

Individual Round 1

1. By what name is Paul David Hewson better known?
2. In 1985, which sporting event gained BBC2 its biggest ever audience of 18.5 million?
3. What type of vehicle is International Rescue's *Thunderbird 3*?
4. Who was the last British prime minister not to have a wife?
5. On whose life is the play *A Man for All Seasons* based?
6. Which city was formerly known as "Edo"?
7. Bodybuilder Dave Prowse appeared as which character in a series of advertisements in the 1970s?
8. A plaque on Widnes Station commemorates the writing of which song?
9. *Barnacle Bill* is the theme tune to which long-running television programme?
10. In England and Wales, what is the smallest number of persons that can constitute a riot?

Bono

World Snooker Championship Final
(*Dennis Taylor vs. Steve Davies*)

Rocket/Spacecraft

Margaret Thatcher (*sorry!*)

Thomas More

Tokyo

The Green Cross Code Man

Homeward Bound (*written on the now-closed Widnes Ditton Station.*)

Blue Peter

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Team Round 2

1. Wood

- a) In theatrical slang, who or what are known as the "Wood family"?
- b) Which vegetarian said "I'm all for killing animals and turning them into handbags. I just don't want to have to eat them."?
- c) The Reverend Eli Jenkins, Blind Captain Cat, and Polly Garter are all character in which "play for voices"?

Empty Seats

Victoria Wood

Under Milk Wood

2. Ring Masters

- a) Which British boxer won the gold medal in the middleweight division at the 2008 Olympics?
- b) The former world title holder Nigel Benn is a cousin of which footballer, the first black player to captain England?
- c) Which boxing coach was named *Coach of the Year* in the *BBC Sports Personality of the Year* awards for 2008?

James DeGale

Paul Ince

Enzo Calzaghe

3. Irish Folk Music

- a) Which Irish folk band had UK top-twenty hits in 1967 with *Seven Drunken Nights* and *Black Velvet Band*?
- b) Which Irish folk song about the Great Famine has been adopted as an anthem by supporters of the Munster, London Irish, and the Irish national rugby union teams, and by supporters of Glasgow Celtic?
- c) Which ship carried "five million hogs and six million dogs, and seven million barrels of porter"?

The Dubliners

The Fields of Athenry

The Irish Rover

4. Editors

- a) Who, in 2003, became the first woman to edit *The Sun*?
- b) Which former Prime Minister was once the editor of *The Church Times*?
- c) Which former editor of *Private Eye* launched *The Oldie* in 1992?

Rebekah Wade

Edward Heath

Richard Ingrams

5. **Winter Sports**
- a) The 2006–2007 Stanley Cup winners the Anaheim Ducks were founded in 1993 by which corporation? **The Walt Disney Company**
 - b) A “bonspiel” is traditionally an outdoor tournament in which sport? **Curling**
 - c) In which country is the ski resort of Lecht? **Scotland**
6. **Romance**
- a) Who wrote romantic fiction under the pseudonym Mary Westmacott? **Agatha Christie**
 - b) “Love means not ever having to say you're sorry.” is a line from which 1970 romantic film? **Love Story**
 - c) Matthew Horne and Joanna Page play which romantically linked couple? **Gavin and Stacey**
7. **Not a Lot of People Know That ...**
In which films did Sir Michael Caine play the following roles?
- a) Dr Frank Bryant **Educating Rita**
 - b) Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead **Zulu**
 - c) Charlie Croker **The Italian Job**
8. **Posthumous Hits**
- a) Who had a posthumous top-ten hit in 1968 with *(Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay)*? **Otis Redding**
 - b) What, ironically, was the title of Eddie Cochran's only UK number one hit? **Three Steps to Heaven**
 - c) Aaliyah's posthumous 2001 number one *More Than a Woman* was replaced at number one by a posthumous recording from which artist? **George Harrison**

Individual Round 3

- 1. Which comedian, having won the TV series *Maestro*, conducted the BBC Concert Orchestra in a *Proms in the Park* concert at Hyde Park in London on 13 September 2008? **Sue Perkins**
- 2. Which author is credited with introducing cross-country skiing into Switzerland, and once took the wicket of W. G. Grace in a first-class cricket match? **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**
- 3. Which vegetable is the product of a cross between a cabbage and a turnip? **Swede (*swedish turnip or rutabaga*)**
- 4. Which daughter of King Priam was given the gift of prophesy by Apollo, but was later cursed by him so that no one would believe her? **Cassandra**
- 5. The films *High Fidelity* and *About a Boy* are based on books by which author? **Nick Hornby**
- 6. The Oval and which other ground in England have staged both an FA Cup final and an Ashes Test Match? **Bramall Lane (Sheffield)**
- 7. Membership of the Caterpillar Club is restricted to which group of people? **Survivors of bailing out of an aircraft using a parachute***

* Accept equivalent wording.

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| 8. Which common garden flower is sometimes known as “Johnny Jump Up” or “Heartsease”? | Pansy |
| 9. What do we call what the Danes refer to as “Viennese Bread”? | Danish Pastries |
| 10. How many planets (other than the Earth) are visible to the naked eye? | Five |

Team Round 4

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| 1. Famous Belgians | |
| a) Which author claimed to have slept with over 10,000 women, but still found time to write nearly 200 novels, over 150 novellas, and numerous other works? | Georges Simenon |
| b) Which cartographer devised a map projection that became the standard for nautical purposes because of its ability to represent lines of constant course as straight segments? | Gerardus <u>Mercator</u> |
| c) How was Jeanine Deckers better known? | The Singing Nun/Soeur Sourire |
| 2. Animated Films | |
| a) Which 1995 Disney film was given a special Academy Award for its pioneering use of computer animation? | Toy Story |
| b) Which pioneer of stop-motion animation was responsible for the animated sequences in the films <i>One Million Years B.C.</i> , <i>Clash of the Titans</i> and <i>Jason and the Argonauts</i> ? | Ray Harryhausen |
| c) Which 1954 British animated feature film was partly funded by the CIA because of its anti-communist message? | Animal Farm |
| 3. Joshua Tree | |
| a) In which US state is the Joshua Tree National Park | California |
| b) <i>The Joshua Tree</i> is a 1987 Grammy award-winning album by which group? | U2 |
| c) Which seminal country rocker, who died of a drug overdose in a motel in the village of Joshua Tree on 19th September 1973, had his body stolen and partially cremated in the desert? | Gram Parsons |
| 4. The Pudding Club | |
| a) What is found in the middle of a Sussex Pond pudding? | A lemon |
| b) Pease pudding is traditionally served as an accompaniment to which meat? | Ham/Bacon |
| c) The Black Country savoury dish groaty pudding is traditionally eaten on which day of the year? | Bonfire Night/5th November |
| 5. “American” Recordings | |
| a) Who has released a series of four albums of standards, each subtitled <i>The Great American Songbook</i> ? | Rod Stewart |
| b) Who, late in his career, released a critically acclaimed five-album series entitled <i>The American Recordings</i> ? | Johnny Cash |
| c) Which rock group had a minor hit in 1968 with an instrumental version of Leonard Bernstein’s <i>America</i> ? | Nice |

6. **Famous Norwegians**
- a) Whose philosophical novel *Sophie's World* has been translated into 53 languages and has sold more than 30 million copies worldwide? **Jostein Gaarder**
 - b) Which Norwegian distance runner simultaneously held world records at 5000-meters, 10,000-meters and the marathon in 1985, and won the London Marathon a record four times? **Ingrid Kristiansen**
 - c) Anni-Frid Synni Lyngstad, now Princess Reuss, is best known for what? **(Being a member of) ABBA**
7. **Drinks**
- a) Which country is the world's top producer of orange juice? **Brazil**
 - b) Number one was based on gin, two on whisky, three on brandy, four on rum, five on rye whiskey, and six on vodka: what are they? **Pimms (Cups)**
 - c) Which popular soft drink was devised by Coca Cola's German operation when they could no longer import cola syrup during World War II? **Fanta**
8. **Mnemonics**
- a) "I Value Xylophones Like Cows Dig Milk" is a mnemonic for remembering what? **Roman Numerals (*in ascending order*)**
 - b) HOMES is a mnemonic for remembering which geographical features? **The Great Lakes**
 - c) Here Hungry Little Beggar Boys Catch Newts Or Fish" is a mnemonic for remembering what? **The first nine elements in the Periodic Table.**

Individual Round 5

- 1. Which town is the home of the Cars of the Stars Museum and the Cumberland Pencil Museum? **Keswick**
- 2. Which Chinese phrase can be translated as *Wind & Water*? **Feng Shui**
- 3. The "Arkansas Toothpick" is another name for which weapon, named after a US frontiersman? **Bowie Knife**
- 4. Name two metallic elements whose names ends in the letters "U M" but not in "I U M"? **(two from) Platinum, Tantalum, Lanthanum, Molybdenum**
- 5. Which writer owned a vineyard that produced a sparkling wine called *Quarante Deux*? **Douglas Adams**
(Quarante Deux is 42!)
- 6. Which TV detective lived in *Robin's Nest*? **(Thomas) Magnum (PI)**
- 7. Which popular Web site has a logo consisting of a globe made of jigsaw pieces, each decorated with a character from a different alphabet? **Wikipedia**
- 8. Which German word, adopted into English, means a recurrent theme in a musical composition that is associated with a particular person, idea, or situation? **Leitmotif**
- 9. Which British comedian played a misanthropic dentist in the film *Ghost Town*, released in October 2008? **Ricky Gervais**
- 10. Surrounded by the largest artificially planted forest in Europe, what is the largest artificially created lake in the United Kingdom? **Kielder Water**

Team Round 6

1. **A Common Name**

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| a) Who was the father of King Henry IV of England? | John of Gaunt |
| b) Who played the part of the Pinball Wizard in Ken Russell's 1975 film of the Who's <i>Tommy</i> ? | Elton John |
| c) A statue of which poet is found on the platform of the Eurostar Terminal at St Pancras Station? | John Betjeman |

2. **Mottoes**

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| a) The motto of which organisation is <i>Indocilis Privata Loqui</i> , which can be roughly translated "not apt to disclose secrets"? | The Magic Circle |
| b) Which organisation has the motto <i>Bene consulendo</i> , meaning "By good counsel"? | Derbyshire County Council |
| c) <i>Arte E Labor</i> (meaning "skill and toil") is the motto of which Premiership football club? | Blackburn Rovers |

3. **Economics**

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| a) Whose law can be paraphrased as "Bad money drives out good"? | Gresham |
| b) The economist Milton Friedman is regarded as the leading proponent of which school of economic theory, much in vogue in the 1980s? | Monetarism |
| c) What is a monopsony? | A situation where there is one buyer and many suppliers (opposite to a monopoly)[†] |

4. **Philately (will get you nowhere!)**

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| a) Which was the <i>second</i> country to adopt postage stamps? | Brazil |
| b) First issued in 1991, stamps from which country carry the name "Republik Hrvatska"? | Croatia |
| c) Why was the colour of the Penny Black changed to red? | To make it easier to see cancellation marks (accept equivalent wording) |

5. **Alternative Titles**

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| a) Which book, published in 1653, has the alternative title <i>The Contemplative Man's Recreation</i> ? | The Compleat Angler |
| b) Which Gilbert & Sullivan Opera has the alternative title <i>The Slave of Duty</i> ? | The Pirates of Penzance |
| c) <i>Anne of a Thousand Lays</i> was proposed as an alternative title for which Carry On film? | Carry on Henry |

6. **Triple Crowns**

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| a) Which horse was the last to win the Triple Crown of British thoroughbred racing? | <u>Nijinsky II</u> |
| b) Who is the only driver to complete the mythical Triple Crown of Motor Sport, by winning the Indianapolis 500, the Le Mans 24 Hours, and the Formula One World Championship? | <u>Graham Hill</u> |
| c) Who captained Wales's Triple Crown and Grand Slam winning rugby union team in 2008? | <u>Ryan Jones</u> |

[†] Accept equivalent wording.

7. **US Cities**

- a) Which region of San Francisco was at the centre of the hippy movement of the late 1960s? **Haight-Ashbury**
- b) Which US city was the first to have an underground railway network? **Boston**
- c) The confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers is near which major US city? **St Louis**

8. **James Bolam**

In which television series did James Bolam play the following roles?

- a) Jack Ford **When the Boat Comes In**
- b) Trevor Chaplin **The Beiderbecke Affair (Tapes/Connection)**
- c) Jack Halford **New Tricks**

Individual Round 7

- 1. The yellowhammer is a member of which family of birds? **Bunting(s)**
- 2. To which political party does Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany, belong? **Christian Democratic Union (CDU)**
- 3. Which title is shared by recordings by Brian Wilson, Nat King Cole and Lilly Allen? **Smile**
- 4. In Louisiana, what type of foodstuff is a Po'boy? **Sandwich/Baguette**
- 5. Which football ground is shared by Wycombe Wanderers and London Wasps? **Adams Park**
- 6. To which family of plants does the burdock belong? **Thistle (*Arctium*)**
- 7. Who succeeded Kofi Annan as Secretary General of the United Nations in January 2007? **Ban Ki-Moon**
- 8. Which TV detective is the 8th Earl of Asherton? **Inspector Lynley**
- 9. To see the sites of all seven Ancient Wonders of the World, how many modern-day countries would you need to visit? **Four (*Greece, Egypt, Iraq, and Turkey*)**
- 10. What do anglers measure on the Redditch scale? **The size of hooks**

Team Round 8

1. **Palindromic Surnames**

The answers are all people whose surnames are palindromes

- a) Who played Elle Driver, a.k.a. California Mountain Snake, in both of Quentin Tarantino's *Kill Bill* films? **Daryl Hannah**
- b) Who plays Detective Superintendent Peter Boyd in *Waking the Dead*? **Trevor Eve**
- c) Who was the female artist who notoriously appeared in the nude on the cover of the 1968 album *Unfinished Music No. 1: Two Virgins*? **Yoko Ono**

2. **The Human Body**

- a) In which part of the body is the brachial artery? **Arm**
- b) What is the name of the fluid that provides a lubricating and cushioning effect in the joints of the body? **Synovial fluid**
- c) Where in the body are the scaphoid, trapezoid and lunate bones? **Wrist**

3. **Eponymous Consumables**

- a) Which dessert is reputedly named after the wife of George III? **Apple Charlotte**
- b) Which beverage is named after the British Prime Minister of 1830–1834? **Earl Grey Tea**
- c) Which meringue-based dessert is named after a Russian ballerina? **Pavlova**

4. **Eponymous Elements**

Identify the following man-made chemical elements:

- a) Element atomic number 100, named after an Italian scientist noted for his work on the first nuclear reactor. **Fermium**
- b) Element atomic number 101, named after the Russian scientist credited with developing the Periodic Table. **Mendelevium**
- c) Element atomic number 104, named after the New Zealand-born physicist who first proposed the orbital theory of the atom. **Rutherfordium**

5. **Ashes-Winning Captains**

Who captained the following Ashes-winning England cricket teams in the following series?

- a) 1932–1933, known as the Bodyline Series **Douglas Jardine**
- b) 1953, when England recovered the Ashes after a 19-year gap **Leonard (Len) Hutton**
- c) 1986–1987, of whom it was said “had only three things wrong with them – can’t bat, can’t bowl, can’t field”. **Mike Gatting**

6. **Careful With That Axe!**

- a) Whose “Red Special” guitar is self-built from wood largely taken from an 18th century fireplace? **Brian May**
- b) Whose Martin N-20 nylon-strung acoustic guitar, named “Trigger” after Roy Rogers’s horse, has a large sweeping hole in the soundboard worn by constant strumming. **Willie Nelson**
- c) A partly-burned guitar previously owned by which guitarist was sold for £280,000 in September 2008? **Jimi Hendrix**

7. **Prizes**

In which fields are the following prizes awarded?

- a) The Stirling Prize **Architecture**
- b) The Hugo Award **Science Fiction**
- c) The Fields Medal **Mathematics**

8. **Clangers**

- a) Great Paul, of St Paul’s cathedral, the largest bell in the UK, was cast at Taylor’s bell foundry in which Midlands town? **Loughborough**
- b) Who provided the voice of the “Master of Ceremonies” on Mike Oldfield’s *Tubular Bells*? **Vivian Stanshall**
- c) The deepest-sounding bell in the UK is found in the clock tower of Nottingham’s Council House; by what appropriate name is it known? **Little John**

Beer Round

1.
 - a) Which is the name of BP oil and gas terminal, one of the largest in Europe, situated northeast of the village of Brae on Shetland? **Sullom Voe**
 - b) The Walter Lawrence Trophy is awarded annually to the cricketer who achieves which feat? **The fastest century in English first-class cricket.**
 - c) In which US city are Will Rogers World Airport and Wiley Post Airport, which both commemorate people who died in the *same* air crash in Alaska? **Oklahoma City**

2.
 - a) The Wych field, the largest onshore oilfield in Europe, is found in which British county? **Dorset**
 - b) The winner of which annual motor race is awarded the Borg-Warner Trophy? **Indianapolis 500**
 - c) Hartfield-Jackson, the world's busiest airport, serves which southern US city? **Atlanta**