

Round 1

Easy

1. Which fast food chain serves the Big Mac and McNuggets?

Answer: McDonalds

2. What 2 letters describe someone that plays music on the radio or at a party?

Answer: DJ

Moderate

3. 2 of the colours in the Italian Flag are green and white. Name the other.

Answer: Red

4. What word goes before BEANS and BABIES to name 2 different types of sweet?

Answer: Jelly

Difficult

5. Jacob Marley is a character in which Charles Dickens story?

Answer: A Christmas Carol

6. Which city in England has an airport named after one of the Beatles?

Answer: Liverpool (John Lennon)

Round 2

Easy

1. What number is represented by V in Roman Numerals?

Answer: 5

2. Who won the X Factor (UK) in 2016?

Answer: Matt Terry

Moderate

3. The River Seine flows through which European capital city?

Answer: Paris

4. What gemstone is produced in oysters and other bi-valve molluscs?

Answer: Pearl

Difficult

5. Something that has been TRI-SECTED has been cut into how many parts?

Answer: 3

6. In what county in Ireland would you find the quirky glamping site that famously houses a Boeing 767 plane, taxis and buses?

Answer: Sligo

Round 3

Easy

1. In which board game would you find players represented by a top-hat, cat, dog, iron, boot, car or boat (among others)?

Answer: Monopoly

2. Name Barack Obama's wife that served as First Lady while he was in office?

Answer: Michelle

Moderate

3. In the story of Peter Pan, name John and Michael Darling's sister?

Answer: Wendy

4. Which World War finished on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month? *1918*

Answer: WWI

Difficult

5. Jedward is the stage name of brothers John and Edward. What is their surname?

Answer: Grimes

6. Mittwoch is the German word for which day of the week? *Wednesday*

Answer: Wednesday

Round 4

Easy

1. In the Simpson's, who runs Homer's favourite bar?

Answer: Moe

2. The songs *Whistle While You Work* and *Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho* feature in which Disney film?

Answer: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Moderate

3. Napoleon Bonaparte was a military and political leader in which country?

Answer: France

4. In the abbreviation GPS, what does the G stand for?

Answer: Global (Positioning System)

Difficult

5. Parallel Bars and Vault are events associated with which Olympic sport?

Answer: Gymnastics

6. LGW is the 3 letter code for which British airport?

Answer: London Gatwick (Accept Gatwick)

Round 5

Easy

1. Which Irish band had a hit towards the end of 2016 with *End of the Day*?

Answer: All Tvwins (accept All Twins)

2. Old Faithful is America's most famous _____?

Answer: Geyser

Moderate

3. Who succeeded David Cameron as Prime Minister of Britain when he stepped down in 2016?

Answer: Theresa May

4. Complete the proverb: *Least said, soonest _____*.

Answer: Mended

Difficult

5. *How Do You Eat Yours?* Is the marketing slogan of which seasonal Cadbury's product? The answer is 2 words.

Answer: Crème Egg

6. Which iconic sign has stood on Mount Lee, California since the 1920s?

Answer: The HOLLYWOOD sign

Round 6

Easy

1. What battle took place between King James II and William of Orange in 1690?

Answer: The Battle of the Boyne (accept Boyne)

2. Complete the name of David Walliam's book: The Midnight

_____.
Answer: Gang

Moderate

3. Alberta and Nova Scotia are provinces in which country?

Answer: Canada

4. Mauricio Pochettino is the manager of which Premier League side?

Answer: Tottenham Hotspur/Spurs

Difficult

5. David Robert Jones was the real name of which superstar that died in 2016?

Answer: David Bowie

6. Which city was once known as Byzantium?

Answer: Istanbul

Round 7

Easy

1. Which historical figure wrote in a diary about being hidden in a secret annexe?

Answer: Anne Frank

2. How many leaves is a lucky clover said to have?

Answer: 4

Moderate

3. A Bafta award is in the shape of what part of your body?

Answer: A face

4. Name the female co-founder of the Irish Credit Union Movement?

Answer: Nora Herlihy

Difficult

5. The 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in which Middle Eastern country?

Answer: Qatar

6. In FM and AM radio, what does the M stand for?

Answer: Modulation

Round 8

Easy

1. Which singer songwriter announced his comeback on twitter by tweeting a large blue square in December 2016?

Answer: Ed Sheeran

2. What is the official language of Brazil?

Answer: Portuguese

Moderate

3. Sean Kavanagh, Mickey Harte and Peter Harte are all associated with which inter-county senior football team?

Answer: Tyrone

4. In the Zodiac, what star sign lies between Aries and Gemini?

Answer: Taurus

Difficult

5. Pecorino is an Italian version of which food?

not drink

Answer: Cheese

6. What word means both a procession of camels through the desert and a type of portable house?

Answer: Caravan

Round 9

Easy

1. Name the British talk-show host that presents Carpool Karaoke – the show where he drives celebrities while they both sing?

Answer: James Corden

2. Which pastry was named after the Greek word meaning 'leaf'?

Answer: Filo

Moderate

3. In the abbreviation ASAP, what does the P stand for?

Answer: Possible

4. Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* was composed for which instrument?

Answer: The piano

Difficult

5. Chianti wine is native to which European country?

Answer: Italy

6. In maths, what T is the word describing when 2D shapes fit together with no gaps?

Answer: Tessellation

Round 10

Easy

1. Using words meaning (a) tiny and (b) not hard, name a multinational technology company.

Answer: Microsoft

2. In Greek Mythology, who was the Goddess of Love?

Answer: Aphrodite (Roman Goddess of Love is Venus)

Moderate

3. In which South American country would you find the cities of La Paz, Cochabamba and Sucre?

Answer: Bolivia

4. What nationality was composer Johann Sebastian Bach?

Answer: German

Difficult

5. Which of these is an alternative medical name for Lockjaw: Shingles or Tetanus?

Answer: Tetanus

6. Only one American state is monosyllabic i.e. it only has one syllable. Name it.

Answer: Maine

Round 11

(Competition B only)

Easy

1. Nairobi is the capital of which country?

Answer: Kenya

2. Name the electronic music duo that collaborated with *The Weeknd* on the song *Starboy*.

Answer: Daft Punk

Moderate

3. In what year did Albert Einstein die?

(a) 1949, (b) 1955 or (c) 1960?

Answer: (b) 1955

4. Beginning with C, what would you need to play the French game: Bezique?

Answer: Cards

Difficult

5. Once the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland, name the man known as *Old Noll*.

Answer: Oliver Cromwell

6. Sheepshank, Rolling Hitch and Eye Splice are all types of what?

Answer: Knot

Round 12

(Competition B only)

Easy

1. What is the name given to a metal made by melting and mixing two or more metals together, e.g. brass is a mixture of copper and zinc.

Answer: An Alloy

2. Boxer Mohammed Ali died in 2016. In which American state was he born?

Answer: Kentucky

Moderate

3. In which French city did the tragic Bastille Day terror attack happen in 2016?

Answer: Nice

4. Which is the only American state to begin with the letter "P" ?

Answer: *Pennsylvania.*

Difficult

5. Name the musical film that won 7 Golden Globes at the ceremony in January 2017.

Answer: La La land

6. Name the diver who finished 8th in the men's 3m springboard in Rio last summer. He was the first diver to represent Ireland in the Olympics in over 60 years.

Answer: Oliver Dingley

Tiebreakers 1

(Choose any 3)

1. In what year did the Irish potato famine occur?

Answer: 1845

2. What country would you associate with the Nikkei (225) Stock Index?

Answer: Japan

3. If George Washington is listed as the first president of the US, and Grover Cleveland is listed as both the 22nd and 24th, what number is Donald Trump listed at?

Answer: 45th

4. In which country is the Harz mountain range?

Answer: Germany

5. Which planet is orbited by moons Phobos and Deimos?

Answer: Mars

6. Which author sometimes used the pseudonym Boz?

Answer: Charles Dickens

Tiebreakers 2

(Choose any 3)

1. Sacramento is the capital of which US state?

Answer: California

2. Who assassinated J.F. Kennedy in Dallas in 1963?

ANSWER: Lee Harvey Oswald .

3. Whom did Hillary Clinton select as her running mate in the 2016 presidential election?

Answer: Tim Kaine

4. In total, how many individual tiles are there in a Sudoku puzzle?

Answer: 81 (9x9)

5. Which Dutch artist painted *Girl with a Pearl Earring*?

Answer: Vermeer

6. Which international company that promotes healthy eating was founded by Brooklyn housewife Jean Nidetch in 1963? The answer has 2 words.

Answer: Weight Watchers.