

Round One

EASY

1. What superhero, played by Christian Bale, defends Gotham city?

ANSWER: Batman

2. What is the name of the blond haired boy that is Harry Potter's nemesis at Hogwarts?

ANSWER: (Draco) Malfoy

MODERATE

3. What is the capital of Finland?

ANSWER: Helsinki

4. What singer/songwriter, born David Robert Jones, died on January 10th of this year?

ANSWER: David Bowie

DIFFICULT

5. Which A is the term for the equipment used to carry out a scientific experiment?

ANSWER: Apparatus

6. Host Steve Harvey incorrectly announced that Miss Colombia had won the Miss Universe 2015 competition. Which competitor actually won?

ANSWER: Miss Philippines

Round Two

EASY

1. How many days in 2016?

ANSWER: 366

2. In the movie UP, what does Mr. Fredrikson use to lift his house into the air?

ANSWER: Balloons

MODERATE

3. If the first o in the Google logo is red, what colour is the second?

ANSWER: Yellow

4. Which is the largest of the Great Lakes, having more water than the other four combined?

ANSWER: Lake Superior

DIFFICULT

5. Who is the Vice-President of the United States?

ANSWER: Joe Biden

6. Which S is a sample of blood or tissue sent for analysis?

ANSWER: Specimen

Round Three

EASY

1. The city of Cairns is in which country?

ANSWER: Australia

2. From what side of the Apple logo has the bite been taken?

ANSWER: The right side

MODERATE

3. In which Disney movie does Aurora feature?

ANSWER: Sleeping Beauty

4. When travelling, what does the A stand for in ETA?

ANSWER: (Estimated Time of) Arrival

DIFFICULT

5. What flag features 1 large yellow star, along with 4 smaller ones, on a red background?

ANSWER: China

6. Name the Canadian Astronaut who wrote: *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth* and *You Are Here: Around the World in 92 Minutes (Photos from The International Space Station)*. His initials are C.H.

ANSWER: Chris Hadfield

Round Four

EASY

1. In the nursery rhyme, Hey Diddle Diddle, what did the cow jump over?

ANSWER: The moon

2. In what organ would you find your cardiac muscle?

ANSWER: Heart

MODERATE

IN JULY 2016, WHAT CITY ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IS HOSTING

3. ~~What city in Ireland in July this year is to host~~ the The World Council of Credit Unions Conference?

ANSWER: Belfast

4. What M is a term used in music to describe: a piece composed from parts of existing pieces that are played one after the other, sometimes overlapping? It is also the term used to describe several small desserts on one plate.

ANSWER: Medley

DIFFICULT

5. Joan of Arc is commonly referred to as the maid of which French City?

ANSWER: Orleans

6. What A is both a variety of potato that originated in the Netherlands and a Disney movie released in 1992?

ANSWER: Aladdin

Round Five

EASY

1. Who had a number one hit with Love Yourself?

ANSWER: Justin Bieber

2. How long is a professional soccer match in minutes? (Not including half time or extra time or injury time)

ANSWER: 90

MODERATE

3. Which French city is famous for its mustard?

ANSWER: Dijon

4. Students Diana Bura and Maria Louise Fufezan won which prestigious award in January of this year?

ANSWER: BT Young Scientists

DIFFICULT

IN GEOMETRY, HOW MANY DEGREES ARE THERE IN A QUARTER OF A ROTATION?

5. ~~If Voltage refers to the pressure or force of electricity, what term describes the AMOUNT of electricity used?~~

ANSWER: ~~Amps (Amperage)~~ *90 DEGREES (ACCEPT 90°)*

6. Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated JFK in 1963. Who then shot Lee Harvey Oswald?

ANSWER: Jack Ruby

Round Six

EASY

1. In boxing, what does the O stand for in K.O.?

ANSWER: Out (Knock Out)

2. What D is the name for the removable plate or frame that holds one or more artificial teeth?

ANSWER: Denture(s)

MODERATE

3. The SAG awards were held in January this year and winners included Leonardo DiCaprio and Idris Elba. If the S stands for Screen and the A stands for Actors, what does the G stand for? (Screen Actors) Guild

ANSWER: Guild

4. What is the name given to the punctuation mark made up of a dot directly underneath another dot?

ANSWER: Colon

DIFFICULT

5. If Russia is the largest country in the world by area, and the USA is the 3rd largest, which is the 2nd?

ANSWER: Canada

6. At auction last year, 1.2m dollars was paid for the original handwritten version of which Don McLean song, famously covered by Madonna?

ANSWER: American Pie

Round Seven

EASY

1. Complete the phrase "Rub _____ into the wound". Hint: condiment

ANSWER: Salt

2. Gunnersaurus is the mascot of which Premiership side?

ANSWER: Arsenal (Nickname: The Gunners)

MODERATE

3. What singer's real name is Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson?

ANSWER: Katy Perry

4. The Great Depression was a period in history which took place after which war?

ANSWER: WW1

DIFFICULT

5. Beginning with M, which country's Prime Minister is Najib Razak? The currency is the Ringgit and it has a population of approximately 30 million.

ANSWER: Malaysia

6. Where did W.B. Yeats famously say he would arise and go to?

ANSWER: (Lake Isle of) Innisfree

Round Eight

EASY

1. Name the online multiplayer game in which players build a community, train troops, and attack other players to earn gold and elixir. Clash of _____

ANSWER: Clans

2. What T is the ancient Chinese puzzle, made up of 7 pieces: 5 triangles, 1 square and a parallelogram?

ANSWER: Tangram

MODERATE

3. Operation Sea Lion was Nazi Germany's code name for a proposed invasion of what country?

ANSWER: Britain

4. Slash and AXL Rose are members of which band rumoured to be reuniting? Some of their hits include Welcome to The Jungle, Paradise City and Sweet Child Of Mine?

ANSWER: Guns 'N' Roses

DIFFICULT

5. Artist Salvador Dali is credited with creating the colourful logo for which popular brand of lollipop?

ANSWER: Chupa Chups

6. Which town won the overall title of Ireland's Tidiest Town in 2015 with a score of 323 points?

ANSWER: Letterkenny

Round Nine

EASY

1. How many edges on a cuboid?

ANSWER: 12

2. Angela Lansbury played Jessica Fletcher in this TV show. Murder, she
_____ ???

ANSWER: Wrote

MODERATE

3. Born in Limerick, name the famous radio presenter who died on January
31st this year?

ANSWER: Terry Wogan

4. What does the F stand for in GIF, the word used to describe an image on a
webpage that moves?

ANSWER: (Graphics Interchange) Format

DIFFICULT

5. Which golfer won the 2015 US Masters at the age of 21?

ANSWER: Jordan Speith

6. Alliumphobia is the fear of what food?

ANSWER: Garlic

Round Ten

EASY

1. What word is both: a device for reading books and a word meaning to start a fire?

ANSWER: Kindle

2. Which Z is one of the world's main financial centres, located in Switzerland?

ANSWER: Zurich

MODERATE

3. Which world leader famously joined Facebook in November last year, saying he wanted his account to be 'a place where we can have real conversations' in his first post?

ANSWER: Barack Obama

4. Name the talk show host that voices Dory, the forgetful blue fish.

ANSWER: Ellen (Degeneres)

DIFFICULT

5. An aardvark is an African burrowing mammal which eats ants and termites. How many letter 'A' s are in the word aardvark?

Answer: three

6. What was German combat pilot Manfred von Richthofen known as during WW1?

ANSWER: The Red Baron

Round Eleven

(Competition B)

EASY

1. Which letter is on the far right of the middle row on a computer keyboard?

ANSWER: L

2. What word is both a plane used in WWII and a storm measuring 12 on the Beaufort Scale?

ANSWER: Hurricane

MODERATE

3. Mogadishu is the capital of which African country, beginning with S?

ANSWER: Somalia

4. Name the premier league club that are managed by Claudio Raneiri.

ANSWER: Leicester City (accept Leicester)

DIFFICULT

5. In which country would you find the River Darling?

ANSWER: Australia

6. Foxface and Finnick are characters in which series of novels?

ANSWER: The Hunger Games

Round Twelve

(Competition B)

EASY

1. How many degrees are in 1/10 of a full rotation?

ANSWER: 36

2. Traditionally, what birthday is called *the key of the door/the key to the door*?

ANSWER: 21

MODERATE

3. Which board game celebrated its 80th anniversary last year?

ANSWER: Monopoly

4. With initials J.K., who coaches The Notorious Conor McGregor?

ANSWER: John Kavanagh

DIFFICULT

5. If you ordered something with a Sauce Bigarade, what flavour sauce would you expect?

ANSWER: (Bitter) Orange

6. How many countries border Germany?

ANSWER: 9 (Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Austria, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands).

Tiebreakers (1)

CHOOSE ANY 3

1. The longest suspension Bridge in the world is 1991m long. What country is it in?

ANSWER: Japan (The Akashi Kaikyo/Pearl Bridge)

- 1 2 (2.) What 11 letter word, beginning with A, means: a scattered group of islands within the same body of water?

ANSWER: Archipelago

3. In the sport of curling, name the four concentric rings which are the target area.

ANSWER: House

- 1 1 (4.) Which one of Brendan Gleeson's sons appears in Star Wars?

ANSWER: Domhnall

DIFFICULT

- 1 3 (5.) According to Golf Rules, what is the diameter of a golf hole in millimetres?

ANSWER: 108mm (nearest wins)

6. What was the name of the first female referee to take charge of a men's senior intercounty fixture?

ANSWER: Maggie Farrelly

Tiebreakers (2)

CHOOSE ANY 3

EASY

T2 1 (1) Which ride in Alton Towers failed catastrophically in 2015 injuring several people?

ANSWER: Smiler

T2 2 (2) In which ocean would you find the Bermuda Triangle?

ANSWER: Atlantic

MODERATE

3. What M is the scale used to measure mineral hardness by characterising scratch resistance?

ANSWER: Mohs Scale

4. Which French word beginning with D means the easing of hostility and was the term used for the improvement in relations between the USA and USSR from 1971 onwards?

ANSWER: Détente

DIFFICULT

T2 3 (5) In what European city was the famous escape artist Harry Houdini born?

ANSWER: Budapest

6. If you won the Annual Golden Spurtle award, what food would you have cooked?

ANSWER: Porridge