

Quiz Questions

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Round 1: General Knowledge

1. Which song is, according to the 'Guinness Book of Records', the most recognised song in the English language, ahead of 'For He's A Jolly Good Fellow' in second place?
2. What is the world's most populous species of bird? (i.e. most of them in the world)
3. What is sandwiched between two biscuit slices in a Garibaldi?
4. In Greek Mythology, who was King of the Gods?
5. What is the biggest state in America?
6. In which continent do you find ostriches in the wild?
7. On which planet is there a volcano called Olympus Mons?
8. Who discovered Penicillin?

Round 2: Follow On

1. Which vowel is least frequently used in the English language?
2. What name links a former Labour Cabinet minister called Marjorie and a great long distance runner called Mohamed?
3. What began at midnight on 1 August 1981 with the Buggles' 'Video Killed The Radio Star'?
4. What famous film role was played by a Cairn Terrier called Terry?
5. Which independent nation in the Pacific had "Western" as part of its name until 1997?
6. What element has the chemical symbol C?
7. The Faroe Islands are an island group belonging to which country?
8. Which period of the Mesozoic era fell between the Triassic and Cretaceous?

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Round 3: Entertainment

1. Which part of the standard uniform of 'Men in Black' is not black?
2. In which movie's climax do an architect and a journalist meet for the first time at the Empire State Building in New York (although the movie's title refers to a different American city)?
3. In the US it is called 'Shark Tank'. In Israel it is called 'The Sharks'. In Romania it is called 'Lion's Arena' and in Japan it is called 'Money Tigers'. What is it in the UK?
4. Which Witch was flattened by the house in 'The Wizard of Oz'?
5. Between December 1984 and September 1985, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Jennifer Rush and Huey Lewis and the News all had top 20 hits with three entirely different songs that all had the same title. What was the title?
6. In the 1994 film Speed, what is the minimum speed (in mph) for the bus to avoid blowing
7. On which TV show would you see expert quizzers with nicknames including: The Beast, The Governess, The Dark Destroyer, The Sinnerman and The Vixen?
8. Described as 'the Napoleon of Crime, who was Sherlock Holmes' archenemy?

Round 4: A or B (i.e: the answer is either A or B)

1. Which has been an official royal residence longer a) Buckingham Palace or b) Windsor Castle?
2. Which day of the week has more letters in French: a) Thursday or b) Friday?
3. Which has a larger population - a) Wales or b) Scotland?
4. Which was invented first a) sewing machine or b) submarine?
5. On an Olympic medal podium, does the silver medallist go on the gold medallist's a) right or b) left?
6. What colour is wine made from Cabernet Sauvignon a) red or b) white?
7. England's highest mountain is in which National Park - a) The Peak District or b) the Lake District?
8. Is Morocco in the a) Northern Hemisphere or b) Southern Hemisphere?

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Round 5: Back to School

A round of questions on subjects you may not have thought about since school. It might also help you that the answers are in alphabetical order...

1. What animal is sometimes known as the African Ant Bear or the Cape anteater?
2. What kind of bird pecked off the nose of the maid who was hanging out the clothes in a famous nursery rhyme?
3. What is the Russian equivalent of the US term "astronaut"?
4. What was the currency of Holland before the Euro?
5. In Greek Mythology, who had a "face that launched a thousand ships"?
6. What type of animal has at least 250 fewer legs than its name suggests?
7. What is the two word name of the national mapping agency of the United Kingdom?
8. What did Colonel Nasser of Egypt nationalise in 1956, leading to an international crisis?

Round 6: Sport

1. Comedian Eddie Izzard received a BBC Sports Personality of the Year Special Achievement Award in 2009 for doing what 43 times in 51 days?
2. If a jockey wears purple with gold trim, scarlet sleeves and black velvet cap, who owns the horse he is riding?
3. What is the nickname of former darts world champion, Dennis Priestley, known for wearing a red and black striped top?
4. When did successive World Cup finals feature the same two teams, but with the result reversed?
5. Which cricket club plays at The Oval?
6. How many Olympic gold medals did rower Sir Steve Redgrave win during his career?
7. Which England footballer was famously never given a yellow card?
8. On the 6th February 1971, Alan B. Shepard hit two golf balls at a venue where no one else had ever played before. Where?

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Round 7: Alphabet

In this round we give you the first letter of each answer...

1. Which K is the US State in which the businessman Colonel Harland Sanders died in 1980?
2. Which J typically consists of 7 people in Hong Kong, 15 in Scotland, and 12 in England and most of the rest of the world?
3. Which W is also known as Japanese horseradish and is often served as a green paste with Sushi?
4. Which Z is a landlocked country that was formed from Northern Rhodesia in 1964?
5. Which T is a dessert with a name that means "pick me up" in Italian?
6. Which P was the currency of Spain before the Euro?
7. Which F was introduced by McDonald's in 1963 in order to attract Catholic customers on "no-meat Fridays"?
8. What A is the continent with the world's lowest rainfall average?

Round 8: Missing Link

In this round there is a link between all the answers to question 1 to 7. Then, question 8 will ask you simply what the missing link is between them...

1. Jim Carrey played the title character in which 1998 film set in the fictional town of Seahaven?
2. What is the name of the part of a waterway that is shallow enough to be crossed on foot?
3. What type of vacuum cleaner was invented in Ohio in 1907 by a man called James Murray Spangler, though he sold the patent the next year?
4. According to the proverb, a bird in the hand is worth two ... where?
5. What is the former English county, abolished in 1996, whose county town was Middlesbrough?
6. Which 1971 gangster film, starring Michael Caine, was remade in 2000 with Sylvester Stallone in the lead role?
7. What is the surname of the 'Neighbours' characters Carl, Susan, who had three children Mal, Libby and Billy?
8. What is the missing link?

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