

Round 3 - Just Say the Word

A round on Homophones — words that sound the same but are spelt differently. Just say the word. (You are NOT required to spell them both for the points).

*Example: Genuine winding apparatus **REAL/REEL***

- 1a:** Ghostly bucket **PALE/PAIL**
- 1b:** Edible flesh get together **MEAT/MEET**
- 2a:** Correct organised procedure **RIGHT/RITE**
- 2b:** Aural group **HEARD/HERD**
- 3a:** Location of vision **SITE/SIGHT**
- 3b:** Developed painful noise **GROWN/GROAN**
- 4a:** Leafy vegetable blackened by fire **CHARD/CHARRED**
- 4b:** Small strength **MITE/MIGHT**
- Spare 1:** He post **MALE/MAIL**
- Spare 2:** Uphold naked **BEAR/BARE**

Round 4 - Commies, The Lot of 'Em

- 1a:** Elena's husband was the last communist leader of Romania. The couple were executed together on Christmas Day 1989. Give their surname. **CEAUSESCU**
- 1b:** This man was leader of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) from 1971 until his resignation in October 1989. Give his surname. **HONECKER**
- 2a:** This man was the leader of Albania from the Second World War until his death in 1985. Give his surname. **HOXHA** (*pronounced Hodge-ah*)
- 2b:** Graca Mandela is Nelson Mandela's second wife. Her first husband was the communist leader of Mozambique from independence in 1975 until his death in a plane crash in 1986. Give his surname. **MACHEL**
- 3a:** In which country was Che Guevara captured and killed in 1967? **BOLIVIA**
- 3b:** Rosa Luxemburg was a feminist Marxist of Polish/Jewish descent tortured and executed in the wake of an unsuccessful communist uprising in 1919 that took place in which city? **BERLIN**

4a: President Mengistu was the communist leader of which African country from 1977 to 1991, when he fled to permanent exile in Zimbabwe? **ETHIOPIA**

4b: President Najibullah was the communist leader of which Asian country from 1987 to 1992? He was publicly executed by the successor regime in 1996. **AFGHANISTAN**

Spare: Name the American socialist writer whose first-hand account of the 1917 Russian revolution was published as '*Ten Days That Shook the World*'. Warren Beattie portrayed him in the 1981 film '*Reds*'. John **REED**

Round 5 - Women in Poetry

1a: Born in the 7th Century BC on the island of Lesbos, name this ancient Greek poet famous for her love poetry about both men and women. **SAPPHO**

1b: The Italian poet Dante put this woman, who he considered his muse, into his great poem *The Divine Comedy*. Her surname is Portinari, but she is better known by her first name, which means 'blessed' in Italian. **BEATRICE**

2a: Elizabeth I wrote these lines to reassure a favourite who feared he had fallen out of favour. *Ah, silly pug, wert thou so afraid/ Mourn not, nor be thou so dismayed/ It passeth fickle fortune's power and skill/ To force my heart to think thee any ill*. Name the courtier, soldier & explorer the Queen was addressing. Sir Walter **RALEIGH**

2b: About which (anonymous) woman, identified in the poem by where she is from, did Alfred Tennyson write in 1833. *There she weaves both night and day/A magic web with colours gay. / She has heard a whisper say/ A curse is on her if she stay/ To look down to Camelot*. **THE LADY OF SHALOTT**

3a: The nineteenth century poet Christina Rossetti wrote the words to which popular Xmas Carol, set to music by Gustav Holst? **IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER**

3b: This poet, born in Kingston upon Hull, died in 1971. The subject of a film biopic where she was played by Glenda Jackson, her most famous poem is '*Not Waving but Drowning*': *Nobody heard him, the dead man/ But still he lay moaning/ I was much further out than you thought/ And not waving but drowning*. Stevie **SMITH**

4a: This American poet and actress, also the author of a bestselling autobiographical sequence, read her poetry at the 1993 inauguration of Bill Clinton as president of the USA. Her most famous poem is '*Still I Rise*': - *You may write me down in history/ With your bitter twisted lies/ You may trod me in the very dirt/ But still, like dust, I'll rise*. Maya **ANGELOU**

4b: This famous American poet, born in Massachusetts in the nineteenth century, spent much of her life as a recluse. Most of the poetry she wrote was not discovered until after her death. Most of her poems are short, like this one, '*Hope*': - *Hope is the thing with feathers/ That perches in the soul/ And sings the tune without the words/ And never stops at all*. Emily **DICKINSON**

Spare: In 1650 the Northampton-born Puritan poet Anne Bradstreet achieved which literary first, for either gender, for a writer in English?

First to have their poetry **PUBLISHED IN AMERICA**

Round 6 - Unlucky for Some

1a: Who wrote '*The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, aged 13 and ¾*'? **SUE TOWNSEND**

1b: Where in the UK is the thrill ride, Thirteen? **ALTON TOWERS**

2a: Which band released an album called *13* in 1999? **BLUR**

2b: Born on January 13th 1963, which stand-up comedian, musician and actor played Manny in Channel 4's '*Black Books*'? **BILL BAILEY**

3a: What did the 13th amendment to the US Constitution do? **ABOLISH SLAVERY**

3b: Which American rapper died on 13th September 1996 after being shot in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas? **TUPAK SHAKUR**

4a: Name any ONE of the 3 man crew of Apollo 13.
James **LOVELL**/John 'Jack' **SWIGERT**/Fred **HAISE**

4b: The Cuban missile crisis lasted 13 days in the October of which year? **1962**

Spare: '*13 Words*' is a picture book collaboration with artist Maria Kalman by Lemony Snicket, the author of which bestselling children's books? **A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS**

Round 7 - Northumberland

A round on England's border county and least populated shire.

1a: Which battle took place in 1513 between the English under the Earl of Surrey and the Scots under James IV? It ended with the death of James and many Scottish nobility and is commemorated in the song and pipe tune '*Flowers of the Forest*' **FLODDEN** Field

1b: The moorland site of a major battle where the Scots routed an English army in 1388 is today part of the largest military training ground in the UK. Name it. **OTTERBURN**

2a: Name the daughter of the keeper of the Longstone lighthouse on the Farne Islands who famously helped rescue passengers from the stricken SS Forfarshire in 1838.
Grace **DARLING**

2b: Name the famous wood engraver and ornithologist born at Cherryburn in the Tyne valley in 1753. A type of swan is named after him. Thomas **BEWICK**

3a: Which picturesque market town boasts the second largest inhabited castle in England, where scenes for the Harry Potter films were shot, as well as one of the largest second hand bookshops in the country — Barter Books — situated in the town's former railway station? **ALNWICK**

3b: Where would you find England's largest man made forest and lake (by volume) as well as a national observatory in a dedicated 'Dark Skies' zone? **KIELDER**

4a: The major ongoing archaeological site at the auxiliary fort of Chesterholm, between Hadrian's Wall and Bardon Mill, is better known as what? **VINDOLANDA**

4b: This summit, at 2,674 ft gives its name to a range of hills, the southernmost part of which lies entirely in the Northumberland National Park. Name the summit OR the range of hills. **CHEVIOT** or **CHEVIOTS**

Spare: In or near which town would you find the confluence of the North & South Tyne, an ancient abbey church, medieval gaol and a racecourse? **HEXHAM**

Round 8 - It Happened in January 2013

1a: Name the notorious lawbreaker, of immigrant Irish descent, re-buried by his descendants in consecrated ground 133 years after his trial and execution? **NED KELLY**

1b: This legend of the British entertainment industry died aged 83 at Christmas last year and was buried on January 11th following a service attended by hundreds of fans. His coffin was topped with a Thunderbirds 2 floral wreath and FAB 1 — in the form of a customised pink Rolls Royce - was in attendance. Name him. **GERRY ANDERSON**

2a: David Bowie broke a decade long musical silence with the release of a single on his birthday, Tuesday 8th January. What is it called? **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

2b: The soundtrack of which film musical became the first cast recording to top the official album charts since 'Evita' in 1997? **LES MISERABLES**

3a: Which golfer signed a massive sponsorship deal with Nike that is set to make him better paid than Tiger Woods? **RORY McILROY**

3b: The most successful sailor in Olympic history, who received a knighthood for his achievement in the New Year Honours? **BEN AINSLIE**

4a: Which British motor manufacturer celebrated its centenary on Jan 15th? **ASTON MARTIN**

4b: Which photographic retailing firm, founded in 1935, went into receivership, closing down all its 180 branches? **JESSOPS**

Spare: The Marine Conservation Society took which popular species off its list of sustainable fish, due to drastic overfishing around the Faeroes and Iceland? **MACKEREL**