

Quiz Round 1

General Knowledge

1. Which city officially began its year as the UK City of Culture in January 2025?

Answer - Bradford

2. What colour is the tongue of a giraffe?

Answer - Purple, blue or black (this is because it contains a high amount of melanin believed to help protect the tongue from sun damage)

3. How many sides does a dodecahedron have?

Answer - 12

4. Dave Grohl is the frontman on which rock band?

Answer - Foo Fighters

5. What is the oldest airline in the world still flying under its original name? Bonus Point if you know the full name of the airline.

Answer - KLM (Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij) founded on 7 October 1920

6. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?

Answer - Marie Curie (she actually won it twice – the first in 1903 was for research on the radiation phenomenon with her husband Pierre and Henri Becquerel. The second, in 1911, was for the discovery of radium and polonium)

7. To an Australian Aboriginal, what is a kylie?

Answer - hunting stick (differs from a boomerang as it is designed not to return)

8. Who discovered penicillin?

Answer - Alexander Fleming (discovered by accident after Alexander didn't clean his lab before a holiday)

9. What is the name of a female donkey?

Answer - Jenny (a male donkey is a Jack!)

10. What type of pasta is shaped like small grains of rice and is often used in soups?

Answer - Orzo

Total out of 11 points (Q5 worth 2)



Quiz Round 2

Geography

1. What body of water had a name change in 2025? For half a point each the original name and the new name.

Answer - Originally the Gulf of Mexico it was changed to the Gulf of America by executive order of President Trump and is only officially recognised in the USA

2. What is the name of the southernmost point of South America?

Answer - Cape Horn

3. Which country has the largest **land** area?

Answer - Russia (6.3 million square miles/16.4 million square kilometres.)

4. In which city in India would you find the Taj Mahal in?

Answer - Agra

5. Which country has the highest number of natural lakes?

Answer - Canada

6. What is the official language of Brazil?

Answer - Portuguese

7. What is the longest river in the United Kingdom?

Answer - River Severn (220 miles /354 km starts in the Cambrian Mountains on Plynlimon and ends in the Severn Estuary)

8. The world's longest stretch of completely straight railroad is 297 miles or 478km long. Where in the world is this?

Answer - Australia, will also accept Nullarbor Plain. It is on the Trans-Australian Railway and is remarkable section of the Indian Pacific Railway journey.

9. What is the official capital city of Tanzania?

Answer - Dodoma (it was Dar es Salaam, which is still the largest city, until 1974)

10. Which continent is the only one to have land in all four hemispheres (Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western)?

Answer - Africa

Total out of 10 points



Quiz Round 3

History

1. Which monarch was at the centre of the Abdication Crisis?

Answer - Edward VIII (left so that he could marry his true love Wallis Simpson. He was king for less than a year, January 20 1936 until 11 December 1936)

2. In what year did the battle of Waterloo occur?

Answer - 1815 (18 June, it marked the end of the Napoleonic Wars. The French Army of the North was defeated by the Anglo-Allied and Prussian armies, led by the Duke of Wellington and Field Marshal Gebhard von Blucher)

3. Who was the prime minister of Britain at the outset of World War I?

Answer - Herbert Asquith (prime minister from 1908 until 1916)

4. Which British explorer extensively chartered the eastern coast of Australia, claiming it for Great Britain?

Answer - Captain James Cook (he is credited with mapping more of the world's coastlines than any other individual and preventing scurvy. He also laid the groundwork that colonised Australia and New Zealand)

5. What major historical event, starting in a bakery on Pudding Lane in 1666?

Answer - The great fire of London (5 September, in a bakery owned by Thomas Ferriner, destroyed an area of 400 acres. Commemorated with The Monument)

6. Who was the last King of England to die in battle?

Answer - Richard III (infamous for the Princes in the Tower mystery, died in 1485 and found buried in a car park in Leicester in 2012)

7. Which famous British explorer led the ill-fated Terra Nova Expedition to Antarctica in 1910, aiming to be the first to reach the South Pole?

Answer - Robert Falcon Scott (beaten to the south pole by Roald Amundsen in 1911 and died from starvation shortly afterwards)

8. What was the name of the series of civil wars fought in England during the 15th century between the rival houses of Lancaster and York for control of the throne?

Answer - The Wars of the Roses (1455 to 1487. Henry Tudor won at Bosworth Field and became Henry VII)

9. In what year did the Mayflower arrive in America?

Answer - 1620



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10. Which ancient civilization, known for its advanced engineering and terraced agriculture, built the iconic city of Machu Picchu high in the Andes Mountains?

Answer - The Inca Empire (or Tahuantinsuyu, is the largest pre-Columbian America empire in South America)

Total out of 10 points



Quiz Round 4

Sport

1. Which football club plays its home games at Loftus Road?

Answer - Queen's Park Rangers

2. "HISTORY CHIRP HORSE" is an anagram of which Olympic winning sports personality?

Answer - Sir Christopher Hoy (sadly diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer, Sir Chris Hoy organised the Tour de 4 to raise money for cancer charities. Wessex Cancer Support client, Mark Cribb took part and raised over £3 thousand for the charity)

3. Which city hosted the Commonwealth games in 2022?

Answer - Birmingham (72 nations and territories took part)

4. What is the name of the oldest football cup competition in the world. First contested in the 1871-1872 season?

Answer - The FA Cup (the first final was at Kennington Oval and the Wanderers FC beat the Royal Engineers)

5. Which country currently holds the title of Netball World Cup Champions?

Answer - Australia

6. Which prestigious British equestrian event, held annually in Gloucestershire, is a three-day eventing competition featuring dressage, cross-country, and show jumping?

Answer - The Badminton Horse Trials (first held in 1949, it is now a highlight of the equestrian calendar)

7. Which prestigious annual yacht race circumnavigates the Isle of Wight, starting and finishing in Cowes?

Answer - The Round the Island Race (approximately 50 nautical miles long, the race started in 1931 and is open to all types of vessels which gives the race a unique charm)

8. Who is widely regarded as the GOAT (greatest of all time) of American football?

Answer - Tom Brady (played for 23 seasons, 20 for the New England Patriots, as a quarterback and won 7 Super Bowl titles)



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9. What is the name of the historic trophy contested annually between the England and Scotland men's rugby union teams during the Six Nations Championship?

Answer - The Calcutta Cup (the oldest trophy contested between 2 international rugby teams, it dates back 1872 and now forms part of the Six Nations Championship)

10. Before Andy Murray's victories, who was the last British man to win the Wimbledon men's singles title?

Answer - Fred Perry (he is widely regarded as the most successful British tennis player and is the name behind clothing brand founded in 1952)

Total out of 10 points



Quiz Round 5

Picture round

Famous Wessex Faces (all lived or were born in Hampshire, Dorset or the Isle of Wight)

1. **J.R.R. Tolkien** – (John Ronald Reuel Tolkien) famous author of the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings - lived in Branksome Park, Poole, and prior to that was a frequent visitor to the Hotel Miramar
2. **Jane Austen** – famous author of Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Sense and Sensibility and Emma. Born in Steventon and lived in Hampshire
3. **Harry Rednapp** – King of the Jungle, and football manager. Lives in Sandbanks, Poole
4. **Jeremy Irons** – Oscar winning actor for Reversal of Fortune. Born in Cowes and grew up in St Helens on the Isle of Wight.
5. **Queen Victoria** – Lived on the Isle of Wight at Osborne House
6. **Amanda Holden** – actress, singer and judge on Britain's Got Talent. Born in Portsmouth and lived in Bournemouth
7. **Chris Martin** – Coldplay frontman. Boarded at Sherborne School in Dorset
8. **Alan Titchmarsh** – Gardener and TV presenter. Lives near Alton in Hampshire and owns a home in Cowes on the Isle of Wight
9. **Phill Jupitus** – comedian, actor, writer and panellist on Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Born in Newport on the Isle of Wight
10. **Craig David** – singer, songwriter and DJ. From Southampton, Hampshire

Quiz Round 6

Picture round 2

Musical Dingbats (half point for song and half point for artist)

1. Summertime Sadness (Lana Del Rey)
2. Titanium (David Guetta/Sia)
3. Toxic (Britney Spears)
4. Take on Me (A-ha)
5. All Shook Up (Elvis)
6. American Pie (Don McLean)
7. Cars (The Pleasure Principle)
8. A Little Respect (Erasure)
9. Heart of Gold (Neil Young)
10. Poker Face (Lady Gaga)
11. Bad Habits (Ed Sheeran)
12. Shape of You (Ed Sheeran)
13. Rock Around the Clock (Bill Haley & His Comets)
14. The Only Way Is Up (Yazz)
15. Too Shy (Kajagoogoo)
16. Six Feet Under (The Weekend)
17. Three Little Birds (Bob Marley)
18. 10,000 hours (Justin Bieber)
19. Push It (Salt-n-Pepa)
20. Killing In the Name (Rage Against the Machine)

Total out of 20