

**Individual Round 1: Which common forename is also ...**

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| 1. ... a TV channel that claims to be 'The Home of Witty Banter'?                   | Dave      |
| 2. ... a narrow promontory, or a printed notice?                                    | Bill      |
| 3. ... a verb meaning to fall off in intensity and finally cease?                   | Peter     |
| 4. ... a hangman, or a device for lifting and moving heavy weights?                 | Derrick   |
| 5. ... a part of a bell rope with a coloured woollen grip for the ringer?           | Sally     |
| 6. ... a climbing or trailing plant of the genus <i>Hedera</i> ?                    | Ivy       |
| 7. ... an uncut loop in the pile of towelling or similar fabrics?                   | Terry     |
| 8. ... a mineral, varieties of which include emerald and aquamarine?                | Beryl     |
| 9. ... a pudding of stewed fruit with a covering of bread, biscuit, or sponge cake? | Charlotte |
| 10. ... an affirmation that a message has been received and understood?             | Roger     |

**Team Round 2**

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| 1. <b>2015 Centenaries</b> <i>Identify the following, all born in 1915.</i>   |                              |
| a) The jazz singer known as 'Lady Day'.   | Billie Holliday              |
| b) The author of <i>The Caine Mutiny</i> and <i>The Winds of War</i> .  | Herman Wouk                  |
| c) The actor whose autobiography was entitled <i>The Good, The Bad, and Me</i> .  | Eli Wallach                  |
| 2. <b>Film and Classical Music</b>  |                              |
| a) Whose <i>Sinfonia Antarctica</i> was based on his score for the 1948 film <i>Scott of the Antarctic</i> ?  | Ralph Vaughan Williams       |
| b) Which piece is heard during the famous scene in which a shuttle craft docks with a rotating space station in <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> ?  | The Blue Danube (Strauss)    |
| c) Which organization produced the renowned 1936 documentary <i>Night Mail</i> , with poetry by W. H. Auden and music by Benjamin Britten?  | The GPO (accept Post Office) |
| 3. <b>Irish Literature</b>  |                              |
| a) Sebastian Dangerfield is the protagonist of which 1947 novel by J. P. Donleavy, originally banned in Ireland and published in Paris?   | The Ginger Man               |
| b) Which Booker Prize-winning author's first three novels— <i>The Commitments</i> , <i>The Snapper</i> , and <i>The Van</i> —are collectively known as <i>The Barrytown Trilogy</i> ? | Roddy Doyle                  |
| c) James Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i> ends with an extended monologue by which character?   | Molly Bloom                  |
| 4. <b>Massacres</b>   |                              |
| a) In Paris, which religious group were the victims of the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 1572?  | Huguenots                    |
| b) Which king ordered the killing of all Danes in the St. Brice's Day massacre of 1002?   | Æthelred II or The Unready   |
| c) Twenty-three people were killed in a massacre at which Dublin sports ground in 1920?   | Croke Park                   |
| 5. <b>Female Musicians</b>  |                              |
| a) <i>Lady Be Good</i> was the signature tune of which band leader whose All-Girls Orchestra became the BBC's resident dance band in 1943?  | Ivy Benson                   |
| b) Maureen 'Mo' Tucker was the drummer in which seminal 1960s rock band?  | Velvet Underground           |
| c) Classical musician Alison Balsom is a virtuoso player of which instrument?   | Trumpet                      |
| 6. <b>Borders</b> <i>Which is the only country that has a common border with ...</i>  |                              |
| a) The Gambia?  | Senegal                      |
| b) Timor-Leste?   | Indonesia                    |
| c) Qatar?   | Saudi Arabia                 |
| 7. <b>Taxation</b>  |                              |
| a) In which decade was Purchase Tax replaced by VAT?  | 1970s (1973)                 |
| b) Which medieval tax was levied to pay for the building and maintenance of town walls?   | Murage                       |
| c) What date is the deadline for completing Self-Assessment Income Tax returns <b>online</b> ?  | 31st January                 |
| 8. <b>Forests in History</b>  |                              |
| a) In which forest did an alliance of Germanic tribes win a decisive victory over three Roman legions in 9 CE?  | Teutoburg Forest             |
| b) In which forest is the ancient title 'Freeminer' given to a person who has the right to mine coal or iron ore in a personal plot known as a 'gale'?                                | Forest of Dean               |
| c) In which Russian forest were an estimated 22,000 Poles killed in a series of mass executions during April and May of 1940?   | Katyn Forest                 |

**Individual Round 3: Highbrow**

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| 1. Who is the lead female protagonist of Benjamin Britten's opera <i>Gloriana</i> ?                                      | Queen <b>Elizabeth I</b> |
| 2. What title is shared by a short story by Chekhov, an opera by Smetana, a painting by Klimt, and a sculpture by Rodin? | <b>The Kiss</b>          |
| 3. <i>The Trial</i> and <i>The Castle</i> are works by which Czech author?   | Franz <b>Kafka</b>       |
| 4. Who composed the tone poem <i>The Swan of Tuonela</i> ?   | Jean <b>Sibelius</b>     |
| 5. Which scientific law can be expressed in the form $V = IR^*$ ? (*QR: <i>vee equals eye are.</i> )                     | <b>Ohm's Law</b>         |
| 6. Four of the first five Presidents of the USA came from which state?   | <b>Virginia</b>          |
| 7. In which ancient civilization's religion were Geb and Nut the gods of the Earth and the Sun, respectively?            | <b>Egyptian</b>          |
| 8. What comes next in this sequence: butane, propane, ethane, ... ?  | <b>Methane</b>           |
| 9. What nationality is Richard Flanagan, winner of the 2014 Man Booker Prize for Fiction?                                | <b>Australian</b>        |
| 10. Who was the mother of Helen of Troy and her half-sister, Clytemnestra?   | <b>Leda</b>              |

**Team Round 4**

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| 1. <b>Derbyshire History</b>  |                                       |
| a) Which celebrated literary figure married Elizabeth Porter in St Werburgh's Church, Derby, in 1735?   | Dr Samuel <b>Johnson</b>              |
| b) Designed by Robert Smythson, which Elizabethan country house has been described as 'more glass than wall'?   | <b>Hardwick Hall</b>                  |
| c) In 1817, attempts to start an armed uprising in which village in the Amber Valley led to the three ringleaders being hanged and beheaded at Derby Goal?                        | <b>Pentrich</b>                       |
| 2. <b>Wood</b>  |                                       |
| a) Snooker cues, baseball bats, and cricket stumps are traditionally made from which wood?  | <b>Ash</b>                            |
| b) A bodger traditionally manufactured which items, usually from unseasoned wood?   | <b>Chair legs (but accept Chairs)</b> |
| c) Items by woodworker Robert Thompson (1876–1955) usually carry what motif?  | (Carved) <b>Mouse</b>                 |
| 3. <b>Games</b>   |                                       |
| a) In which board game is the 'huffing' rule sometimes adopted?   | <b>Draughts</b>                       |
| b) In poker, which hand beats a flush but loses to four of a kind?  | <b>Full House</b>                     |
| c) Which language's Scrabble set contains seven Ys and five Ws that each score one point?   | <b>Welsh</b>                          |
| 4. <b>Multi-Coloured Mountains</b>  |                                       |
| a) What produces the coloration that gives New South Wales's Blue Mountains their name?   | Oil from <b>eucalyptus/gum</b> trees  |
| b) In which US state is the Green Mountains Range?  | <b>Vermont</b>                        |
| c) The Black Mountains are part of which UK national park?  | <b>Brecon Beacons</b>                 |
| 5. <b>On the Water</b>  |                                       |
| a) What was the cargo of the 'Bovril boats' that operated on the River Thames as late as 1998?  | <b>Human waste or sewage</b>          |
| b) What is the name of the small boat that is traditionally used by fishermen on the Teifi and Tywi rivers?   | <b>Coracle (Cwrrwgl)</b>              |
| c) Replicas of which famous ship are moored at Brixham Harbour and at St. Mary Overie Dock, Southwark?  | <b>The Golden Hind</b>                |
| 6. <b>It Does Not Compute</b>   |                                       |
| a) In <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> , what was the name of the computer that gave 42 as the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything?  | <b>Deep Thought</b>                   |
| b) Norman Lovett and Hattie Hayridge have both played which shipboard computer?   | <b>Holly (in Red Dwarf)</b>           |
| c) Zen, Orac, and Slave were computers that featured in which sci-fi series of the late 1970s and early 1980s?  | <b>Blake's 7</b>                      |
| 7. <b>Designers</b>   |                                       |
| a) Whose works include the now-dismantled <i>B of the Bang</i> sculpture outside the City of Manchester Stadium, the new Routemaster bus, and the cauldron for the 2012 Olympics? | Thomas <b>Heatherwick</b>             |
| b) Well known for his brand of fragrances, which Spaniard designed the costumes for the 1968 film <i>Barbarella</i> ?   | Paco <b>Rabanne</b>                   |
| c) What is the signature feature of footwear designed by Christian Louboutin?   | <b>Red Soles</b>                      |
| 8. <b>First Up Which prizes were won for the first time by the following?</b>   |                                       |
| a) Emil Jannings (1929)   | <b>Oscar for Best Actor</b>           |
| b) Malcolm Morley (1984)  | <b>Turner Prize</b>                   |
| c) Primal Scream (1992)   | <b>Mercury Prize for Music</b>        |

**Individual Round 5: Lowbrow**

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| 1. Which major character in <i>Porridge</i> was played by an actor with the same surname?                      | Mr Mackay ( <i>Fulton Mackay</i> )                              |
| 2. What was Lorraine Chase's three-word reply to the question 'Were you truly wafted here from Paradise?'      | No, Luton Airport ( <i>Campari advertisement of the 1970s</i> ) |
| 3. Who was born in a cross-fire hurricane and raised by a toothless bearded hag?                               | Jumpin' Jack Flash  |
| 4. Which quiz-show host will provide the new voice of <i>Danger Mouse</i> later in 2015?                       | Alexander Armstrong   |
| 5. <i>The Prostate Years</i> is the final instalment of whose diaries?   | Adrian Mole   |
| 6. Which Aviva Premiership team dropped the word 'London' from its name in June 2014?                          | Wasps   |
| 7. John Hannah and Ken Stott have both appeared in the role of which fictional detective?                      | John Rebus  |
| 8. Who was threatened with impalement unless he repaid money owed to the baby-eating Bishop of Bath and Wells? | Edmund Blackadder   |
| 9. <i>Star Beast</i> was the working title for which 1979 blockbuster film?                                    | Alien   |
| 10. Whose diet of snozzcumbers and frobscottle caused a noisy flatulence, known as whizzpopping?               | The BFG/Big Friendly Giant                                      |

**Team Round 6**

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| 1. <b>20th Century Poetry</b>   |  |
| a) 'Stop all the clocks' are the opening words of which poem by W. H. Auden?  | Funeral Blues                                  |
| b) Which poem by Philip Larkin describes a train journey on a hot bank-holiday Saturday?  | The Whitsun Weddings                           |
| c) According to John Betjeman, who was 'Furnish'd and burnish'd by Aldershot sun'?  | Miss Joan Hunter Dunne                         |
| 2. <b>Sporting Miscellany</b>   |  |
| a) Which Indian cricketer has given his name to the controversial dismissal in which the non-striking batsman is run out by the bowler before the ball is delivered?                              | Vinoo Mankad                                   |
| b) Which Championship football team was originally known as Riverside FC?   | Cardiff City                                   |
| c) The first ball of the 2014 Major League Baseball season was pitched in which stadium?  | Sydney Cricket Ground                          |
| 3. <b>Sherlock Holmes on the Silver Screen</b>  |  |
| a) Which studio produced the 1959 version of <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> , the first Holmes film to be shot in colour?   | Hammer Films                                   |
| b) Who played Watson in Guy Ritchie's 2009 film <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> ?  | Jude Law                                       |
| c) In the 1976 film <i>The Seven-Per-Cent Solution</i> , which real-life character attempts to cure Holmes of his addiction to cocaine?   | Sigmund Freud                                  |
| 4. <b>Railways of the World</b>   |  |
| a) Which two islands are linked by the 33 and a half-mile-long Seikan rail tunnel?  | Honshu and Hokkaido                            |
| b) Formed in 1971, which not-for-profit corporation operates intercity passenger services in the USA?   | Amtrak (ac. National Railroad Passenger Corp.) |
| c) Which two cities form the termini of the passenger train known as <i>The Ghan</i> ?  | Darwin and Adelaide                            |
| 5. <b>Died in 2014 Identify the following celebrities who passed away in 2014.</b>  |  |
| a) The former bass guitarist of <i>Cream</i> .  | Jack Bruce                                     |
| b) The first British artist to have a number-one single in the USA?   | Acker Bilk                                     |
| c) An acerbic American comedienne, who planned to tour the UK in October 2014 with a show ironically called <i>Quick ... Before They Close the Lid</i> ?  | Joan Rivers                                    |
| 6. <b>Electricity</b>   |  |
| a) What is the standard frequency of domestic mains supplies in the UK?   | 50 Hertz/50 cycles per second                  |
| b) What term is used for the electric charge that accumulates when certain materials are subjected to an applied mechanical stress?   | Piezoelectricity/Piezoelectric effect          |
| c) Which power station in North Yorkshire supplies around 7% of the UK's electricity?   | Drax   |
| 7. <b>Temperance</b>  |  |
| a) Which temperance organization that once had over 3 million members was founded by Jabez Tunnicliff in Leeds in 1847?   | The Band of Hope (accept Hope UK)              |
| b) Set up to discourage drinking by munition workers during the First World War, the state-controlled brewery and pubs of which English city were finally denationalised in 1971?                 | Carlisle                                       |
| c) Which amendment to the Constitution mandated prohibition in the USA?   | Eighteenth Amendment                           |
| 8. <b>Publishers</b>  |  |
| a) Which series of children's books was originally published by the Loughborough printing firm of Wills and Hepworth?   | Ladybird                                       |
| b) Specializing in publishing books by women writers, which company was founded in 1973 by Carmen Callil?   | Virago Press                                   |
| c) Which company that specializes in owners' workshop manuals for vehicles has expanded its range to include <i>Thomas the Tank Engine</i> , the <i>USS Enterprise</i> , and <i>HMS Victory</i> ? | Haynes Manual                                  |

**Individual Round 7**

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| 1. Which 176-mile footpath runs from Prestatyn to Sedbury Cliffs on the Severn Estuary?                | <b>Offa's Dyke Path</b>                       |
| 2. What was Queen Victoria's first name at birth, in May 1819?   | <b>Alexandrina</b>                            |
| 3. By what name are the Society of London Theatre's annual awards known?                               | <b>Olivier Awards</b>                         |
| 4. Which all-Pullman train ran between London and Brighton from 1931 to 1972?                          | <b>The Brighton Belle</b>                     |
| 5. What was the name of the small robotic lander that touched down on Comet 67P on 12th November 2014? | <b>Philae</b>                                 |
| 6. In the context of construction materials, for what does the abbreviation MDF stand?                 | <b>Medium-Density Fibreboard</b>              |
| 7. Launched in 2013 by Esther Rantzen, which charity is described as 'Childline for the elderly'?      | <b>Silver Line</b>                            |
| 8. Which UK government department is sometimes known by the abbreviation DCMS?                         | <b>Department of Culture, Media and Sport</b> |
| 9. The Palk strait separates which two countries?  | <b>India and Sri Lanka</b>                    |
| 10. By what name is Nottingham-born singer-songwriter Jake Edwin Kennedy better known?                 | <b>Jake Bugg</b>                              |

**Team Round 8**

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| 1. <b>Island Cities</b>  |                                    |
| a) What is the most populous city on the Japanese island of Hokkaido?  | <b>Sapporo</b>                     |
| b) What is the largest city and capital of Madeira?  | <b>Funchal</b>                     |
| c) Port Louis is the capital city of which island nation?  | <b>Mauritius</b>                   |
| 2. <b>Film Four-by-Fours</b> <i>Identify three films with four-letter titles from their entries in Four-Word Film Reviews.com.</i>                                     |                                    |
| a) The Shaw shark redemption (1975).   | <b>Jaws</b>                        |
| b) Swine herds (1995).   | <b>Babe</b>                        |
| c) Worms with weak Sting (1984).   | <b>Dune</b>                        |
| 3. <b>Not from China</b>   |                                    |
| a) Which herb is sometimes known as Chinese parsley?   | <b>Coriander (accept cilantro)</b> |
| b) Which tragic nineteenth-century military figure was nicknamed 'Chinese'?  | General <b>Gordon</b> of Khartoum  |
| c) When used as an artists' pigment, the oxide of which metal is known as Chinese white?   | <b>Zinc</b>                        |
| 4. <b>By Any Other Name</b>  |                                    |
| a) Which actress and comedian's familiar appellation derives from her childhood flatulence?  | <b>Whoopi Goldberg</b>             |
| b) Which England cricketer is nicknamed 'Chef'?  | <b>Alistair Cook</b>               |
| c) Which king of England was known as 'Beauclerc'?   | <b>Henry I (the First)</b>         |
| 5. <b>Detect a Connection</b>  |                                    |
| a) What word links a walrus and a telecommunications pioneer?  | <b>Morse</b>                       |
| b) Edmund II, son of Æthelred the Unready, was known by what appellation?  | <b>Ironside</b>                    |
| c) What is the name of the international photographic cooperative founded in 1947 by Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, and others?                                   | <b>Magnum Photos</b>               |
| 6. <b>Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know</b>  |                                    |
| a) Now a popular tourist attraction, which nineteenth century castle was built by 'mad' King Ludwig II of Bavaria as a homage to Richard Wagner?                       | <b>Schloss Neuschwanstein</b>      |
| b) In January 2003, which bride-to-be cancelled plans to marry Dave Glover, formerly a bass player with Slade?   | <b>Rose West</b>                   |
| c) Irish-American cook Mary Mallon was responsible for over 50 deaths from what cause?   | <b>Typhoid (Typhoid Mary)</b>      |
| 7. <b>Art Installations</b>  |                                    |
| a) Which Derby artist was responsible for the recent installation of over 800,000 ceramic poppies at the Tower of London to mark the centenary of the First World War? | <b>Paul Cummins</b>                |
| b) Who designed the 115-meter-high <i>Orbit</i> sculpture as a feature of the Olympic Park?  | <b>Anish Kapoor</b>                |
| c) A tent appliquéd with names and entitled <i>Everyone I Have Ever Slept With 1963–1995</i> was the work of which artist?   | <b>Tracy Emin</b>                  |
| 8. <b>Coins</b>  |                                    |
| a) How many groats made one guinea?  | <b>63</b>                          |
| b) Due to be introduced in 2017, the new pound coin will have how many sides?  | <b>12</b>                          |
| c) Which Roman coin was equivalent in value to four sesterces?   | <b>Denarius</b>                    |

**Beer Round**

1.
  - a) German national Kirsten Mehr is married to which prominent UK politician? **Nigel Farage**
  - b) In 1990, which future media mogul won some kitchen utensils when he appeared on *Sale of the Century*? **Simon Cowell**
  - c) What links Hagrid's pet dragon Norbert, *Blue Peter* tortoise Fred, and Inspector General of army hospitals Dr James Barry (1789–1865)? All (found to be) **female**
2.
  - a) Lawyer Miriam González Durántez is married to which prominent UK politician? **Nick Clegg**
  - b) In 1959, which Manchester United footballer won £1000 on *Double Your Money*, answering questions on pop music? **Bobby Charlton**
  - c) What do Birling Bay, Brighton; Studland Bay, Dorset; and Holkham Beach, Norfolk have in common? **Nudist beaches**

**Spare Questions**

1. Groundhog Day in the USA coincides with which Christian festival? **Candlemas (February 2nd)**
2. Endorphins are substances produced in the brain that mimic the effects of opiates. The portmanteau word 'endorphin' is derived from which two words? **Endogenous morphine**
3. In August 1991, an incident involving which two broadcasters reportedly led to a two-mile tailback at the entrance to the Dartford Tunnel as drivers listening on car radios were overcome by laughter? **Brian Johnson & Jonathan Agnew**