check: *Les Santons de Maud*

Listen to Maud's responses to answer the following question. Each section is separated by question (note that question 4 has 2 recordings). The questions below are mixed in both French and English. They're a mix of true/false, multiple choice, short answer and recognition questions. Check your answers at the bottom of the page -- don't worry, it's not for a grade.

What can you tell me about *santons*? Do you know its origins?

1. In what part of France is this tradition well known for local families?
2. Vrai/Faux: Maud croit que cette tradition date de la Renaissance.
3. Were actors always available to portray the nativity scenes? If not, what was the solution?
4. V/F: La crèche provençale ne montre que Jésus, Marie, Joseph, et les Rois mages.

How long has your family been collecting them? How many do you have? Where do you buy them?

5. V/F: La famille de Maud collectionne les santons depuis le mariage de ses parents.
6. Les grands-parents de Maud ont combien de santons?
a) vingt c) trente
b) une vingtaine d) une trentaine
7. Where does Maud's family buy their santons?
8. V/F: Sa famille achète 2 santons par an.
9. V/F: Les santons ne sont pas chers.

How does your family display your santons?

10. V/F: La grand-mère de Maud met sa crèche où il y a de la place.
11. V/F: Maud met ses santons sur une sorte de buffet dans le salon.
12. T/F: Maud leaves her nativity scene close to the Christmas presents.
13. V/F: Il y a un endroit très précis pour les santons de la grand-mère de Maud.
14. T/F: Maud's nativity scene is placed close to her Christmas tree.

Do you have a favorite santon in your collection?

15. Quel métier n'a pas été mentionné?
a) le bûcheron b) le boulanger c) le meunier
16. T/F: When Maud was younger, she was intrigued by the miller santon.
17. Based on her description, which of the following santons is Maud's favorite?



a)



b)



c)



d)

18. À quoi sert le ravi?
19. V/F: Maud doesn't like that *le ravi* doesn't have a particular job.
20. Maud loves her mother's angel santon.
21. V/F: Ce santon a deux magnifiques ailes dans le dos qui se déploient de chaque côté.
22. V/F: C'est un santon laid, mais Maud l'aime à cause de sa position dans la crèche.
23. Where are Jesus, Mary, and Joseph placed in her grandmother's nativity?

Les réponses: 1. Provence 2. F 3. No. People started making figurines 4. F 5 F 6. D 7. From a Marché de Noël 8. F 9. F 10. F 11. F 12. T 13. V 14. T 15. B 16. F 17. C 18. "Il est juste là pour être heureux." 19. F 20. F 21. V 22. F 23. In the barn with the angel on top.