

**Individual Round 1**

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| 1. How many of the twelve signs of the zodiac are inanimate objects?  | <b>ONE</b>                             |
| 2. Mel Brooks' spoof of the Robin Hood films was called 'Robin Hood, ...' .. what?  | <b>MEN IN TIGHTS</b>                   |
| 3. Which composer of classical music is sometimes referred to as 'Joe Green'?   | <b>GUISEPPE VERDI</b>                  |
| 4. With which English county do you most associate stargazy pie?  | <b>CORNWALL</b>                        |
| 5. Which nation slipped back into technical recession in mid-November 2014?   | <b>JAPAN</b>                           |
| 6. What would a railway enthusiast understand by the initials G.N.S.R.?   | <b>GREAT NORTH of SCOTLAND RAILWAY</b> |
| 7. Which professional sportsman's nickname came about due to his resemblance to the character Kum-Kum from his favourite television programme as a child? | Sergio ('Kun') <b>AGUERO</b>           |
| 8. What shape is the scar on Harry Potter's forehead?   | <b>LIGHTNING FLASH</b>                 |
| 9. "I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss" is a line from which 1971 Top 10 hit?  | <b>YOUR SONG</b>                       |
| 10. What does Peter Pan famously keep in a drawer in the Darling house?   | <b>HIS SHADOW</b>                      |

**Team Round 2**

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| 1. <b>ANSWERS COME FROM THE LETTERS IN 'FRANKINCENSE'.</b>   |   |
| a) If dogs are canine and cats feline, what adjective is used for geese?   | <b>ANSERINE</b>                         |
| b) What genus of flowering plants, first described as a genus in 1866, is native to the eastern side of southern Africa?   | <b>FREESIA</b>                          |
| c) What chemical element can exist in various allotropes, although only the grey form has important use in industry?   | <b>ARSENIC</b>                          |
| 2. <b>SPORT – THE EPSOM DERBY.</b>   |   |
| a) How many days before the Derby does the Oaks traditionally take place?  | <b>ONE</b>                              |
| b) Who were the sponsors of the race in 2014?  | <b>INVESTEC</b>                         |
| c) The race is ten yards over how many furlongs, to within one furlong either way?   | <b>TWELVE</b>                           |
| 3. <b>CHRISTMAS POP MUSIC – UK CHART TOPPERS.</b>  |   |
| a) Band Aid II topped the Xmas charts in 1989, but who had the top spot in '88 and '90?  | <b>CLIFF RICHARD</b>                    |
| b) The winner of 'X Factor' topped the Xmas charts in 2010 with 'When We Collide'. What is his name?   | <b>MATT CARDLE</b>                      |
| c) A modernised version of 'The Ballad of Lydia Pinkham' was sung by whom in 1968?   | <b>THE SCAFFOLD</b>                     |
| 4. <b>THE WEST MIDLANDS.</b> <i>One question, three answers.</i>   |   |
| a) On the 7 <sup>th</sup> , it was announced that a West Midlands 'super council' might be formed by five local authorities. Birmingham and Wolverhampton are two. Name the other three. | <b>DUDLEY, SANDWELL, WALSALL</b>        |
| 5. <b>CHRISTMAS REAL ALES.</b>   |   |
| a) Formerly based in Ilkeston, which Newark brewery produces Christmas Cake Walk?  | <b>FUNFAIR</b>                          |
| b) What word precedes 'Droppings' in the name of Ridgeway's 4.7% yuletide offering?  | <b>REINDEER</b>                         |
| c) 'Rosey Nosey' is a seasonal ale brewed by which Lincolnshire brewer?  | <b>BATEMANS</b>                         |
| 6. <b>OUTDATED LANGUAGE.</b>   |   |
| a) If 'ult' meant last month, and 'inst' this month, what abbreviation was used for next month?  | <b>PROX</b>                             |
| b) 'Hire over-lippe wyped she so clene / That in hir coppe ther was no ferthyng sene / Of grece ...' Which of Chaucer's characters was described thus?                                   | The <b>PRIRESS</b> (accept <b>NUN</b> ) |
| c) If someone is described as 'callipygian', what part of his/her body is considered well-shaped?  | <b>BUTTOCKS/BOTTOM</b>                  |
| 7. <b>CHRISTMAS TELEVISION.</b>  |   |
| a) After five years on 'Eastenders', which character's departure from the show was the centrepiece of the Xmas 2010 shows?   | <b>STACEY</b> Branning/Slater           |
| b) In 'The Good Life Xmas Special' from 1977, what living creature did the Leadbetters give the Goods for their present?   | <b>A COW</b>                            |
| c) In which year in the 50s was the first televised Queen's speech?  | <b>1957</b>                             |
| 8. <b>ENTERTAINMENT - NOT THE WINE SET.</b>  |   |
| a) Complete the title of this 2004 film – 'Anchorman: the Legend of ...'   | <b>RON BURGUNDY</b>                     |
| b) Which tv private investigator lived on the island of Oahu, Hawaii?  | Thomas <b>MAGNUM</b>                    |
| c) Who plays Dominic Toretto in the 'Fast and Furious' film series, and Private Adrian Caparzo in 'Saving Private Ryan'?   | <b>VIN DIESEL</b>                       |

**Individual Round 3**

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| 1. Queen Victoria had how many daughters?   | <b>FIVE</b>              |
| 2. What do the letters BB represent in competitive gymnastics?  | <b>BALANCE BEAM</b>      |
| 3. Who served as the ninth Governor of Alaska from 2006 to 2009?  | <b>SARAH PALIN</b>       |
| 4. Which former 'TOWIE' star thought that Ebola virus was the name of a pop group?                                      | <b>AMY CHILDS</b>        |
| 5. When sending an email, what would be meant by the letters 'bcc'?   | <b>BLIND CARBON COPY</b> |
| 6. What is the correct term for 'a nose job'?   | <b>RHINOPLASTY</b>       |
| 7. Golfers have used terms such as <i>twitches</i> , <i>stagers</i> , <i>jitters</i> and <i>jerks</i> to describe what? | The <b>YIPS</b>          |
| 8. How many lines are there in a sonnet?  | <b>FOURTEEN</b>          |
| 9. Which Spanish city is famous for bull running during the eight-day San Fermin festival?                              | <b>PAMPLONA</b>          |
| 10. From which European country did the pop duo the Cheeky Girls originate?   | <b>ROMANIA</b>           |

**Team Round 4**

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| 1. <b>SCIENCE – THREE SORTS.</b>  |                                       |
| a) The Earth's atmosphere consists chiefly of nitrogen (78%+) and oxygen (nearly 21%). Which gas is the third most abundant, at 0.93%?                                  | <b>ARGON</b>                          |
| b) The calcaneus is the Latin name for which part of the body?  | <b>HEEL bone</b>                      |
| c) The outer whorl of a flower is called a <i>calyx</i> . What is the plural form of the word?  | <b>CALYCES</b>                        |
| 2. <b>SPORT – THE WINTER OLYMPICS.</b> <i>One question, three answers.</i>  |                                       |
| a) Six countries have hosted the event twice and twice only, two of them being Switzerland and Italy. Name three of the other four.                                     | <b>NORWAY, AUSTRIA, JAPAN, CANADA</b> |
| 3. <b>RECENT HISTORY – OCTOBER 2013.</b>  |                                       |
| a) Which country left the British Commonwealth on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> ?   | The <b>GAMBIA</b>                     |
| b) On the 10 <sup>th</sup> , the BBC announced that nine missing episodes of what popular tv programme had been located in Nigeria?                                     | <b>DR. WHO</b>                        |
| c) Who was the author of 'Patriot Games' and 'Without Remorse', who died on the 1 <sup>st</sup> ?   | <b>TOM CLANCY</b>                     |
| 4. <b>TELEVISION – SCOTLAND.</b>  |                                       |
| a) Which tv soap is set in Glendarroch?   | <b>TAKE THE HIGH ROAD</b>             |
| b) Who played the title role in 'Hamish Macbeth'?   | <b>ROBERT CARLYLE</b>                 |
| c) Which fictional small Scottish town regularly featured in 'Absolutely'?  | <b>STONEYBRIDGE</b>                   |
| 5. <b>BRIDGE (mixed).</b>   |                                       |
| a) In 1830, the world's first railway suspension bridge was opened over what British river?   | <b>TEES</b>                           |
| b) In a game of Bridge, a pair bid two no trumps, and achieve it with no overtricks. How many points do they get?   | <b>SEVENTY</b>                        |
| c) Which chemical element is used as an adjective in the lyrics of 'Bridge Over Troubled Water'?  | <b>SILVER</b>                         |
| 6. <b>ADD A LETTER.</b> <i>The answer to (ii) is the same as the answer to (i), but with an added letter.</i>   |                                       |
| a) (i) Landlocked Central African republic, one of the most corrupt countries in the world; (ii) John, born 1847, received the V.C. after the defence of Rorke's Drift. | <b>CHAD and CHARD</b>                 |
| b) (i) Truncated remnants; (ii) George, an English painter, 1724 to 1806.   | <b>STUBS and STUBBS</b>               |
| c) (i) dispense or allot justice, a punishment, or harsh treatment; (ii) unit of length.  | <b>METE and METRE</b>                 |
| 7. <b>LITERATURE.</b>   |                                       |
| a) 'The Darling Buds of May' is set in which English county?  | <b>KENT</b>                           |
| b) Gaston Leroux wrote which 1911 novel, later a famous musical?  | The <b>PHANTOM OF THE OPERA</b>       |
| c) From what English port does the Hispaniola set sail in 'Treasure Island'?  | <b>BRISTOL</b>                        |
| 8. <b>THEIR NAMES CONTAIN A COLOUR.</b>   |                                       |
| a) Who played Violet Kray, the mother, in the 1990 film 'The Krays'?  | <b>BILLIE WHITELAW</b>                |
| b) Which former Premiership soccer player is Frank Lampard's cousin, and the husband of a pop singer who was a member of 'Eternal'?                                     | <b>JAMIE REDKNAPP</b>                 |
| c) Which character in 'Oliver Twist' is later revealed to be Oliver's great uncle?  | <b>MR. BROWNLOW</b>                   |

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**Individual Round 5**

1. In Shakespeare's 'The Tempest', what M is the name of Prospero's daughter? **MIRANDA**
2. A familiar word in cookery, what is the Italian for 'little worms'? **VERMICELLI**
3. Whose contributions to musical form earned him the epithets 'Father of the symphony' and 'Father of the string quartet'? (Franz) Joseph **HAYDN**
4. "I have lifted up mine eyes unto the hills" is the motto of which English county? **CUMBRIA**
5. A piece of equipment used in science, industry, and cooking, to heat materials gently and gradually to fixed temperatures, or to keep materials warm over a period of time. **BAIN-MARIE**
6. An empty triangle on laundry/care labels refers to what aspect of clothing care? **BLEACHING**
7. A swanee whistle was used to provide the voices of whom, in an animated tv series? The **CLANGERS**
8. In 1985, the remaining members of which pop band changed their name to Starship? **JEFFERSON STARSHIP**
9. Victoria Coren, as she then was, married whom in November 2012? **DAVID MITCHELL**
10. In which British zoo was a zookeeper badly hurt by a rhino on November the 19<sup>th</sup> 2014? **WHIPSNADE**

**Team Round 6**

1. **ANSWERS COME FROM THE LETTERS IN 'GOLD AND MYRRH'.**
  - a) What fine translucent cotton muslin is usually stiffened and used for women's clothing? **ORGANDY**
  - b) "A subatomic particle of a type including the baryons and mesons, which can take part in the strong interaction." A definition of what? **HADRON**
  - c) In late-70s adverts, we were asked "Is she or isn't she.." wearing what? **HARMONY** hairspray
2. **COMPUTER ABBREVIATIONS.** *Expand each of the following.*
  - a) HTML. **HYPERTEXT MARK-UP LANGUAGE**
  - b) CPU. **CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT**
  - c) AGP. **ACCELERATED GRAPHICS PORT**
3. **CHRISTMAS CAROLS.**
  - a) "Ye who sang creation's story,/Now proclaim Messiah's birth" are the third and fourth lines of which carol? **ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**
  - b) In 'Good King Wenceslas', near what specific water feature does the peasant live? **ST. AGNES' FOUNTAIN**
  - c) "The holly bears a prickle / As sharp as any thorn" is from 'The Holly and the Ivy'. What word is used to rhyme with 'thorn'? **MORN**
4. **ENGLISH GRAMMAR.**
  - a) In what figure of speech is understatement used to emphasize a point by denying the opposite? **LITOTES**
  - b) A word that is pronounced the same as another word but differs in meaning, and may differ in spelling, is known as a what? **HOMOPHONE**
  - c) What word refers to a verb form which functions as a noun, ending in -ing? **GERUND**
5. **CHRISTMAS BLOCKBUSTERS GOLD RUN.**
  - a) **A.R.** Whose contribution to the 1976 'Morecambe and Wise Christmas Special' was leaked a few days earlier, with press reports claiming that staff were fired as a result? **ANGELA RIPPON**
  - b) **D.C.J.** What part did Denise Richards play in 'The World is not Enough' (1999)? **DR. CHRISTMAS JONES**
  - c) **A.F.** How does 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' translate into Latin? **ADESTE FIDELES**
6. **MATHS AND TECHNOLOGY.**
  - a) Six teenagers are aged 13, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 19. What is the median of their ages? **FIFTEEN**
  - b) The first what came into operation at 488 Broadway, New York, in 1857? **LIFT/safety ELEVATOR**
  - c) In which decade of the last century was the first patent application for a microwave oven? **1930s**
7. **BORN OR DIED AT CHRISTMAS.**
  - a) Which head of state was shot by firing squad on Christmas Day 1989? **NICOLAE CEAUSESCU**
  - b) Which US comedian, whose stage persona was that of a miser, died on Boxing Day 1974? **JACK BENNY**
  - c) Which England cricketer was born of Anglo-Welsh parents on Christmas Day 1984? **ALASTAIR COOK**
8. **GEOGRAPHY.**
  - a) The USA. In which state is the geographic centre of the contiguous states? **KANSAS**
  - b) The building known as the Atomium can be found in which European city? **BRUSSELS**
  - c) Which British county derives its name from the fact that people couldn't live there in the winter months, as the land was flooded? **SOMERSET**

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**Individual Round 7 THEME – LINKS.** What connects these people, things or events?

1. Witches, certain Trent Barton buses, and Sunderland FC.
2. Cameo, Gala, Early Windsor and Egremont Russet.
3. Grevy's, Plains and Mountain.
4. Dolly Parton, Sting, Paul McCartney, Madonna and, most recently, Bruce Springsteen. (nothing to do with pop music)
5. Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga, Stephen Hawking, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, and Russell Brand have all booked what?
6. Which individual links Liam Gallagher, Dan Donovan, Jeremy Healy, Jim Kerr.
7. Mamgu (pron. mam-gee, hard 'G'), grootmoeder, babushka.
8. Which word can precede: Arrest, boat, warming, and work.
9. The dogs known as the dingo and the basenji.
10. The reactive non-metallic elements fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and astatine.

**BLACK CATS**  
Types of **APPLES**  
**ZEBRAS**  
**PUBLISHED BOOKS FOR CHILDREN**  
**PLACES on a SPACE FLIGHT**

**PATSY KENSIT**  
Words for **GRANDMOTHER HOUSE**  
**UNABLE TO BARK**  
**HALOGENS**

**Team Round 8**

1. **FIRSTS.**
  - a) In which half of which century was Filippo Brunelleschi granted the first ever modern patent for a riverboat he had invented? **FIRST HALF of FIFTEENTH**
  - b) Born in 1849, Edmund Barton became the first Prime Minister of which country? **AUSTRALIA**
  - c) In what decade were the first non-electric, gas lit, traffic lights installed in London? **1860s (1868)**
2. **HISTORY – KING HENRYS.**
  - a) What was the first name of Henry VIII's elder sister, who married James IV of Scotland? **MARGARET**
  - b) Who was the father of Henry IV? **JOHN OF GAUNT aka 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Lancaster**
  - c) In 1164, by what set of legislative procedures did Henry II attempt to curb the power of the Catholic church in England? **The CONSTITUTIONS OF CLARENDON**
3. **ONE-EYED.**
  - a) Some Minions have two eyes, but many have only one. In which 2010 film did they first appear? **DESPICABLE ME TWO**
  - b) The Jack of Spades has one eye, and the Queen of Hearts has two. How many of the other royal cards have just the one eye? **LEELA**
  - c) What is the name of the one-eyed mutant and important character in 'Futurama'?
4. **GIANT KILLERS.**
  - a) In 'Jack and the Beanstalk', what musical instrument does Jack steal on his third and final visit to the giant's home? **A HARP**
  - b) When David killed Goliath, how many of his five stones did he use? **ONE**
  - c) Division 2 side Exeter City were knocked out of the F.A. cup at the beginning of November by which non-league side, a hundred places below them? **WARRINGTON TOWN**
5. **INITIALS.** *What do the initials represent in the context given in brackets?*
  - a) IPSO (newspapers) **INDEPENDENT PRESS STANDARDS ORGANISATION**
  - b) EDM (politics) **EARLY DAY MOTION**
  - c) FCA (the Tesco scandal). **FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY**
6. **LITERATURE – MISSING NAMES.** *Supply the blanked-out name in each of the following.*
  - a) 'Are You There, God? It's Me, (Blank)', by Judy Blume. **MARGARET OWEN**
  - b) 'A Prayer for (Blank) Meany', by John Irving. **ARTEMIS**
  - c) '(Blank) Fowl', by Eoin Colfer.
7. **POPULAR MUSIC – NO.3 IN THREE DECADES.** *Who got to no. 3 in the charts with these songs in the years stated?*
  - a) 'Make Me an Island'. 1969. **JOE DOLAN**
  - b) 'The Man Who Sold the World'. 1974. **LULU**
  - c) 'Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car'. 1988. **BILLY OCEAN**
8. **LASTS.**
  - a) Who was the last Whig Prime Minister of the UK? **Lord John RUSSELL**
  - b) On May the 8<sup>th</sup>, 1980, Janet Parker, an English medical photographer, was the last person to die from what disease, as the result of a laboratory accident? **SMALL POX**
  - c) Which pop group's last UK number 1 single was entitled 'Holler'? **SPICE GIRLS**

## Beer Round

Tonight's topics are: Christmas anagrams; Christmas films; and Christmas birds. Please allow an extra twenty seconds or so.

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| 1. | a) SLASH IN ACTION. (5,8.)   | <b>SAINT NICHOLAS</b> |
|    | b) In which 1983 film do a rich man and a poor man switch classes as part of a social experiment through the holiday season? | <b>TRADING PLACES</b> |
|    | c) What bird did Good Queen Bess decree should be eaten at Christmas?  | <b>GOOSE</b>          |
| 2. | a) CLAN IS ROGER'S. (5, 7 – no apostrophe.)  | <b>CAROL SINGERS</b>  |
|    | b) What is the name of the central family in 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation'?  | <b>THE GRISWOLDS</b>  |
|    | c) What real bird was later replaced by a fake one in traditional 'hunts' on Boxing Day?                                     | <b>WREN</b>           |

## Spare Questions

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| 1. | What major change was introduced at London Bridge last month?                                     | <b>A GLASS WALKWAY</b> |
| 2. | Under what name did Dutch duo Anita Doth and Ray Slijngaard achieve fame in the world of 90s pop? | <b>2 UNLIMITED</b>     |
| 3. | 'The knight of the doleful countenance' refers to what literary figure?                           | <b>DON QUIXOTE</b>     |