

	Buzzer Questions	
	<i>Semi-finals</i>	
	<i>Semi-final 1</i>	
1.	Albert Camus, Jose Iglesias, Luciano Pavarotti, Pope John Paul II, David Icke. For 2 points, what links them?	All Goalkeepers
2.	Originally said to have been born Laura Cruz, of South American parentage, this now decidedly British archaeologist has had a name change, but is still known for her trade-mark braided hair. She has recently been honoured by having a section of the ring road of the city in which she was conceived named after her. F2P, name this fictional character who has been played on film by Angelina Jolie?	Lara Croft
3.	A major university city on France's Mediterranean coast, and capital of the Languedoc-Roussillon region, which city also gave its name to the state capital of Vermont?	Montpellier
4.	The Dong, a creature created in verse by Edward Lear was blessed with which unusual facial appendage?	Luminous nose
5.	Consisting of columnar basalt formed by rapid cooling of lava flows on entering the sea, which coastal feature lies between Portrush and Ballycastle and, according to legend, was built as an oversized roadway to the Isle of Staffa?	The Giant's Causeway
6.	What is the name given to the process of making rods and tubes by forcing material under pressure through a die?	Extrusion
7.	In 1981, Inge Simonsen of Norway and Dick Beardsley of the USA contrived a dead heat in the first running of which annual athletics event?	London Marathon
8.	With atomic number 64, and ferromagnetic properties at only just below room temperature, this is the only naturally occurring element to have been named after a person who actually existed, a Finnish scientist. F2P, what is the name of this element, whose chemical symbol is Gd?	Gadolinium
9.	The rivers Steeping, Witham, Welland, Nene and Ouse all flow into which inlet on England's North Sea Coast?	The Wash
10.	<i>Popeye, Prêt-à-Porter, Gosford Park</i> and <i>M.A.S.H.</i> are among his most celebrated films. F2P who is this director?	Robert Altman
11.	Which building, rebuilt after being burned by the British in 1814, acquired its name because it contrasted with the red-brick buildings nearby?	The White House
12.	The last two lines of a hymn by John Greenleaf Whittier read, "Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm." What are the first two lines?	Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Forgive our foolish ways;
13.	There are four types of English surnames depending on their derivation. Nicknames, place names and patronymics are three of the sources: what is the fourth?	Occupations
14.	César-François began a project to map the whole of France, completed by his son, Jean-Dominique. Grandson Henri studied the botany of sunflowers. Father, Jacques, tabulated the moons of Saturn, four of which grandfather Giovanni had discovered, together with aspects of Saturn's rings. F2P, what is the family name?	Cassini
15.	Which traditional game, whose name allegedly derives from French, involves hurling a beer-soaked rag at a surrounding ring of competitors?	Dwile flonking
16.	Born 1967, who name the North American artist best known for his installations involving hundreds of naked people?	Spencer Tunick
17.	Who is the beneficiary of the investment agreement called a tontine?	The last survivor
18.	Who gave up his birthright to his brother Jacob for a mess of pottage?	Esau
19.	What was the name of the totemic little red silk pennant, the ancient royal standard of France?	Oriflamme
20.	In William Golding's <i>Lord of the Flies</i> , short-sighted Piggy's spectacles are used to light a fire. Why is this absurd?	Concave lenses cannot focus light

	<i>Semi-final 2</i>	
1.	Begun in 1882, financed entirely by public donation, and not expected to be complete before 2026, this building in the Eixample district of Barcelona is one of the most celebrated works of its architect, Antoni Gaudí. F2P what is this church's name?	La Sagrada Familia/ The Holy Family
2.	Plough, Cobra, Upward Bow and Downward Dog: F2P examples of what?	Yoga postures
3.	The Ikkurina, red with green and white crosses is the outlawed flag of which region?	The Basque Country
4.	Widely presumed extinct since the 1930s, but believed by some to still survive in the mountains of the island from which it takes its popular name, which carnivore is alternatively known as the thylacine?	Tasmanian Wolf/Tiger
5.	Singing cowboy, Gene Autrey was in 1949, the first of many to have a hit with which perennial seasonal song?	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
6.	Name the four national capitals which stand on the river Danube.	Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Belgrade
7.	Which genre of literature is associated with Will Eisner, Art Spiegelman and Alan Moore?	Graphic novels
8.	Dating from 1954 and named after the address of the BBC's studios, which drama series about a family is often claimed to have been Britain's first adult soap opera?	The Grove Family
9.	In which team sport is one of the players, known as the libero, exempted from the requirement to rotate positions as is the case for the other five members of the team?	Volleyball
10.	Clym Yeobright and Eustacia Vie are major characters in which of Thomas Hardy's novels?	<i>The Return of the Native</i>
11.	British wildlife: As what is the fowl marten more usually known?	Polecat
12.	The father of Norah Jones, although no stranger to the world of popular music, became most famous for his contributions in an entirely different branch of music. Name him.	Ravi Shankar
13.	In the last decade of which century did Edmond Rostand write the play <i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i> ?	Nineteenth
14.	Whose 4-volume book <i>London Labour and the London Poor</i> did much to draw the attention of Dickens to the deprivation rife in the city?	Henry Mayhew
15.	The George referred to in the title of the 1984 Stephen Sondheim musical <i>Sunday in the Park with George</i> is which artist responsible for developing pointillism, the technique of building up pictures from coloured dots.	Georges Seurat
16.	Express 14 as a binary number.	1110
17.	From what material was the famous Viking chess set found on the Isle of Lewis made?	Walrus ivory
18.	Joe Green is a close translation of the name of which composer, most famous for his operas?	Giuseppe Verdi
19.	According to the Old Testament, he rose in rebellion against his father and was said to have such remarkable hair that his annual cut yielded 200 shekels in weight? Who was this third son of David?	Absalom
20.	Identify this city: one of only a handful in Great Britain with three universities. One university is named after the city itself, the other two after local men of note: the one after a mathematician cum theologian, the other after a local benefactor and the man who developed the steam engine into an efficient power unit.	Edinburgh

	Final (Buzzer questions worth 2 points, follow-up 1 point)	
1.	Because of its domination of German football from 1934, it became the favoured team of the Third Reich, seen as epitomising German values. This year, they have been runners-up in the Bundesliga. F2P name this club founded in 1904 in Gelsenkirchen.	Schalke 04
	<i>Follow up:</i> Also having a name which incorporates a number, which team shares the Allianz Arena with Bayern Munich?	Munich 1860
2.	Which 2009 film won a BAFTA and a best actress Oscar nomination for Carey Mulligan?	An Education
	<i>Follow up:</i> <i>An Education</i> was based on an autobiographical essay by which journalist?	Lynn Barber
3.	The one in Gateshead was designed by the architectural firm, Wilkinson Eyre, that in London by Sir Norman Foster. Which two landmarks, sharing the same name, opened within six months of one another, the one after a somewhat shaky start?	Millennium Bridge
	<i>Follow up:</i> The Millau Viaduct, opened in December 2004, is the World's tallest bridge. Which river valley does it cross?	Tarn
4.	Which Manchester University Physics professor has recently presented the series, <i>Wonders of the Solar System</i> ?	Brian Cox
	<i>Follow up:</i> This self-same Brian Cox was the keyboard player on which 1994 number one hit, which arguably won even more plays in 1997?	Things Can Only Get Better (D:Ream)
5.	A variety of duck, a type of citrus fruit, a language and a Chinese official: all possible meanings of which word?	Mandarin
	<i>Follow up:</i> Which word can mean: whole, dive deeply, a tone, a body of water?	Sound
6.	"Standing On The Shoulders Of Giants" can be found engraved on which everyday item?	£2 coin
	<i>Follow up:</i> The old coins, the angel and the noble were both worth what fraction of a pound?	One third
7.	The simplicity of which card game has allowed "card counting" to develop as a successful strategy among serious players, leading casinos to change the game's rules?	Blackjack or Pontoon or Twenty-one
	<i>Follow up:</i> In the dice game, craps, there are two possible winning aggregate scores achieved by throwing two dice. One of those scores is 7; what is the other?	11
8.	This 1960s band were named after their drummer, and had number 1 hits on both sides of the Atlantic. John Boorman directed their 1965 film, <i>Catch Us If You Can</i> .	The Dave Clark Five
	<i>Follow up:</i> Identify the missing name in the 60s band also comprising: Pete York, Muff Winwood, Steve Winwood, ...	Spencer Davies
9.	"The Matter of Britain" was a term coined in mediaeval France to describe the subject-matter of which strain of romances?	Arthurian legend
	<i>Follow up:</i> After Arthur's death, which of his knights was charged with consigning Excalibur to the lake?	Bedevere or Bedwyr
10.	There are four bird species of the awk family which are native to Great Britain. The guillemot, black guillemot and razorbill are three. Which is the fourth?	Puffin
	<i>Follow up:</i> To which family of birds do the moorhen and coot belong?	Rails/Ralidae
11.	"It was a famous victory." Robert Southey wrote this line of which 1704 victory for the Duke of Marlborough?	Battle of Blenheim
	<i>Follow up:</i> ? What damaged item was the cause of the battle between Tweedledum and Tweedledee?	A rattle
12.	Celebrated on 2 nd February in parts of the USA as a day heralding the beginning of the end of winter, which unofficial holiday, associated with the emergence of an animal from hibernation, inspired a film starring Bill Murray?	Groundhog Day
	<i>Follow Up:</i> Named after a cartoon strip character, what is the name given to the day celebrated each November in the USA, when unmarried women are invited to actively pursue a gentleman?	Sadie Hawkins Day
13.	The home of Italy's oldest university, and under Communist government from the Second World War until the party changed its name in 1990, which Italian city's culinary associations include a variety of sausage and a meat-based pasta sauce?	Bologna
	<i>Follow up:</i> Which Italian city claims to be the home of the best balsamic vinegar?	Modena
14.	Its title inspired by the grey suited doormen in London's Denmark Street who were reputedly asked to assess how memorable a new song was by how well they could whistle it after one or two hearings, this television programme ran from 1971, presented by "Whispering" Bob Harris. Name the programme.	The Old Grey Whistle Test
	<i>Follow up:</i> On the IQ test normally employed by Mensa, what is the minimum score required for membership?	148

15.	London, Belfast, Glasgow, Durham, Newport, Peterborough and Liverpool: Which item can only be obtained from these British cities, but is available from a number of locations abroad, notably British embassies?	UK Passport
	<i>Follow up:</i> What are Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn's near Wrexham, the Bedale in North Yorkshire and the Quorn in Leicestershire?	Fox hunts
16.	The sound generated by fast-moving vehicles appears to drop in pitch as they pass by: an example of what physical effect?	Doppler Effect
	<i>Follow up:</i> How might the Coanda Effect present a minor hazard to the drinker?	Liquid clings to the glass
17.	Known variously as Malleus Scotorum or Longshanks, which English king established the "Iron Ring" of castles around North Wales, and as part of his campaign for supremacy over Scotland, ordered the execution of William Wallace?	Edward I
	<i>Follow up:</i> Which English king had the surname or nickname, Curtmantel?	Henry II
18.	The assertion that there are no natural numbers x , y and z such that $x^n + y^n = z^n$, where n is a natural number greater than 2 was finally proved by Andrew Wiles in 1995, more than 350 years after it was first proposed. What is the assertion called?	Fermat's Last Theorem
	<i>Follow up:</i> What is the name given to the new branch of logic developed to handle situations which may not be categorically true or false?	Fuzzy Logic
19.	2 oz of gin, the juice of one lemon, 2 teaspoons of sugar: the basic recipe for which cocktail reputedly named after a New York Irish bartender?	Tom Collins
	<i>Follow up:</i> What personal-type name is given to a military belt with shoulder strap?	Sam Browne
20.	Before embarking on his career in advanced transportation, it was intended he become a missionary. His boss was Sir Hubert Guest; his closest colleagues Professor Jocelyn Peabody and Albert Fitzwilliam Digby. His bête-noire was The Mekon. F2P name this "pilot of the future".	Dan Dare
	<i>Follow up:</i> In <i>Dan Dare</i> , what was the name of the race of green Venusians, some of whom formed The Mekon's band of foot soldiers?	Treens