

Individual Round 1

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| 1. Which is the only football club to have won the European Cup more times than it has won its own domestic league? | Nottingham Forest |
| 2. On the fourth of July 1806, which vessel set sail from Cork bound for New York with a cargo of bricks? | The Irish Rover |
| 3. What did Neil Kinnock jokingly remark should be renamed <i>The Grundys and Their Oppressors</i> ? | The Archers |
| 4. Which jockey rode Kauto Star to his fourth consecutive victory in the King George VI chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, 2009? | Ruby <u>Walsh</u> |
| 5. Who was the youngest ever king of England? | Henry VI |
| 6. Which fifty-nine year old finished second in the Open Golf Championship of 2009? | Tom Watson |
| 7. What sort of creature is a whippoorwill (whip-poor-will)? | Bird (<i>american nightjar</i>) |
| 8. Which is the only play by Shakespeare that has an animal in its title? | The Taming of the Shrew |
| 9. Which hairstyle is believed to have taken its name from its popularity among members of the Yale rowing team of the 1890s? | Crew Cut |
| 10. Which US daily newspaper had a popular march by John Philip Sousa named in its honour? | Washington Post |

Team Round 2

1. Finance

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| a) What, in banking, CHAPS and IBAN are systems for performing which function? | Interbank payments (electronic cash transfer)* |
| b) Founded in 1762 and closed to new members in 2000, which is the world's oldest mutual insurance company? | Equitable Life |
| c) The <i>Bradford and Bingley</i> brand was sold to which major banking group in 2008? | Santander (accept Abbey) |

2. Disney Cartoons

Identify the Disney animated films from their reviews taken from the Web site Four-Word Film Reviews.

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| a) Lass of the Mohicans | Pocahontas |
| b) Saved by the belle
(Question reader: please spell out the last word) | The Beauty and the Beast |
| c) Constant-teen | Peter Pan |

3. Theatre

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| a) The subtitle of which play is <i>A Trivial Play for Serious People</i> ? | The Importance of Being Earnest |
| b) Which former Hollywood actor became artistic director of the Old Vic in 2003? | Kevin Spacey |
| c) Which contemporary of Shakespeare's wrote the plays <i>The Alchemist</i> and <i>Bartholomew Fair</i> ? | Ben Jonson |

4. Wooden Spoons

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| a) Which county has held the wooden spoon in the County Championship on the most occasions? | Derbyshire (14 times) |
| b) In which part of the British Isles are elaborately carved wooden spoons traditionally given as a love tokens? | Wales |
| c) Which are the only two nations to have ever held the Wooden Spoon in Six Nations Rugby Union? | Scotland and Italy |

* Or equivalent wording

5. **The United States of America**
- a) Which city was the capital of the USA between 1790 and 1800? **Philadelphia**
 - b) How many US states have four-letter names? **Three** (Utah, Iowa, Ohio)
 - c) What name is given to the day following Thanksgiving, which marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season when shops can look forward to moving into profit? **Black Friday**
6. **Music of the Decade: 2000–2009**
- a) According to *Rolling Stone* magazine, the top album of the decade was *Kid A*, by which group? **Radiohead**
 - b) NME's Track of the Decade was *Crazy in Love* by which artist? **Beyonce**
 - c) According to the music-licensing body PPL, whose song *Chasing Cars* was the most widely played song of the decade? **Snow Patrol**
7. **Pick 'n' Mix**
- a) Which items of confectionary were launched by Charles Gordon Maynard in 1909? **Wine Gums**
 - b) Launched in 1935 and originally called "Chocolate Crisp", which item of confectionary now has annual sales of over 1 billion? **Kit Kat**
 - c) Celebrated in a Mike Harding song, which sweets been made in Wigan by William Santus & Co. Ltd. since 1932? **Uncle Joe's Mint Balls**
8. **Football**
- a) Name the three teams that were founder members of the **Aston Villa**
 - b) Football League in 1888 and also founder members of the **Blackburn Rovers**
 - c) Premier League in 1992. (The answers can be given in any order). **Everton**

Individual Round 3

A Relatively Easy Round!

- 1. The sailors' name for the storm petrel is believed to be derived from a medieval Latin name for the Virgin Mary; what is it? **Mother Carey's Chicken**
- 2. A ship wrecked on the coast of Inis Oírr in the Arran Islands regularly appeared during the opening credits of which Channel 4 programme? **Father Ted**
- 3. Which American artist, known for her scenes of rural life, only took up painting in her seventies when arthritis caused her to give up embroidery? **Grandma Moses**
- 4. Which skater was BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1980? **Robin Cousins**
- 5. The musician Frank Zappa first came to prominence as a member of which group? **The Mothers of Invention**
- 6. In which pub game do contestants throw sticks or batons at a wooden skittle known as a 'dolly'? **Aunt Sally**
- 7. The failure of which financial services company on 15 September 2008 was the biggest bankruptcy in US corporate history? **Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.**
- 8. Ana Matronic is the female lead singer of which group, who had their first UK top-ten hit in 2004 with a cover version of Pink Floyd's *Comfortably Numb*? **The Scissor Sisters**
- 9. Henry Pulling, a retired bank manager, is the hero of which novel by Graham Green? **Travels with My Aunt**
- 10. In a 1960s TV series, who was April Dancer? **The Girl from UNCLE**

Team Round 4

Location, Location, Location

All the answers in this round contain names of places

1. **Plants**

- a) Which flower is named after its ability to rapidly recolonise areas of urban blight, such as bomb sites? **London Pride**
- b) Seedlings of which popular fruit plant of the *Prunus* family were discovered in Alderton, Sussex and introduced into cultivation in the 1840s? **Victoria plum**
- c) In the language of flowers, which biennial flower with the Latin name *Campanula medium* represents gratitude? **Canterbury Bell**

2. **Television**

- a) Who played district nurse Ruth Goddard in the ITV drama series *Where the Heart Is*? **Sarah Lancashire**
- b) What was the name of the short-lived British adaptation of the US comedy series *The Golden Girls*? **Brighton Belles**
- c) Who played Rosemary Boxer in the ITV mystery series *Rosemary and Thyme*? **Felicity Kendal**

3. **Sport**

- a) Who, on 26th December 2006, became the oldest player to score a goal in the Premier Division? **Teddy Sheringham**
- b) Rated by *Sports Illustrated* as the best ever quarterback, who led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories between 1982 and 1990? **Joe Montana**
- c) Who captained the England cricket team during their successful 1985 Ashes campaign? **David Gower**

4. **Detective Fiction**

- a) Which detective made his debut in the 1964 novel *From Doon with Death*? **Inspector (Reginald) Wexford**
- b) Which TV detective regularly drove a burgundy-coloured 1947 Triumph Roadster? **Jim Bergerac**
- c) What is the name of the forensic pathologist that appears in a series of Los Angeles-based mysteries by Jonathan Kellerman? **Alex Delaware**

5. **History**

- a) Who is the only person to serve two non-consecutive terms as President of the USA? **Grover Cleveland**
- b) Which former P&O liner was nicknamed "The Great White Whale" when she was used as a troop ship during the Falklands conflict? **SS Canberra**
- c) Who, in 1907, became the first woman to be awarded the Order of Merit? **Florence Nightingale**

6. **Film**

- a) Which film was based on the then-unproduced play *Everybody Comes to Rick's* by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison? **Casablanca**
- b) Which English actress played Superman's mother Lara in the 1980 film and its sequels? **Susannah York**
- c) Who won the Best Supporting Actor Oscar winner for his role in *Jerry Maguire*? **Cuba Gooding Jr.**

7. **Kid's Stuff**

- a) Who lived with the Brown family at 32 Windsor Gardens? **Paddington Bear**
- b) Which 1980s children's TV series featured characters named Ross & Cromarty, Dogger, Fastnet, Mrs Lundy, and Eddy Stone? **Portland Bill**
- c) Which author's stories of girls' schools include *Fortunes of Phillipa* and *The Nicest Girl in School*? **Angela Brazil**

8. **Music**

- a) Which female singer's 1989 release *Leave a Light on It* featured a slide guitar solo by George Harrison? **Belinda Carlisle**
- b) Which Bee Gees song was the second record to be played on Radio 1? **Massachusetts**
- c) Which US rock band, one of the most successful in chart history, dropped the words "Transit Authority" from their name soon after the release of their first album in 1969? **Chicago**

Individual Round 5

- 1. How were Chris, Bernardo, Harry, Lee, Britt, Chico, and Vin collectively known? **The Magnificent Seven**
- 2. Beginning with Rachel Wardell and finishing with Emma Burns, what did exactly 2400 people do for one hour each in 2009? **Appear on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square**
- 3. Which series of lines, marked in descending order: TF, F, T, S, W, and WNA, have been responsible for saving countless lives? **Plimsoll Lines on a ship***
- 4. Karl Marx's son, born on the 5th November 1890, was named in honour of which fellow revolutionary? **Guy Fawkes**
- 5. Which group monopolised the US Billboard charts for a record 26 weeks from 18 April 2009, through 10 October 2009? **Black-Eyed Peas**
- 6. What is the surname of the siblings Lucy and Linus in the *Peanuts* cartoons? **Van Pelt**
- 7. Who was the first woman to have held the post of Foreign Secretary? **Margaret Becket**
- 8. Which area is set to become England's tenth national park in 2011? **South Downs**
- 9. Malcolm Tucker is the major character in which BAFTA award-winning comedy series? **The Thick of It**
- 10. A semi-nude picture of which iconic figure graced the November 2009 cover of *Playboy* magazine? **Marge Simpson**

Team Round 6

1. **Clubs**

- a) Which famed New York night club of the prohibition era was the subject of a 1984 crime film starring Richard Gere? **The Cotton Club**
- b) Musicians who played at which club in Havana in the 1940s have inspired a revival of interest in the Cuban music of the era? **Buena Vista Social Club**
- c) The motto of which infamous club was *Fais ce que tu voudras* or "Do what thou wilt"? **Hellfire Club**

* The letters stand for Tropical Fresh (water), Fresh, Tropical Seawater, Summer Temperate Seawater, Winter Temperate Seawater, Winter North Atlantic

2. **Musicals**

- a) Which musical features the rival teenage gangs, The T-Birds and The Scorpions? **Grease**
- b) Who played the title role in the original production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*? **Michael Crawford**
- c) *Send in the Clowns*, a top-ten hit for Judy Collins in 1975, comes from which Steven Sondheim musical? **A Little Night Music**

3. **Sport in 2009**

- a) Which Manx racing cyclist who won six stages in the 2009 Tour de France? **Mark Cavendish**
- b) Usain Bolt's 200 metres world record of 19.19 seconds at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin broke the thirteen-year-old record of which athlete? **Michael Johnson**
- c) Which British athlete took the gold medal in the heptathlon at the World Athletic Championships? **Jessica Ennis**

4. **Semordnilaps**

A semordnilap is a word which, if spelled backwards, forms another word: identify these pairs of semordnilaps.

- a) An Oscar winning role for Dustin Hoffman, and an observation (six letters) **Kramer, remark**
- b) Overlooked; a non-stimulating drink (five letters) **faced, decaf**
- c) The highest peak in the Rocky Mountains; high-pitched (six letters) **Elbert, treble**

5. **Advertising Slogans**

- a) Which manufacturer used the advertising slogan "The appliance of science" in the early 1980s? **Zanussi**
- b) Which former insurance company used the advertising slogan "We won't make a drama out of a crisis"? **Commercial Union**
- c) Which newspaper used the adverting slogan "It is ... are you?" **The Independent**

6. **Newspapers**

- a) What is the name of the print format measuring about 470 mm by 315 mm adopted by many European newspapers, including *The Guardian*? **Berliner or Midi**
- b) Which was the first UK daily newspaper to publish an online edition? **The Daily Telegraph**
- c) According to 2008 survey by the World Association of Newspapers, the top five newspapers in the world in terms of audited daily circulation are all published in which country? **Japan**

7. **London**

- a) Founded in 1705 by one of Queen Anne's footmen who sold used candles from the royal household, which famous grocery store created the first scotch egg and was the first to sell canned baked beans? **Fortnum and Mason**
- b) Which ceremonial posts, which have existed since 1485, are only open to men or women who have 22 or more years of military service? **Yeomen Warders of the Tower of London (You can accept "Yeomen of the Guard" or "Beefeaters")**
- c) A statue of a seated Isambard Kingdom Brunel can be found at which London rail terminus? **Paddington**

8. **Musical Miscellany**

- a) Who wrote the music of the one-act opera *Cavalleria Rusticana*?
- b) Which singer–songwriter's middle name was “Kelton”?
- c) Which genre of music, usually played by small groups on acoustic instruments, is associated with the phrase “high lonesome sound”?

Pietro Mascagni

Roy Orbison

Bluegrass

Individual Round 7

- 1. Sixteen million people applied for seventeen-and-a-half thousand available tickets for which event on 3rd September 2009?
- 2. In football, formations such as 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 are common, but which formation is adopted by players on a standard pub table football machine?
- 3. Which politician made a cameo appearance in the final episode of *Gavin and Stacey*?
- 4. Which major European country did not become a member of the United Nations until 2002?
- 5. Which Second World War US general was known as “Old Blood and Guts”?
- 6. What was ABBA's only number one hit in the USA?
- 7. Which Chancellor of the Exchequer died in 1970, just one month after taking the job following a general election?
- 8. Who jumped off the Tallahatchie Bridge on the third of June?
- 9. Which is the only football team to have won the Premier Division title only once?
- 10. What name is shared by an Internet search engine, a popular singer and actor, a variety of cherry, a Chinese flatbread, and a character in Friends?

The funeral of Michael Jackson

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John Prescott

Switzerland

George S. Patton

Dancing Queen

Iain McCleod

Billy Joe (McAllister) (In Bobbie Gentry's *Ode to Billy Joe*.)

Blackburn Rovers

Bing

Team Round 7

Endings

1. **Died on the Same Day**

- a) Name either of the two former Presidents of the USA who died on the fourth of July, 1826?
- b) Pioneering aviator Orville Wright died on the same day that which renowned national leader was assassinated?
- c) Orson Wells died on the same day as which Russian-born film star?

Thomas Jefferson or **John Adams** (*do not accept John Quincy Adams*)

Mohindas **Gandhi**

Yul Brynner

2. **Film Endings**

Which films end with the following words?

- a) ‘Hang on, lads; I've got a great idea.’
- b) ‘It's the stuff dreams are made of’
- c) ‘I hope I can make it across the border. I hope to see my friend, and shake his hand. I hope the Pacific is as blue as it has been in my dreams. I hope.’

The Italian Job

The Maltese Falcon

The Shawshank Redemption

3. **Political Resignations**

- a)
- b) During the 20th Century, only three people resigned from the Privy Council: name them. (Any order will do.)
- c)

Jonathan Aitken

John Stonehouse

John Profumo

4. **Last Writes**

Which well-known characters made their final appearance in the following books:

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| a) <i>Aunts Aren't Gentlemen</i> (1974) | Jeeves and Wooster |
| b) <i>Sleeping Murder</i> (1976) | Miss (Jane) Marple |
| c) <i>The Secret Pilgrim</i> (1990) | George Smiley |

5. **Assassinations**

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| a) Who was assassinated by Charles Julius Guiteau? | President James A. <u>Garfield</u> |
| b) Where precisely was Prime Minister Spencer Percival assassinated? | The <u>Lobby of the House of Commons</u> |
| c) Two famous British authors died on the same day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated; name either. | C. S. Lewis or Aldous Huxley |

6. **Massacres**

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| a) Which English king ordered the St Brice's Day Massacre on 13 November 1002, with the intention of killing all the Danes then in England? | Ethelred II (or Ethelred the Unready) |
| b) What name was given to the wave of Catholic mob violence against the Huguenots in Paris on 23 August 1572? | St Bartholomew's Day Massacre |
| c) What name was given to the massacre on 29 December 1890 in which the US 7th Cavalry killed more than two hundred men, women, and children of the Lakota Sioux? | Wounded Knee |

7. **They Think It's All Over**

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| a) Which two countries contested cricket's last timeless test match, which lasted twelve days with nine days of actual play? | England and South Africa |
| b) In his last appearance for England, Gary Lineker was one goal short of Bobby Charlton's record of 49 goals when he was controversially substituted by which manager? | Graham Taylor |
| c) Which three-time Cheltenham Gold Cup winner's final race was the in the King George VI Chase in December 1966, when he finished second despite fracturing a pedal bone? | Arkle |

8. **... And Finally**

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| a) Eschatology is the study of what? | The End of the World* |
| b) According to an essay and book by the philosopher and political economist Francis Fukuyama, what ended in 1989? | History |
| c) In 2004, members of the Plain English Campaign voted which phrase to be to be the most irritating cliché? | "At the end of the day" |

* Or equivalent wording.

Beer Round

1.
 - a) What is the easily remembered dialling code for Bedford? **01234**
 - b) A pet belonging to model Lea La Salle featured in which famous headline of March 1986? **Freddie Star Ate My Hamster**
 - c) Why were envelopes bearing the US Post Office's 1993 issue of a stamp featuring an image of Elvis Presley frequently misaddressed? **So that they would be marked "Return to Sender"**

2.
 - a) Mobile telephone numbers between 07700 900000 and 07700 900999 are not issued but are reserved for which purpose? **Fictional numbers for use in films and television programs***
 - b) After a storm of protest, which headline was quickly changed to 'Did 1200 Argies Drown?' **GOTCHA!**
 - c) In which well-known film do the first spoken words, "Here you are, sir, Main Level D", not appear until more than 21 minutes into the film? **2001, a Space Odyssey**

* Or equivalent wording.