

Individual Round 1

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| 1. Which <i>Blackadder</i> cast member was knighted in the 2013 Birthday Honours List? | Sir Tony Robinson |
| 2. Which city does Islam regard as the next most holy after Mecca? | Medina |
| 3. What is the youngest section of the Scouting movement, covering ages 6 to 8? | Beaver Scouts |
| 4. Which seaside resort extends either side of the Great Orme headland? | Llandudno |
| 5. What alternative descriptive name is shared by criminals Oswald Cobblepot and Feathers McGraw? | (The) Penguin |
| 6. What was the country of birth of Pope Benedict XVI? | Germany |
| 7. What was the forename of the founder of the Boots chain of High Street pharmacists? | Jesse (acc John) |
| 8. Which song, a N ^o 1 hit throughout Europe in 1978, is a reworking of the 137 th Psalm? | Rivers of Babylon |
| 9. Which title character of a Shakespeare play describes himself as "more sinned against than sinning"? | King Lear |
| 10. Which political party, currently represented at Westminster, is led by Leanne Wood? | Plaid Cymru or Welsh Nationalists |

Team Round 2

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| 1. Seaports | <i>What is the main port serving each of these cities:</i> | |
| a) Athens (Greece); | | Piraeus |
| b) Santiago (Chile); | | Valparaiso |
| c) Perth (Western Australia)? | | Fremantle |
| 2. Rock Meets Football | | |
| a) Which football club does Robbie Williams make much of supporting? | | Port Vale |
| b) For which London football club did Rod Stewart have an unsuccessful trial? | | Brentford |
| c) Which veteran indie band notoriously turned down an appearance on "The Tube" to avoid missing a Tranmere Rovers home match? | | Half Man Half Biscuit |
| 3. Irish Towns and Counties | | |
| a) In which county is Malin Head, the most northerly point in all Ireland? | | County Donegal |
| b) Which Northern Ireland county administrative centre is the most westerly town of the United Kingdom? | | Enniskillen |
| c) Which is the only county in the Republic of Ireland whose name begins with a vowel? | | County Offaly |
| 4. Our Local Saints | | |
| a) Which Derbyshire village became an important place of pilgrimage through being the burial place of St Wystan, King of Mercia? | | Repton |
| b) Which saint, whose name has been adopted by a prominent local property firm, founded the abbey of Burton-on-Trent? | | St Modwen |
| c) Which 8 th century Northumbrian saint was buried in Derby, is often described as being "of Derby", and has a thoroughfare named after him in Derby? | | St Alkmund (of Derby) |
| 5. Children's TV | | |
| a) Whose arch-nemesis was "The Scunner Campbell"? | | Supergran |
| b) What is the name of the Teletubbies' vacuum cleaner-like housekeeper and guardian? | | Noo-noo |
| c) In which Hebridean burgh, its name familiar from another children's series, were most scenes of "Balamory" filmed? | | Tobermory |
| 6. Chemistry | | |
| a) Which element is integral to all organic compounds? | | Carbon |
| b) Which element's presence is indicated by the prefix "azo-" in the name of an organic compound? | | Nitrogen |
| c) What is the modern "systematic" name for the compound known traditionally as wood alcohol? | | Methanol (but grudgingly allow Methyl alcohol) |
| 7. Royal Succession | <i>As precisely as possible, what relation was:</i> | |
| a) Elizabeth I of England to her immediate predecessor Mary I; | | Half-sister (Prompt "sister") |
| b) Stephen of England to his immediate predecessor Henry I; | | Nephew |
| c) Louis XV of France to his immediate predecessor Louis XIV? | | Great grandson |
| 8. Urban Architecture | | |
| a) Which of New Zealand's cities is a renowned centre for Art Deco architecture, having been largely rebuilt following a 1931 earthquake? | | Napier |
| b) Which university's architecture originally inspired the term "red-brick university"? | | Liverpool University |
| c) In which English city are Park Hill Flats, the largest listed building in Europe? | | Sheffield |

Individual Round 3

1. What is the occupation of Mario in the *Super Mario Brothers* video games? **Plumber**
2. What is the nominal circumference of an Olympic velodrome? **250 metres**
3. What phrase is used in the UK for that which North Americans often call a "Texas Gate"? **Cattle Grid**
4. What is the three-letter abbreviation for Ireland's public service broadcaster? **RTE (*Raidió Teilifís Éireann*)**
5. What kind of publication is the speciality of the Samuel French publishing house? **Plays or Drama or equivalent**
6. Working in which medium did the artist (and Reith lecturer) Grayson Perry originally make his name? **Pottery or Ceramics**
7. How is King's County, New York more commonly known? **(Borough of) Brooklyn**
8. Which "On Demand" TV and film provider's recent sortie into mini-series production has included the Emmy-nominated "House of Cards"? **Netflix**
9. Amy Winehouse, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Kurt Cobain are all "members" of an unofficial "club" of late musicians who died at the same age. What age? **27**
10. Which country's coastline is indented by the Gulf of Carpentaria? **Australia**

Team Round 4

1. **Songs Without Words**
 - a) Which EU country's national anthem, "The Royal March", has no official words? **Spain**
 - b) What is the term for the nonsense syllables often sung by jazz singers? **Scat**
 - c) What is the term for the wordless vocal music used in Gaelic-speaking areas to lead dancing in the absence of instruments? **Lilting or Mouth music**
2. **Rhyming Phrases** *Which rhyming expressions describe:*
 - a) a main course combining seafood and meat; **Surf and Turf**
 - b) the interaction between a university and its local community; **Town and Gown**
 - c) a Victorian farce and a situation in which two people take turns to occupy a position? **Box and Cox**
3. **Talented Sisters** *What surnames did these women share with their perhaps more famous brothers?*
 - a) Christina (1830-1894), poet, writer of a popular Christmas carol and sister of a leading pre-Raphaelite painter; **Rossetti**
 - b) Caroline (1750-1848), astronomer (like her brother) and discoverer of eight new comets; **Herschel**
 - c) Fanny (1805-1847), pianist and prolific composer, whose piano pieces in the style of songs may have influenced her brother's "Songs Without Words"? **Mendelssohn**
4. **Dance crazes**
 - a) Which dance craze's name was allegedly inspired by a pioneering transatlantic flight? **Lindy Hop**
 - b) Whose 1960 recording "The Twist" spawned a craze for the dance of that name? **Chubby Checker**
 - c) Which Central European country dance became popular as the Waltz? **Ländler**
5. **Warfare**
 - a) Mercenary soldiers from which country were described as "Wild Geese"? **Ireland**
 - b) What word, now widely used in a less violent context, derives from a Gaelic phrase for a Highland war cry? **Slogan**
 - c) Which conflict introduced the term "guerrilla" into English to describe a kind of warfare? **Peninsular War (*Prompt "Napoleonic Wars"*)**
6. **Q Creatures**
 - a) Found in North America, what kind of creature is a quahog? **Shellfish or Mollusc**
 - b) Of which relatively common mammal is the quagga a recently extinct sub-species? **(Plains) Zebra**
 - c) Name either of the two landmasses to which the carnivorous quoll is native. **Australia or New Guinea**
7. **Rules of Thumb**
 - a) Whose "left hand" rule can predict the direction of motion of an electric motor? **John Ambrose Fleming**
 - b) Give any value of body mass index* (BMI) in the range classified as "normal weight"? *(*in its usual units of kg/m²)* **Any number from 18.5 to 24.9**
 - c) Participants in which activity would be most likely to make use of Naismith's Rule? **Hikers or Mountaineers or equivalent**
8. **Board Games**
 - a) Which city of southern France has given its name to a game in which players lay tiles to construct a map of a mediaeval landscape? **Carcassonne**
 - b) In Scrabble, how many points are awarded for a "bingo" (i.e. all seven tiles played)? **50**
 - c) How many lines across and down constitute the square grid on which Go, the oriental strategy game, is normally played? **19 (x 19)**

Individual Round 5

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| 1. Which regular British Open venue is home to the World's oldest extant golf club? | Muirfield |
| 2. Which major US city's metropolitan area is clustered around Puget Sound? | Seattle |
| 3. Which confectionary manufacturer markets Galaxy milk chocolate? | Mars |
| 4. Which material when crushed for recycling is known as "cullet"? | Glass |
| 5. How are musicians Danger Mouse and Cee-Lo Green collectively known? | Gnarls Barkley |
| 6. Alone among world monarchs, what is the precise religious affiliation of the King of Tonga? | Methodist (<i>Prompt "Christian" or "Protestant"</i>) |
| 7. Immediately before gaining independence in 1977, which country was known as the French Territory of the Afars and the Issas? | Djibouti |
| 8. Which country's burgeoning film industry is nicknamed "Nollywood"? | Nigeria |
| 9. Give any of the three words which might follow a so-called "Oxford comma"? | and, or or nor |
| 10. Which former prime minister likened Margaret Thatcher's privatisation policy to "selling the family silver"? | Sir Harold MacMillan |

Team Round 6

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| 1. Eponymous Inventions | <i>Each device can be known simply by the name of its supposed inventor.</i> |
| a) Named after a 19 th century Italian scientist, a wasp-waisted tube used to measure fluid flow or to draw fuel into a carburettor; | Venturi (tube) |
| b) Named after a 17 th century French mathematician, a small movable scale moving alongside the main scale of a measuring instrument to enable greater precision; | Vernier (scale) |
| c) Named after an Elizabethan hangman, originally a type of gallows but nowadays a more general term for a lifting device. | Derrick |
| 2. Popular Sci-Fi | |
| a) Who, in August this year, was announced as the new "Dr Who" Doctor? | Peter Capaldi |
| b) Also the title of the fifth book of the so-called "Hitchhikers Trilogy", what is the two-word entry under "Earth" in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"? | Mostly Harmless |
| c) In "Star Trek", what name is given to the diktat that "there can be no interference with the internal development of alien civilisations"? | The Prime Directive |
| 3. Musical Instruments | |
| a) Featured in most drum kits, what is the term for a pedal-operated pair of cymbals mounted on a vertical stand? | Hi-hat |
| b) What feature of a National guitar distinguishes it from more orthodox acoustic guitars? | Metal or Steel body |
| c) What visible features of a concert harp have the same function as a piano's black keys? | Pedals |
| 4. The Anglo-Saxons | |
| a) During which century did Alfred the Great reign as King of Wessex? | 9th (871 - 899 AD) |
| b) Which kingdom was formed by the 7 th century unification of Bernicia and Deira? | Northumbria |
| c) Who was the first monarch to style himself "King of the English" and "King of All Britain"? | Æthelstan |
| 5. French Sport | |
| a) What is the usual English name for the competitive cycling discipline known in France as "Contre la Montre"? | Time Trial |
| b) Specifically, which sport is known in France as "Ball Trap"? | Clay Pigeon (or Skeet) Shooting |
| c) From 1940 to 1942, which semi-professional sport was outlawed by the Vichy government as being "un-French" and "a corrupter of French youth"? | Rugby League |
| 6. "Masquerade" Revisited | |
| a) In the form of which animal was the buried gold pendant that was both quarry and prize of the celebrated puzzle book "Masquerade"? | Hare |
| b) Under the soil of which English county was the pendant buried? | Bedfordshire (<i>Amphill</i>) |
| c) Which TV quiz show host witnessed the pendant's burial? | Bamber Gascoigne |
| 7. Band Names | <i>Identify these veteran bands, all recently active and each named after a person:</i> |
| a) Heavy metal band formed in 1969 and named after a Dickens character; | Uriah Heep |
| b) Progressive rock band formed in 1967 and named after a 17 th /18 th century agriculturalist; | Jethro Tull |
| c) Folk rock band formed in 1969 and named after an ill-used wagoner in a folk song. | Steeleye Span |
| 8. Baseball Movies | |
| a) The rise of which city's baseball team is central to the 2011 film "Moneyball"? | Oakland (Athletics or A's) |
| b) Which baseball legend is the subject of the 2013 biopic, "42"? | Jackie Robinson |
| c) Which 1989 baseball movie had the tagline "If you build it, he will come"? | "Field of Dreams" |

Individual Round 7

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| 1. Also the name of the local dialect, what is the term for an inhabitant of Monaco? | Monegasque |
| 2. Which band's eponymous front man is married to BAFTA-winning actress Carey Mulligan? | Mumford and Sons |
| 3. The chance of which hazardous natural event occurring is expressed on the Torino scale? | Comet or Asteroid encounter |
| 4. As well as having one of the shortest names, which is Britain's smallest species of duck? | Teal |
| 5. Of which modern country does the former kingdom of Bohemia form a major part? | Czech Republic |
| 6. What three-letter abbreviation describes the area around Canberra? | ACT (<i>Australian Capital Terr.</i>) |
| 7. Of which longer mountain range do the Transylvanian Alps form the southern arm? | Carpathians |
| 8. Arrange the four playing card suits in order of increasing "strength" with regard to bidding in Contract Bridge. | Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, Spades (<i>in that order only</i>) |
| 9. In which field of knowledge was the 2 nd century Galen of Pergamon a notable pioneer? | Medicine or Pharmacy |
| 10. What was the speciality of "barnstormers", entertainers popular in 1920s America? | Stunt Flying |

Team Round 8

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| 1. The Trojan Wars | |
| a) Which participant in the Trojan Wars is credited with the idea of the Wooden Horse? | Odysseus or Ulysses |
| b) Which epic poem, attributed to Homer, tells a history of the Trojan Wars? | The Iliad |
| c) Which Shakespeare play has the siege of Troy as its setting? | Troilus and Cressida |
| 2. Ex-Soviet Names | <i>Identify these former Soviet republics from the names of their last three presidents:</i> |
| a) Eduard Shevardnadze; Nino Burjanadze; Mikhail Saakashvili. | Georgia |
| b) Levon Ter-Petrosyan; Robert Kocharyan; Serzh Sargsyan. | Armenia |
| c) Artūras Paulauskas; Valdas Adamkus; Dalia Grybauskaitė. | Lithuania |
| 3. Numerical Phrases | <i>Each answer is a phrase which includes an ordinal number (e.g. Seventh Heaven):</i> |
| a) (with musical connotations) a sidekick or subordinate, or the role of such a person; | Second Fiddle |
| b) torture or bullying to extract a confession or information; | The Third Degree |
| c) that which is said to have been broken by an actor who directly addresses or acknowledges the audience. | The Fourth Wall |
| 4. Christmas Carols | |
| a) Which carol traditionally begins the King's College, Cambridge Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols? | Once in Royal David's City |
| b) Which instrument accompanied "Silent Night"'s first performance? | Guitar |
| c) Which poet laureate wrote "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"? | Nahum Tate |
| 5. The U.S. Presidency | |
| a) In which month are US Presidential Inauguration Ceremonies held? | January (<i>20th if not Sun^y, or 21st</i>) |
| b) Ultimately, which 538-strong institution votes in a new president? | The Electoral College |
| c) What has been the most common first name among US presidents? | James (<i>6 Presidents</i>) |
| 6. Caribbean Nations | <i>Which island precedes the following to complete the name of a country:</i> |
| a) Tobago; | Trinidad |
| b) Barbuda; | Antigua |
| c) The Grenadines? | St Vincent |
| 7. October 2013 | |
| a) October 3 rd : Off which Mediterranean island was there a shipwreck which resulted in the loss of over 300 migrants? | Lampedusa |
| b) October 28 th : After which appropriate saint was the storm which hit Southern England named? | St Jude |
| c) October 29 th : Under which geographical feature was a new railway tunnel opened to link two continents? | The Bosphorus |
| 8. Famous First Words | <i>According to the inventors' own accounts,</i> |
| a) Which four words, a question adapted from a biblical quotation, were the first sent by Morse telegraph? | "What hath God wrought?" |
| b) Which five words from a nursery rhyme were the first Edison recorded on a phonograph? | "Mary had a little lamb" |
| c) In the first words spoken over the telephone, by what name did Alexander Graham Bell address the assistant he urged to "...come here"? | "Mr Watson..."
(<i>Thomas A Watson</i>) |

Beer Round

1.
 - a) What term can be both a piece of cartilage in certain joints and a feature of a liquid? **Meniscus**
 - b) By what title is Baroque composer Jeremiah Clarke's frequently heard "Prince of Denmark's March" more usually, but erroneously, known? **The Trumpet Voluntary**
 - c) From a quotation of which earlier writer did Thomas Hardy take the title of "Far from the Madding Crowd"? **Thomas Grey** (*"Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"*)
2.
 - a) What term can be both a highly energised state of matter and a bodily fluid? **Plasma**
 - b) As signature music to what is the "Te Deum" of Baroque composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier frequently heard? **Eurovision (or E. Song Contest) or Europ'n Broadcasting Union**
 - c) From a phrase coined by which earlier writer did W. M. Thackeray take the title of "Vanity Fair"? **John Bunyan** (*"Pilgrim's Progress"*)

Spare Questions

1. Referencing a trademark he habitually carved into his work, how was the early 20th century furniture maker Robert Thompson often known? **Mouseman**
2. What creatures have replaced horses and asses as the source of the rough-surfaced leather variety, shagreen? **Sharks or Rays**
3. As what is Jeffrey Lebowsky, the Jeff Bridges character in a 1998 Coen Brothers film, always known to his friends? **(The) Dude**