

# THE FREE (PURE) QUIZ - with the compliments of [purequiz.co.uk](http://purequiz.co.uk)

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TEN ROUNDS: Nine rounds of questions plus our amazing picture round.

**IMPORTANT:** Before starting this quiz select and cross out the unwanted question from each pair of '**EASY and DIFFICULT**' options. Customise YOUR quiz to suit YOUR quizzing needs!

## Round 1: General Knowledge and History

### General Knowledge

- (1) In bingo slang, what number is represented by the phrase Dancing Queen? **(ANS: 17)**
- (2) Is the word 'Galaxy' Greek for milk, sky or heaven? **(ANS: Milk)**
- (3) In literature Jane Porter was the partner of which famous character? **(ANS: Tarzan)**
- (4) **EASY:** Who had a hit with 'Have a Nice Day' in 2001? **(ANS: Stereophonics)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** What is by far the best-known trade name for borosilicate glass?  
**(ANS: Pyrex)**
- (5) In which seaside resort did Billy Butlin open his first holiday camp? **(ANS: Skegness)**

### History

- (6) Which European country was first to give women the vote? **(ANS: Finland)**
- (7) The 'Great Stink' in the summer of 1858 affected which city? **(ANS: London)**
- (8) Which queen of England had eleven fingers? **(ANS: Ann Boleyn)**
- (9) **EASY:** Which country invented paper, gunpowder and cast iron? **(ANS: China)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** Which European country routed the Russians at Poltava in 1709?  
**(ANS: Sweden)**
- (10) Who was the victim of the first murder screened live on American TV?  
**(ANS: Lee Harvey Oswald)**

## Round 2: 'Male or Female' and Comedy

### Male or Female

Simply answer whether the following famous people are male or female:

- (1) 'Just William' author Richmal Crompton? **(ANS: Female)**
- (2) Novelist Evelyn Waugh? **(ANS: Male)**
- (3) Rock band Marillion's lead singer Fish? **(ANS: Male)**
- (4) **EASY:** American film star Drew Barrymore? **(ANS: Female)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** 'To Kill a Mockingbird' author Harper Lee? **(ANS: Female)**
- (5) And finally, the race horse Red Rum? **(ANS: Male)**

### Comedy

- (6) In TV comedy who is the character Collin Ball better known as? **(ANS: Trigger)**
- (7) In which town is the Phoenix Club in the TV show Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights?  
**(ANS: Bolton)**
- (8) Which UK politician was replaced by a tub of lard when he failed to turn up for a recording of TV quiz show 'Have I Got News For You'? **(ANS: Roy Hattersley)**
- (9) **EASY:** Which comedy follows the life of teenager Will McKenzie and three of his friends at the fictional Rudge Park Comprehensive? **(ANS: The Inbetweeners)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** Name the comedian that plays Mr Gilbert in The Inbetweeners?  
**(ANS: Greg Davies)**

(10) Which comedian is associated with the following quote: I saw six men kicking and punching the mother-in-law. My neighbour said "Are you going to help?" I said, "No, six should be enough."  
**(ANS: Les Dawson)**

## Round 3: Time and 'Initial Impressions'

### Time

- (1) Which British Cathedral is considered to have the world's oldest surviving mechanical clock?  
**(ANS: Salisbury)**
- (2) Name the host and chairman of BBC's Question Time? **(ANS: David Dimbleby)**
- (3) What did ancient Romans refer to as bissextile? **(ANS: Leap Years)**
- (4) **EASY:** How many years are there in a millennium? **(ANS: 1,000)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** What name is given to one-billionth of a trillionth of a second? **(ANS: Chronon)**
- (5) Which month was named after the Roman god of doors or doorways? **(ANS: January)**

### Initial Impressions

*What do the initials stand for with regards to the following famous people and characters?*

- (6) Singer K.D. Lang? **(ANS: Kathryn Dawn)**
- (7) Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling? **(ANS: Joanne Kathleen)**
- (8) The star of Pulp Fiction Samuel L Jackson? **(ANS: Leroy)**
- (9) **EASY:** Fictional TV character J.R. Ewing? **(ANS: John Ross)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** Fictional L.A. Law TV character C.J. Lamb? **(ANS: Cara Jean)**
- (10) US rap artist M.C. Hammer? **(ANS: Master of Ceremonies)**

## Round 4: British Places and The Human Body

### British Places

- (1) In which Welsh border county would you find the towns of Monmouth and Abergavenny?  
**(ANS: Gwent)**
- (2) Which British city is home to the 'Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem' regarded as the oldest pub in Britain? **(ANS: Nottingham)**
- (3) In which English county could you go for a pint of Beer in Beer? **(ANS: Devon)**
- (4) **EASY:** Which seaside town is home to 'The Pepsi Max' rollercoaster and the football team nicknamed 'the tangerines'? **(ANS: Blackpool)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** Name the river that flows through Northampton? **(ANS: Nene)**
- (5) Which city is known as the Granite City and is also sometimes called the city of bon accord?  
**(ANS: Aberdeen)**

### The Human Body

- (6) The thyroid cartilage is more commonly known as what? **(ANS: Adams Apple)**
- (7) True or False. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open? **(ANS: True)**
- (8) Name the only muscle in the human body to be attached at one end. **(ANS: Tongue)**
- (9) **EASY:** How many hairs per day does the average person shed? Is it 80, 800 or 8,000?  
**(ANS: 80)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** What is the only joint-less bone in the body called? **(ANS: The Hyoid)**
- (10) In what part of the body would you find the hammer, anvil and stirrup? **(ANS: Ear)**

## Round 5: Pot Luck and Books

### Pot Luck

- (1) Who after splitting up with Ken Carson had a relationship with Australian surfer Blaine? **(ANS: Barbie)**
- (2) What is a tambour? **(ANS: A Type of Drum)**
- (3) Which modern company was founded by American Bill Gates? **(ANS: Microsoft)**
- (4) **EASY:** Which of Roger Hargreaves' Mr. Men is just plain daft? Even his large red hat is pulled down over his eyes so he cannot see properly. **(ANS: Mr Silly)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** Which of Roger Hargreaves' Mr. Men is an outrageous snob and wears a black topper? **(ANS: Mr. Uppity)**
- (5) What are Trevor Sorbie and Charles Worthington famous for? **(ANS: Hairdressing)**

### Books

- (6) Who wrote the book 'Lucky Jim'? **(ANS: Kingsley Amis)**
- (7) Which classic novel begins 'It was love at first sight?' **(ANS: Catch-22)**
- (8) How long does Rip Van Winkle sleep for? **(ANS: 20 years)**
- (9) **EASY:** Give the missing last word of the Flora Thompson book 'Lark Rise to ...'? **(ANS: Candleford)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** Who wrote the books 'Chatterton', 'The Great Fire of London' and 'Hawkesmoor'? **(ANS: Peter Ackroyd)**
- (10) Give the odd one out from 'King Solomon's Mines', 'She', 'Catriona' and 'Allan Quartermain'? **(ANS: Catriona... all the others are written by Rider Haggard)**

## Round 6: The Soaps and 2010

### The Soaps

- (1) Who is Coronation Street's second longest running character after Ken Barlow? **(ANS: Emily Bishop)**
- (2) In which year did "Emmerdale Farm" become "Emmerdale"? **(ANS: 1989)**
- (3) What is the postal code for Walford in Eastenders? **(ANS: E20)**
- (4) **EASY:** Give the name of the most popular local pub in Emmerdale? **(ANS: The Woolpack)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** In Eastender's give the name of the eldest brother of Pauline Fowler? **(ANS: Kenny Beale)**
- (5) Which soap opera is set in the fictional county of Dorsetshire? **(ANS: The Archers)**

### 2010

- (6) How old was pop legend Michael Jackson when he died? **(ANS: 50)**
- (7) Which country beat eventual winners Spain in their opening Group H game in the 2010 football world cup? **(ANS: Switzerland)**
- (8) In 2010 which film won three Oscars for art direction, cinematography and visual effects? **(ANS: Avatar)**
- (9) **EASY:** In which South American country were 33 miners trapped underground for 69 days? **(ANS: Chile)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** What name did the Chilean authorities give to the escape capsule used to rescue 33 miners in 2010? **(ANS: Phoenix)**
- (10) What was the name of the Octopus that became famous in July 2010 for correctly predicting the outcome of World Cup matches? **(ANS: Paul)**

## Round 7: Music and Sport

### Music

- (1) Who had a top ten single in 1981 with 'A Good Year for the Roses'? **(ANS: Elvis Costello)**
- (2) Which musician spoke of being 'more popular than Jesus' in 1966? **(ANS: John Lennon)**
- (3) Singer Alecia Moore is better known by what name? **(ANS: Pink)**
- (4) **EASY:** Which Frankie Goes To Hollywood hit was banned by the BBC? **(ANS: Relax)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** In which American city is the opera house the Municipal Opera Theatre? **(ANS: St. Louis)**
- (5) What song do the following lyrics come from: "I had a dream, when I was young, a dream of sweet illusion"? **(ANS: One Vision)**

### Sport

- (6) Which Welsh rugby region is based in Swansea? **(ANS: The Ospreys)**
- (7) Footballer Gary Neville's sister, Tracy, has represented England many times in which sport? **(ANS: Netball)**
- (8) Which football team are known as The Baggies? **(ANS: West Bromwich Albion)**
- (9) **EASY:** In 2008 who ended tennis player Roger Federer's record run of 237 weeks at number one in the ATP rankings? **(ANS: Rafael Nadal)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** American born Judy Hashman, formerly known as Judy Devlin, is a legend in which sport? **(ANS: Badminton)**
- (10) What sport is played in nudist colonies more than any other? **(ANS: Volleyball)**

## Round 8: Transport and 'The Number 13'

### Transport

- (1) What side of a boat is port? **(ANS: The Left Side)**
- (2) In which country does the Ghan passenger train operate? **(ANS: Australia)**
- (3) What in car production is CAD? **(ANS: Computer Aided Design)**
- (4) **EASY:** Which TV character is famous for driving a Reliant Robin Van? **(ANS: Del Boy Trotter)**
- (4) **DIFFICULT:** In which Italian city is Fiat based? **(ANS: Turin)**
- (5) What make of car featured in Back to the Future? **(ANS: De Lorean)**

### The Number 13

- (6) Which European city has no buildings that bear the number 13? **(ANS: Paris)**
- (7) Who directed the classic 1980 horror film Friday the 13th? **(ANS: Sean S Cunningham)**
- (8) The number 13 is directly above which number on a standard dartboard? **(ANS: Six)**
- (9) **EASY:** Who played Jim Lovell in the 1995 film Apollo 13? **(ANS: Tom Hanks)**
- (9) **DIFFICULT:** Which European country omits the number 13 from its national lottery? **(ANS: Italy)**
- (10) In which year was the Apollo 13 space mission? **(ANS: 1970)**

## Round 9: The Challenge Round: Top Fives

### Top Five: Rugby *(one point for each answer)*

The 2003 Rugby World Cup Final was won by England. Steve Thompson, Phil Vickery and Neil Back were three members of the English pack. Name the other five forwards that started the match for England that day?

**(ANS: Martin Johnson, Ben Kay, Richard Hill, Trevor Woodman, Lawrence Dallaglio)**

### Top Five: Geography *(one point for each answer)*

List the top 5 biggest landlocked countries in the world: a landlocked country has no coastline.

**(ANS: Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Chad, Niger and Mali)**

## Round 10: The Picture Round Answers.

1. Bradley Walsh	11. Ed Balls
2. Eva Longoria	12. Jane Fonda
3. Derek Acorah	13. Justin Bieber
4. Gavin Henson	14. Coleen Rooney
5. Chrysler Building	15. Lacey Turner
6. Pete Postlethwaite	16. Princess Eugenie
7. Beverley Callard	17. Hawaii
8. Toby Maguire	18. Kelly Osbourne
9. Charles Darwin	19. Velma
10. Jessica Ennis	20. Ryan Thomas

## Tie Breakers

In which year was the first Zebra crossing crossed in the UK? **(ANS: 1951)**

What year was Florence Nightingale born? **(ANS: 1820)**