

**Individual Round 1**

1. Whom did *Time* magazine name "Person of the Year" for 2013?
2. Inhabitants of which UK city are often called "Loiners"?
3. Which sport was devised to simulate the skills needed by a cavalryman isolated behind enemy lines?
4. Which river flows the length of the Grand Canyon?
5. Which now obsolete unit originated as the distance a person could walk in an hour?
6. What is Canada's national animal?
7. Which fruit is often carved onto gateposts as a symbol of hospitality?
8. Which former politician has presented a series of TV travel programmes inspired by Bradshaw's railway guide?
9. Which classic novel begins, "Call me Ishmael"?
10. Where might you encounter a "metal umlaut"?

The **Pope** or Pope **Francis** (I)  
**Leeds**  
**Modern Pentathlon**

**Colorado**  
**League**  
**Beaver**  
**Pineapple**  
Michael **Portillo**

**Moby Dick**  
In **name** of **heavy metal band**  
or equivalent (e.g. *Mötley Crü*)

**Team Round 2****1. Forty-Two in Entertainment**

- a) *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* identifies 42 as "The Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe and Everything". What calculation does it subsequently identify as "The Ultimate Question"?
- b) What is the significance of the title, *42*, given to the 2013 biopic of baseball legend Jackie Robinson?
- c) In the title of a TV series, which family lives at No 42?

**6 x 9 or 9 x 6**  
*(Actual quote: "What do you get if you multiply six by nine?")*  
Robinson's **jersey (or shirt) number** (or equivalent)  
The **Kumars**

**2. Foreign Motoring**

- a) What is the two-letter prefix used in numbering the highest grade of Spanish motorway?
- b) What kind of road is often indicated as a "Rocade" on French road signs?
- c) Among EU countries, which is the most recent to have adopted driving on the right?

**AP**  
**Ring road or Bypass**  
**Sweden** (in 1967)

**3. Fictional Rivers**

- a) In *The Archers*, which river flows through Ambridge?
- b) By which fabulous city was the sacred subterranean river Alph said to run?
- c) Which river, close to the fictional Lincolnshire village of St Ogg's, experiences flooding crucial to the plot of a classic 19<sup>th</sup> century novel?

**Am**  
**Xanadu (or Shangdu)**  
**Floss** (in "*The Mill on the Floss*")  
*(Accept Ripple – a tributary)*

**4. Film Characters from History**

*Identify the films which featured these incongruous lists of historical characters.*

- a) In a Terry Gilliam-directed film of 1981: King Agamemnon, Robin Hood and Napoleon.
- b) In a Mel Brooks film, also of 1981: Moses, Jesus Christ, Nero, Torquemada and Louis XVI.
- c) In a Stephen Herek film of 1989: Socrates, Genghis Khan, Joan of Arc, Billy the Kid, Abraham Lincoln, Beethoven, Sigmund Freud and Napoleon (again).

**Time Bandits**  
**History of the World Part 1**  
**Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure**

**5. Folk Instruments**

- a) With which English region or county are the bagpipes known as "small pipes" associated?
- b) How many strings are there on a correctly strung mandolin?
- c) A reference to the way the sound is generated, what is the two-word term describing the class of instruments which includes accordions, concertinas and mouth organs?

**Northumbria/Northumberland**  
**8**  
**Free reed**

**6. Functional Furniture**

- a) Which Christian sect, officially called "The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing", are particularly associated with simple, austere but stylish furniture?
- b) What was the name for the style of furniture produced under a government scheme to conserve materials during and after World War II?
- c) What is the defining feature of a pair of "truckle" or "trundle" beds?

**Shakers**

**Utility**

**One slides under the other** for storage or equivalent

**7. French Départements**

*Given that most of the 101 are numbered alphabetically, identify:*

- a) Département 14, sharing its name with a locally produced spirit;
- b) Département 18, sharing its name with the winner of an Oscar, Grammy, Emmy and Golden Globe;
- c) Département 39, sharing its name with a Hebridean island.

**Calvados**  
**Cher**

**Jura**

**8. Farmyard Forebears**

- a) Which species of wild goose, *Anser anser*, is the ancestor of all European domestic geese?
- b) Which wild bovine, extinct since 1627, was the ancestor of all domestic cattle?
- c) Of which wild animal is the ferret a domesticated form?

**Greylag Goose**  
**Aurochs**  
(European) **Polecat**

**Individual Round 3**

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| 1. What is the term for the linking passages in Opera in which singers imitate the rhythms of normal speech?        | <b>Recitatives</b>                                   |
| 2. What is the subject covered by the regular short Radio 4 programme "Tweet of the Day"?                           | <b>Birds or equivalent</b>                           |
| 3. What one-word term describes "sound" with a frequency below 20 hertz (or vibrations per second)?                 | <b>Infrasound</b>                                    |
| 4. What is the name of the coarse woollen textile used to cover snooker tables?                                     | <b>Baize</b>   |
| 5. Which explorer, arguably better known for another achievement, was the first to navigate the North-West Passage? | <b>Roald Amundsen</b>                                |
| 6. Off the coast of which country do the volcanic Westmann Islands lie?   | <b>Iceland</b>                                       |
| 7. Of what species is Yggdrasil, the immense tree at the heart of Norse mythology?                                  | <b>Ash</b>   |
| 8. In which country did the Center Parcs chain of holiday villages originate?                                       | <b>Netherlands (Accept Holland)</b>                  |
| 9. In Italian cuisine, what distinguishes calzone from pizza?   | <b>Folded over or equivalent (e.g. like a pasty)</b> |
| 10. Film photography depends on chemical reactions involving which metallic element?                                | <b>Silver</b>  |

**Team Round 4**

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| 1. <b>Narrative Poems</b>  |   |
| a) Longfellow's <i>The Song of Hiawatha</i> begins "By the shores of Gitchee Gumee ...". By what name does "Gitchee Gumee" now appear on maps?                 | <b>Lake Superior</b>                                    |
| b) Which nonsense poem is subtitled, <i>An Agony in 8 Fits</i> ?   | <b>The Hunting of the Snark</b>                         |
| c) Of whose "pilgrimage" did Lord Byron write a long narrative poem?   | <b>Childe Harold</b>                                    |
| 2. <b>Processed Food</b>   |   |
| a) Which breakfast cereal's manufacturing process did Henry Perky patent in 1895?  | <b>Shredded Wheat</b>                                   |
| b) Which food, produced by fermenting a soil mould, is named after a Leicestershire village?   | <b>Quorn</b>  |
| c) What is the one-word name of the artificial sweetener sold as <i>Candarel</i> and <i>NutraSweet</i> ?   | <b>Aspartame</b>  |
| 3. <b>Courses for Horses</b>   |   |
| a) Also called The Roodee, which, officially, is Britain's oldest and shortest racecourse?   | <b>Chester</b>  |
| b) Which racecourse, Britain's third most important in terms of prize money, is located on an area of marshland called The Knavesmire?                         | <b>York</b>   |
| c) Specifically, how was the land that became Ffos Las racecourse previously used?   | <b>Open cast coal mine</b>                              |
| 4. <b>River Mammals</b> <i>Identify these English rivers, each of which shares its name with a mammal.</i>   |   |
| a) rises in West Sussex and flows 80 km to join the Thames near Hampton Court.   | <b>River Mole</b>                                       |
| b) rises on Bodmin Moor, flowing 48 km into the Atlantic Ocean near Padstow.   | <b>River Camel</b>                                      |
| c) rises in the Blackdown Hills to flow 32 km into the English Channel near Sidmouth.  | <b>River Otter</b>                                      |
| 5. <b>Voiceovers</b>   |   |
| a) Which comedian and actor, one half of a well-known double act, is the voice of Churchill, the insurance dog?  | <b>Bob Mortimer</b>                                     |
| b) Which actress, notably a pub landlady in a TV drama series, assured us that Marks & Spencer's edible merchandise was "not just food"?                       | <b>Dervla Kirwan</b>                                    |
| c) To advertise which supermarket chain does poet Roger McGough provide voiceovers?  | <b>Waitrose</b>   |
| 6. <b>Revolutionaries</b>  |   |
| a) Referring to their wearing trousers rather than knee breeches, what name was given to working class supporters of the French Revolution?                    | <b>(Les) Sans-Culottes</b>                              |
| b) Which Norfolk corset maker wrote the pamphlets <i>Common Sense</i> and <i>Rights of Man</i> in support of the American and French Revolutions respectively? | <b>Thomas (or Tom) Paine</b>                            |
| c) Which South American country's independence struggle of the 1810s was led by Bernardo O'Higgins?  | <b>Chile</b>  |
| 7. <b>The Blind Leading</b>  |   |
| a) In what field did John Metcalf, known as "Blind Jack of Knaresborough", come to prominence in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century?                            | <b>Road building or Civil Engineering or equivalent</b> |
| b) The Aldous Huxley novel title, <i>Eyeless in Gaza</i> , is a quotation from which blind 17 <sup>th</sup> century author's play, <i>Samson Agonistes</i> ?   | <b>John Milton</b>                                      |
| c) Which blind composer's <i>Concierto de Aranjuez</i> is among the most popular pieces of the classical guitar repertoire?                                    | <b>Joaquín Rodrigo (Vidre)</b>                          |
| 8. <b>Rocky Roads</b> <i>What were the stated destinations of the roads about which the following sang?</i>  |   |
| a) Talking Heads in 1985;  | <b>Nowhere</b>  |
| b) Chris Rea in 1989;  | <b>Hell</b>   |
| c) The Beatles in 1970 (the "Long and Winding" one, that is).  | <b>Your door</b>  |

**Individual Round 5**

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| 1. Also the title of a nursery rhyme, what is the term for an “ensuite” bathroom accessible from two separate bedrooms?         | <b>Jack and Jill</b>                               |
| 2. Abbreviated to MVP, what is the American sporting equivalent of “Man of the Match”?  | <b>Most Valuable Player</b>                        |
| 3. “Scandicrime” drama <i>The Bridge</i> is mainly set in Copenhagen and in which Swedish city?                                 | <b>Malmö</b>                                       |
| 4. Addresses in and around which British town or city have post codes beginning CA?   | <b>Carlisle</b>                                    |
| 5. Which familiar four-word phrase summarises the naval protocol known as “The Birkenhead Drill”?                               | <b>Women and children first</b>                    |
| 6. Also the title of a film, what is the term for the division between the light and dark parts of the Moon?                    | <b>Terminator</b>                                  |
| 7. In a game of team Bowls, what is the term for the captain, also the player who delivers the team’s last bowl?                | <b>Skip</b>  |
| 8. Of whom did François Mitterrand say, “She has the eyes of Caligula and the mouth of Marilyn Monroe”?                         | Margaret <b>Thatcher</b>                           |
| 9. Only once has the BBC Sports Personality of the Year been awarded jointly. Name either recipient.                            | Jayne <b>Torvill</b> or<br>Christopher <b>Dean</b> |
| 10. Which massive metal items are manufactured at just two factories in the UK – one in Whitechapel, the other in Loughborough? | <b>Bells</b>                                       |

**Team Round 6**

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| 1. <b>Second Cities</b>  | <i>Of which contiguous EU countries are these the second most populous cities?</i>    | <b>Slovenia</b>  |
| a) Maribor (Population: 115 000);  |   | <b>Hungary</b>   |
| b) Debrecen (Population: 211 000);   |   | <b>Austria</b>   |
| c) Graz (Population: 270 000).   |   |  |
| 2. <b>Shakespeare Kings</b>  |   | King <b>John</b>   |
| a) Who was the earliest King <b>of England</b> to be the title character of a Shakespeare play?  |   | <b>7</b> (2xH4, H5, 3xH6, H8)  |
| b) How many separate Shakespeare plays have “King Henry” as part of their full titles?   |   | <b>Duncan (I) or Malcolm (III)</b> or<br>“Canmore”   |
| c) Name either of the Kings of Scotland, apart from Macbeth himself, who are among the characters in “the Scottish play”?  |   |  |
| 3. <b>Scientists on Stage</b>  |   | Philip <b>Glass</b>  |
| a) Which US composer wrote the 1976 opera, <i>Einstein on the Beach</i> ?  |   | <b>Galileo</b> (Galilei)   |
| b) The life of which 17 <sup>th</sup> century scientist was the subject of a play by Bertolt Brecht?   |   | <b>Copenhagen</b>  |
| c) Taking the name of a European capital, which award-winning Michael Frayn play of 1998 centred around a meeting between physicists Nils Bohr and Werner Heisenberg?        |   |  |
| 4. <b>Scrabble by Numbers</b>  |   | <b>100</b>   |
| a) How many tiles are there in a standard English Scrabble set?  |   | <b>5</b> (1 x K <sub>5</sub> )   |
| b) Which number appears on just one tile of a Scrabble set?  |   | <b>12</b> (T <sub>1</sub> W <sub>4</sub> E <sub>1</sub> L <sub>1</sub> V <sub>4</sub> E <sub>1</sub> ) |
| c) Ignoring premium squares, what is the only number which, when spelt out in Scrabble tiles, scores itself?   |   |  |
| 5. <b>Symphonic Subtitles</b>  |   | Symphony No. <b>9</b>  |
| a) Of Dvořák’s 9 symphonies, which number is subtitled, <i>From the New World</i> ?  |   | Gustav <b>Mahler</b>   |
| b) Whose 8 <sup>th</sup> Symphony is often called the <i>Symphony of a Thousand</i> ?  |   | <b>Organ</b>   |
| c) Which familiar instrument, not normally scored into symphonies, gives Saint-Saëns’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Symphony its informal name?  |   |  |
| 6. <b>Small Town Football</b>  | <i>Clubs whose ground capacities exceed the populations of their home communities</i> | <b>Rushden &amp; Diamonds</b> (FC)   |
| a) Until 2006, this team played in the English league - at Nene Park, Irthlingborough.   |   | (1899) <b>Hoffenheim</b>   |
| b) This current Bundesliga team grew out of a village of 3000, financed by a former player.  |   | (EA) <b>Guingamp</b>   |
| c) This recent French Cup winner from Brittany currently plays in the French top division.   |   |  |
| 7. <b>Short Film Titles</b>  | <i>Identify the not unconnected one-word titles of these films:</i>                   | <b>Them!</b>   |
| a) A 1954 film in which a nest of gigantic irradiated ants is discovered in New Mexico;  |   | <b>Her</b>   |
| b) A 2013 film in which a man develops a relationship with his computer’s operating system;  |   | <b>It</b> (Clara Bow = “The It Girl”)  |
| c) A 1927 silent film in which Clara Bow played a shop girl who wooed her rich, handsome boss by exploiting her sex appeal - and through which Miss Bow acquired a nickname. |   |  |
| 8. <b>Siblings in Politics</b>   |   | (Joseph) <b>Austen</b> (Chamberlain)   |
| a) What was the preferred forename of PM Neville Chamberlain’s half-brother, himself sometime Foreign Secretary?   |   | (but grudgingly accept Joseph)   |
| b) Give the surname of twins Angela and Maria, both ministers in the Brown government.   |   | <b>Eagle</b>   |
| c) In which country were the posts of President and Prime Minister held by identical twins until one died in a 2010 plane crash?   |   | <b>Poland</b>  |
|  |   | (Lech & Jarosław Kaczyński)  |

**Individual Round 7**

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| 1. In Ice Hockey, which two-word term describes the situation where a "sin-binning" gives one team a temporary numerical advantage? | <b>Power play</b>                                 |
| 2. What is the more modern name for the electrical device sometimes called a condenser?   | <b>Capacitor</b>                                  |
| 3. Which drink is made from crème de cassis topped with white wine?   | <b>Kir</b>  |
| 4. What is the name of the ITV series in which celebrities aim to master the art of diving?   | <b>Splash!</b>                                    |
| 5. What was the surname of the twins who until 1975 together compiled the Guinness Book of Records?                                 | <b>McWhirter (Norris and Ross)</b>                |
| 6. As what was Birmingham's James Turner Street rechristened for a Channel 4 series?  | <b>Benefit Street</b>                             |
| 7. Which academic institution is often known by the abbreviation and acronym, SOAS?   | <b>The School of Oriental and African Studies</b> |
| 8. Which ferry line started operations in 1973, initially providing a freight service for cauliflower farmers?                      | <b>Brittany Ferries</b>                           |
| 9. Which small, remote island is known to its inhabitants as Rapa Nui?  | <b>Easter Island</b>                              |
| 10. The emblem of which part of the British Isles is based on a symbol called the triskelion?                                       | <b>Isle of Man</b>                                |

**Team Round 8**

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| 1. <b>Animal Classifications</b>  |  |
| a) Referring to their feeding method, ducks can be <b>diving</b> ducks - or what other kind?                                    | <b>Dabbling</b> ducks                        |
| b) Which group of large insects includes hawkers and darters, named for their flying styles?                                    | <b>Dragonflies</b>                           |
| c) So-called cartilaginous fish include sharks - and what else?   | <b>Rays and/or Skates</b>                    |
| 2. <b>Cathedrals</b>  |  |
| a) Which college's chapel doubles as Oxford's cathedral?  | <b>Christ Church</b>                         |
| b) Which is the only English cathedral other than Lichfield to have three spires?   | <b>Truro</b>                                 |
| c) In which town or city is the UK's most northerly cathedral?  | <b>Kirkwall (Orkney)</b>                     |
| 3. <b>Mid-Twentieth Century Novels</b> <i>Identify the acclaimed novels which take their titles from these characters:</i>      |  |
| a) James Dixon – a history lecturer in a 1954 "campus" novel;   | <b>Lucky Jim (Amis)</b>                      |
| b) James Wormold – a vacuum cleaner salesman and British Intelligence recruit in a 1958 black comedy;                           | <b>Our Man in Havana (Greene)</b>            |
| c) Dolores Haze – a precocious New England child in a novel of 1955.  | <b>Lolita (Nabokov)</b>                      |
| 4. <b>Rock On Tommy</b>   |  |
| a) Which "Tom" gave simultaneous 1958 hits to Lonnie Donegan and the Kingston Trio?   | <b>Tom Dooley</b>                            |
| b) Which "Tom" reached No.2 for Elias and his Zig-Zag Jive Flutes in 1958, and No.6 for The Piranhas over 20 years later?       | <b>Tom Hark</b>                              |
| c) Which "Thom" is Radiohead's lead singer and principal songwriter?  | <b>Thom Yorke</b>                            |
| 5. <b>Private Eye</b> <i>(the satirical magazine)</i>   |  |
| a) How often is <i>Private Eye</i> published?   | <b>Fortnightly or equivalent</b>             |
| b) Which former British PM was christened "Grocer" by <i>Private Eye</i> ?  | <b>Edward Heath</b>                          |
| c) Which regular <i>Private Eye</i> cartoon strip has the Leader of the Opposition morphed with a familiar comedy character?    | <b>The Adventures of Mr Milibean</b>         |
| 6. <b>Noble Scientists</b>  |  |
| a) What title was awarded to the Irish-born William Thompson, particularly noted for work in electricity and thermodynamics?    | <b>Lord (or 1<sup>st</sup> Baron) Kelvin</b> |
| b) Which 17 <sup>th</sup> century scientist, also Irish-born, was the 14 <sup>th</sup> son of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Earl of Cork? | <b>Robert Boyle</b>                          |
| c) Having notable Derbyshire associations, what was the family name of Lord Rayleigh, co-discoverer of argon?                   | <b>(John William) Strutt</b>                 |
| 7. <b>Turns of the Century</b> <i>In which years ending in two zeros did the following occur?</i>                               |  |
| a) Owain Glyndŵr proclaimed himself Prince of Wales.  | <b>1400</b>                                  |
| b) Danish navigators first sighted Greenland.   | <b>900</b>                                   |
| c) The Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem was established.   | <b>1100</b>                                  |
| 8. <b>Shared First Letters</b> <i>In each case, identify the first letter common to:</i>  |  |
| a) All seven tube stations at the south-western end of the Piccadilly Line;   | <b>H</b>                                     |
| b) Twenty-nine capitals of sovereign states – substantially more than begin with any other letter;                              | <b>B</b>                                     |
| c) All eight members of the hunting party in the aforementioned <i>The Hunting of the Snark</i> .                               | <b>B</b>                                     |

### Beer Round

1.
  - a) Which make and model of aeroplane makes up Ryanair's entire fleet? **Boeing 737-800**
  - b) Which author wrote himself into a novel in the character of schools inspector, Rupert Birkin? **D H Lawrence (*Women in Love*)**
  - c) Who played the role of Bamber Gascoigne when *The Young Ones* featured a spoof *University Challenge* encounter? **Griff Rhys Jones**
  
2.
  - a) Name the make and either of the models currently making up EasyJet's entire fleet. **Airbus A319-100 or A320-200**
  - b) Which author wrote himself into novels in the character of poet and patriot, Stephen Dedalus? **James Joyce (*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, Ulysses*)**
  - c) Who played the role of Bamber Gascoigne in the 2005 feature film *Starter for Ten*? **Mark Gatiss**

### Spare Questions

1. Which European country's national rail network is known as RENFE? **Spain**
2. In area, which is the largest island of the Inner Hebrides? **Skye**
3. Which aliens in *Doctor Who* originate from Earth's twin planet, Mondas? **Cybermen**