Even Santa has to follow safety precautions at Christmas. So, Pioneer wants to test your “Santa Safety Skills.” See if you can correctly guess the answer to all 5 Christmas safety questions below:

1) When picking a real Christmas Tree, you should look for:
   A. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break and should be hard to pull off the branches. On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent.
   B. The needles of pines should be brown and should snap easily. On Fir species, the needles should not snap when bent.
   C. Charlie Brown's tree.

2) How many inches should be cut from the base of a Christmas tree trunk before putting it into a stand?
   A. 1"
   B. 2"
   C. No inches. Just put it into the stand.

3) What safety label should you look for on all your Christmas lights?
   A. The color coordination label
   B. The “UL” label (which stands for Underwriting Laboratory)
   C. The “SFL” label (which stands for Santa’s Favorite Lights)

4) In December, what percent of home candle fires begin with decorations?
   A. None. All Christmas candles are perfectly safe.
   B. 4%
   C. 13%

5) What is the safest way to manage more than one child in the kitchen?
   A. Pre-measure your ingredients so you can allow each kid to pour half into the mixing bowl. Older children could also be responsible for measuring or mixing while younger children get to add ingredients to the bowl.
   B. Allow children to mix, measure, and place food into the oven or onto the stove.
   C. Allow children to do the cooking themselves so they can learn.

How many did you get correct? Here are the answers with links to more information on each of the topics above:

2) B: http://www.nfpa.org/safety%20information/for%20consumers/holidays/christmas%20tree%20fires.aspx
4) C: http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/candle.shtm

From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and a Very Merry Christmas!