

In our recent [blog](#), we explore how UK pensions evolved this millennium and remind you of some of the key developments. Continuing this theme, we would like to test your knowledge of pensions, festive facts and news stories from this millennium. Can you identify the correct year for each row?

To make it easier, we are providing you with the years that you need to match up with a question, but can you get them in the correct order?

**2000, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2024**

	Pensions Fact in This Year	Yuletide News in This Year	News Item in This Year	Name the Year (from the choices above)
1	The Pension Protection Fund came into being on 6 April in this year.	After the revival of <i>Doctor Who</i> in this year, a Christmas special was aired, with David Tennant making his debut as the 10th doctor.	Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles were married.	2005
2	The roll out of automatic enrolment started for the biggest employers from October in this year.	The year that Christmas jumpers made a big comeback. The charity Save the Children launched its annual campaign to "Make the World Better with a Sweater".	We had Super Saturday – the proudest moment in British athletics? Greg Rutherford, Jessica Ennis-Hill and Mo Farah all secured a gold medal within a sensational 45 minutes.	2012
3	The single tier state pension was introduced, marking the end of contracting out.	Hatchimals were reported to be the most wanted toy under the tree. This toy takes the form of an egg that hatches over time to give a child one of a number of different species.	The UK-wide Brexit referendum was held.	2016
4	The master trust regulations and The Pensions Regulator's (TPR) master trust authorisation and supervision regime came into force in October of this year.	<i>The Grinch</i> , an animated film based on a book by Dr. Seuss, was released.	We love a weather story! The "Beast from the East" brought heavy snow across the country in February and March.	2018
5	Pension sharing on divorce regulations came into force.	Bob the Builder topped the music charts. He could fix anything!	Steven Redgrave won BBC Sports Personality of the Year (and became "Sir Steven" soon after).	2000

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6	The defined contribution “freedom and choice” reforms were announced in Chancellor George Osborne’s budget.	Winner of ITV’s <i>X Factor</i> , Ben Haenow, had the Yuletide number one single with “Something I Need”.	The “ice-bucket challenge” swept the nation, to raise funds for motor neurone disease.	2014
7	TPR’s general code of practice came into force.	The 40th anniversary of the original Band Aid single reaching the top of the music singles charts.	Gareth Southgate resigned as manager of the England men’s football team after around eight years in charge.	2024
8	A pension schemes act was passed, which (among other important things) provided for regulations to establish pensions dashboards and collective defined contribution schemes.	The film <i>Home Sweet Home Alone</i> (also known as <i>Home Alone 6</i> ) was released, 31 years after the original <i>Home Alone</i> film.	News was dominated by the mass roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations and an announcement of the third lockdown in England.	2021
9	Tax “simplification” came into force, replacing Inland Revenue Limits.	<i>The Holiday</i> was the newly released, must-watch festive film.	Pluto was downgraded from a planet to a “dwarf planet”.	2006
10	A pensions act was passed in this year, which included amendments to switch from RPI to CPI as the basis for calculating statutory minimum increases for pensions in payment and deferred pensions.	Actress Charlie Brooks won the <i>Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special</i> with professional dancer Vincent Simone.	Prince William married Catherine Middleton (and we had an extra bank holiday to celebrate!).	2011

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Wishing you all a very merry festive season, and a healthy and happy 2025.