

Round One

EASY

1. Which singer finally released her album 25 before Christmas?

ANSWER: Adele

2. According to the nursery rhyme, who was a *merry, old soul* and *called for his fiddlers 3*?

ANSWER: Old King Cole

MODERATE

3. Which word is both an abbreviation used for the internet and what a fisherman uses to retrieve fish from the water?

ANSWER: Net

4. What is the capital of Croatia?

ANSWER: Zagreb

DIFFICULT

5. What is the name given to a huge mass of ice that travels over land under its own weight?

ANSWER: Glacier

6. Which type of low PH rain contains chemicals that cause damage to the environment?

ANSWER: Acid Rain

Round Two

EASY

1. How many people appear on the Credit Union Logo?

ANSWER: 4

2. The ECB features regularly in the news. If the E and C stand for European and Central, what does the B stand for?

ANSWER: Bank

MODERATE

3. Beginning with C, what do you call the bits of paper thrown at parades and over a bride and groom after a wedding?

ANSWER: Confetti

4. On what curved, segmented part of a scorpion would you find its sting?

ANSWER: Its tail

DIFFICULT

5. Which actor plays Mr. Bean?

ANSWER: Rowan Atkinson

6. What sport would you associate with the Davis Cup?

ANSWER: Tennis

Round Three

EASY

1. What animal lives in a sett/set?

ANSWER: A Badger

2. The latest instalment of the Star Wars Saga was released recently. Which of the seven films is Episode V?

ANSWER: The Empire Strikes Back

MODERATE

3. What is the first name of Prince William and Kate Middleton's baby girl?

ANSWER: Charlotte

4. What actor provides the voice of Po in Kung Fu Panda? (Hint, his first name and surname rhyme!)

ANSWER: Jack Black

DIFFICULT

5. Ireland was hit by many storms in recent months which were all named. e.g. Storm Barney, Storm Clodagh. Which storm started with D?

ANSWER: Storm Desmond.

6. Who is the president of Russia?

ANSWER: Vladimir Putin

Round Four

EASY

1. Which team won the Rugby World Cup in 2015?

ANSWER: New Zealand

2. Unscramble this seaside bird: LSAEGLU.

ANSWER: Seagull

MODERATE

3. In which European capital city would you find Trafalgar Square?

ANSWER: London

4. Which William shot an apple from his son's head? The answer is a verb.

ANSWER: William Tell

DIFFICULT

5. There are only 2 countries in the world with the letter X in their names. Name either.

ANSWER: Mexico/Luxembourg

6. Which bone is higher up in your body – the fibula or the clavicle?

ANSWER: Clavicle (~~shoulder blade~~) *Collarbone*

Round Five

EASY

1. In the 12 days of Christmas, on the third day, how many French Hens did my true love give to me?

ANSWER: 3

2. In which book by Roald Dahl do the Oompa Loompas appear? Hint: CATCF.

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ANSWER: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

MODERATE

3. Which BBC radio DJ is a new judge on the X Factor?

ANSWER: Nick Grimshaw

4. What is the square root of 9?

ANSWER: 3

DIFFICULT

5. Which fish can be white, brown or rainbow?

ANSWER: Trout

6. Which Norton wrote The Phantom Tollbooth?

ANSWER: Norton Juster

Round Six

EASY

1. What is the name of the Australian aboriginal weapon which is designed to return to the person who throws it?

ANSWER: Boomerang

2. Complete the name of the Jeremy Strong book – The Hundred Mile an Hour _____.

ANSWER: Dog

MODERATE

3. What do you call a young swan?

ANSWER: A cygnet

4. Who took over as Liverpool manager on October 8th, 2015? (Accept Surname)

ANSWER: Jurgen Klopp

DIFFICULT

5. Unscramble this ^{anagram}acronym which means old? Canine T

ANSWER: Ancient

6. What is the widest river in the world?

ANSWER: The Amazon

Round Seven

EASY

1. Who had a big hit with Sax in 2015?

ANSWER: Fleur East

2. What is the name of Greg's younger brother in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series?

ANSWER: Manny/Manuel

MODERATE

3. In which county would you find Bunratty Castle?

ANSWER: Co. Clare

4. Which international rugby team plays its home games at Twickenham?

ANSWER: England

DIFFICULT

5. In what organ would you find your cerebellum?

ANSWER: Brain

6. In mythology, which woman was said to turn a man to stone if he looked at her?

Answer begins with M.

ANSWER: Medusa

Round Eight

EASY

1. Which 'sweet' Lord is famous for announcing 'You're Fired!'?

ANSWER: Lord (Alan) Sugar

2. Which Irishman was nominated for a Golden Globe for his role in the film Steve Jobs?

ANSWER: Michael Fassbender

MODERATE

3. What mayonnaise based sauce, beginning with T, is a common accompaniment to fish?

ANSWER: Tartar(e)

4. What does the M stand for in GMT?

ANSWER: Mean

DIFFICULT

5. Name the small ponies, native to Scottish islands of the same name?

ANSWER: Shetland

6. What is the correct name for a lie detector test? Answer is made up of a girl's name and something you would draw in maths!

ANSWER: Polygraph

Round Nine

EASY

1. Who is the current President of the Irish League of Credit Unions?

Answer: Mr. Brian McCrory

2. Grandfather, cuckoo and alarm are all types of what?

ANSWER: Clock

MODERATE

3. To what animal does the word Lupine refer?

ANSWER: Wolf

4. Who manages the Kilkenny hurling team?

ANSWER: Brian Cody

DIFFICULT

5. The band Rudimental featured which superstar on their hit *Lay It All On Me*?

ANSWER: Ed Sheeran

6. What word is both: the name of a soft drink and another word for a fairy or an elf?

The answer begins with S.

ANSWER: Sprite

Round Ten

EASY

1. Hans Christian Anderson wrote The Ugly _____.

ANSWER: Duckling

2. Paul Hewson is the real name of which Irish celebrity?

ANSWER: Bono

MODERATE

3. Name the American harbour bombed by the Japanese on December 7th, 1941?

ANSWER: Pearl Harbour

4. How many hours in 4 days?

ANSWER: 96

DIFFICULT

5. What Y is a system of Hindu philosophy and meditation that involves specific physical movement and stretching?

ANSWER: Yoga

6. In which sea would you find the islands of Sicily and Sardinia?

ANSWER: Mediterranean

Round Eleven

Competition B only

EASY

1. Rupert Grint played which character in the Harry Potter series?

ANSWER: Ron (Weasley)

2. Which bird lives in an Eyrie/Aerie?

ANSWER: Eagle

MODERATE

3. What type of rock that can be used to roof a house was also used to write on in schools many years ago?

ANSWER: Slate

4. Which band released an album called Made In The A.M. in 2015?

ANSWER: One Direction

DIFFICULT

5. Benfica and Porto are soccer teams from which country?

ANSWER: Portugal

6. Which T is a machine for producing continuous power, in which a wheel revolves?
These are usually fitted with vanes and can be seen all over the Irish countryside.

ANSWER: Turbines

Round Twelve

Competition B only

EASY

1. Name the code, usually used in an emergency, which is made up of dots and dashes?

ANSWER: Morse

2. Which Armagh man managed the Irish International Rules team to victory in the 2015 series?

ANSWER: Joe Kernan

MODERATE

3. How many signs of the Chinese Zodiac are there?

ANSWER: 12

4. According to mythology, which hero was killed by an arrow through the back of his heel?

ANSWER: Achilles

DIFFICULT

5. The Hoover Dam is on which American river?

ANSWER: Colorado

6. Name the series of novels by Enid Blyton about a girl called Darrell Rivers who attends a boarding school in England? The answer is 2 words and the first is a female name.

ANSWER Malory Towers

Tiebreakers (1)

CHOOSE ANY 3

1. On what continent is Victoria Falls?

ANSWER: Africa

2. What is the capital of Venezuela?

ANSWER: Caracas

3. Who painted The Blue Boy?

ANSWER: Thomas Gainsborough

4. In which American city would you find The Field Museum, The Shedd Aquarium and the White Sox?

ANSWER: Chicago

5. Mary Lennox features in which book by Frances Hodgson Burnett?

ANSWER: The Secret Garden

6. How many metres in length is an Olympic Swimming Pool?

ANSWER: 50 (nearest wins)

Tiebreakers (2)

CHOOSE ANY 3

1. Name the type of folk dance that originated in England, where bells are usually worn on the shins and implements such as sticks, swords or handkerchiefs are used?

ANSWER: Morris Dancing

2. In what country is Timbuktu?

ANSWER: Mali

3. Lyra and her daemon Pan are the main characters in this book by Philip Pullman.

ANSWER: Northern Lights

4. Which T is a theatre in Dublin and an amusement park in Copenhagen?

ANSWER: Tivoli

5. Basher Al-Assad is president of which country?

ANSWER: Syria

6. Name the rating system originally used for ranking chess players but which is now used for rating a number of multiplayer competitions. Hint: 3 letters

ANSWER: Elo