

Round 1 - Gardeners' World.

A bit of nostalgia - all answers are or contain the name of a flower or plant.

- 1a:** This brand of evaporated milk would be found in many homes in the 20th Century, usually used as an accompaniment to tinned fruit. **Carnation**
- 1b:** Washing-up and cleaning accessories, normally yellow, pink, or blue. **Marigold Gloves**
- 2a:** The comedian, Norman Vaughan, advertised this product in the 1960's? **Cadbury's Roses**
- 2b:** Another name for honeysuckle, this brand of cigarettes was popular in the 20th Century, particularly with soldiers in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. **Woodbine**
- 3a:** The pollen of this flower, together with others of its family, is poisonous to cats. Also a character in J. M. Barrie's "*Peter Pan*". **Tiger Lily**
- 3b:** An exclamation made when encouraging a child to get up after a fall. One of its variant spellings is a character in "*In the Night Garden*" (Anything that sounds like) **Oops-a-Daisy**
- 4a:** She was the Strongman's Daughter in "*The Beano*". **Pansy Potter**
- 4b:** The flower from which the baby character in both the Popeye comic strip and cartoons' series is derived. **Sweet Pea**
- Spare:** Sir Percy Blakeney's alter-ego. **The Scarlet Pimpernel**

Round 2 - A Question of Sport.

These are questions arising from events which have taken place since the Pool Week stages started in January.

- 1a:** Which golfer won this year's US Masters competition? Jordan **Spieth**
- 1b:** Which jockey rode the winner of this year's Crabbie's Grand National, becoming the latest to win back-to-back Grand Nationals? Leighton **Aspell**
- 2a:** Which is the only Grand Prix so far in the 2015 season that has not been won by Lewis Hamilton? **Malaysia(n)** Grand Prix
- 2b:** Who is the only driver other than Lewis Hamilton to win a Grand Prix in the 2015 season? Sebastian **Vettel**
- 3a:** Which team knocked Arsenal out of this season's Champion's League competition? **Monaco**
- 3b:** Which team knocked Chelsea out of this season's FA Cup competition? **Bradford City**
- 4a:** Which Olympian won the Women's Skeleton gold in both the 2015 World and European Championships? Lizzie **Yarnold**
- 4b:** Which team won the NFL Superbowl in February 2015? **New England Patriots**
- Spare:** Which horse won the 2015 Cheltenham Gold Cup? **Coneygree**

Round 3 - The Old Grey Whistle Test.

It ran from 21 September 1971 – 1 January 1988. There was a 40 year commemorative series in 2013/14. Given 3 studio album titles, name the artist or group who appeared or whose music featured on the show.

- 1a:** The Kick Inside (1978), Hounds of Love (1985), 50 Words for Snow (2011). **Kate Bush**
- 1b:** Boy (1980), Rattle and Hum (1988), Songs of Innocence (2014). **U2**
- 2a:** Tumbleweed Connection (1970), Don't Shoot Me I'm Only the Piano Player (1973), The Diving Board (2013). **Elton John**
- 2b:** The Piper at the Gates of Dawn (1967), Wish You Were Here (1975), The Endless River (2014). **Pink Floyd**
- 3a:** New Gold Dream (81/82/83/84) (1982), Street Fighting Years (1989), Big Music (2014). **Simple Minds**
- 3b:** Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J. (1973), Tunnel of Love (1987), High Hopes (2014). **Bruce Springsteen**
- 4a:** After the Gold Rush (1970), Harvest (1972), Storytone (2014). **Neil Young**
- 4b:** Hunky Dory (1971), Let's Dance (1982), The Next Day (2013). **David Bowie**
- Spare:** Murmur (1983), Automatic for the People (1992), Collapse into Now (2011) **REM**

Round 4 - Have I Got News for You.

- 1a:** March 2015 - What was the pet name of the Irish Setter allegedly poisoned at Crufts? **Jagger**
- 1b:** February 2015 - Which country has been invited to take part in the Eurovision Song Contest this year as a "wild card", to mark the contest's 60th anniversary? **Australia**
- 2a:** January 2015 - Gunmen attacked the Paris office of which French satirical magazine? **Charlie Hebdo**
- 2b:** March 2015 - "*Savage Beauty*" at the Victoria & Albert Museum is a retrospective of which designer's creations? **Alexander McQueen**
- 3a:** March 2015 - Who was the first prime minister of Singapore and is recognised as the founding father of independent Singapore? **Lee Kuan Yew**
- 3b:** April 2015 - After a two year conversion, what was re-started at the CERN Centre in Geneva? **The Large Hadron Collider**
- 4a:** April 2015 - The decision on which firm's planning application to begin fracking in the countryside to the west of Preston has been delayed until summer? **Caudrilla**
- 4b:** April 2015 - Which North-West regiment claims the most Victoria Crosses won in the British Army during World War 1, including "6 VC's before breakfast" at Gallipoli in 1915? **Lancashire Fusiliers**
- Spare:** Which Italian island, only 70 miles from the north African coast, has been in the news again due to the tragic events involving migrants from Libya trying to get there? **Lampedusa**

Round 5 - Screen Test.

- 1a:** Who won the Best Actress Oscar for her role in "Still Alice"? **Julianne Moore**
- 1b:** Patricia Arquette won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role in which film? **Boyhood**
- 2a:** Which stately home is used to depict Downton Abbey in the TV series of the same name? **Highclere Castle**
- 2b:** Similarly, which stately home was used to depict Brideshead, in the TV series and film "Brideshead Re-visited"? **Castle Howard**
- 3a:** Name the Japanese animation film studio, which is best known for its animé feature films, such as "Spirited Away", "Howl's Moving Castle" and "Ponyo"? **Studio Ghibli**
- 3b:** Name the British studio, known for making films using stop-motion clay animation techniques, and more recently computer animation films. Examples: "Chicken Run", "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" & "Shaun the Sheep Movie"? **Aardman Animations**
- 4a:** Name the 1955 Hitchcock film, based on a novel by David Dodge, which uses locations including the Côte d'Azur, Monaco, French Riviera and Cannes? **To Catch a Thief**
- 4b:** Name the 1963 Hitchcock film, based on a novel by Daphne Du Maurier, which uses locations including Bodega Bay, its Town and Schoolhouse. **The Birds**
- Spare:** Which film won the 2015 Oscar for Best Animated Feature Film? **Big Hero 6**

Round 6 - Poldark.

Don't worry - this is a historical round covering the period during which the Poldark series of novels by Winston Graham is set (1783 - 1820).

- 1a:** Most noted for his discovery of the role that oxygen plays in combustion, which French chemist and nobleman, was guillotined in 1794? Antoine **Lavoisier**
- 1b:** Which Italian physicist, described his new invention, the first chemical battery, in a letter to the Royal Society of London in 1800? Alessandro **Volta**
- 2a:** On January 8, 1815, where was the last major battle of the "War of 1812" fought. When American forces defeated an invading British force? Battle of **New Orleans**
- 2b:** In which battle of 11th October 1797, did the British Royal Navy defeat the fleet of the Batavian Republic off the coast of Holland? Battle of **Camperdown**
- 3a:** Name the last completed novel (1817) by Jane Austen, with Bath and Lyme Regis as some of its settings? **Persuasion**
- 3b:** "Waverley" published anonymously in 1814 was the debut novel of which author? Sir Walter **Scott**
- 4a:** Who painted "John Gascoigne with a Bay Horse" and "William Anderson with two Saddle-Horses" - both are in the Royal Collection? George **Stubbs**
- 4b:** Who painted "Dedham Vale" and "Boat-building near Flatford Mill" - both are in the Victoria and Albert Museum collection? John **Constable**

Spare: Who was the American author of "*The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.*" which includes "*Rip Van Winkle*" and "*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*"? Washington Irving

Round 7 - East Enders.

All questions contain either "East" or "End", either as a whole word or part of a word.

- 1a:** Harry "Scud" East was the best friend of the hero in this book by Thomas Hughes? Tom Brown's School Days
- 1b:** Which Nobel Prize winner wrote "*East of Eden*"? John Steinbeck
- 2a:** Walthamstow Central and Brixton are the end terminals of which London Underground line? Victoria
- 2b:** Stanmore and Stratford are the end terminals of which London Underground line? Jubilee
- 3a:** Name the Member of Parliament for Bolsover since 1970, nicknamed "*The Beast of Bolsover*"? Dennis Skinner
- 3b:** Eastleigh in Hampshire was the constituency of which disgraced Liberal Democrat MP. Convicted of perverting the course of justice? Chris Huhne
- 4a:** Russian chemist, Dmitri Mendeleev is generally credited with the publication, in 1869, of the first what? Periodic Table
- 4b:** Which element makes up 50-80% of Pitchblende? Uranium
- Spare:** Which Dutch artist painted "*Belshazzar's Feast*" (1636-38) which hangs in the National Gallery? Rembrandt van Rijn

Round 8 - General.

- 1a:** If you see a fishing-boat with the letters *BM* on its hull at which south-west port is it registered? Brixham
- 1b:** If you see a fishing-boat with the letters *SS* on its hull at which south-west port is it registered? St Ives
- 2a:** Which Dicken's novel begins - '*Now, what I want is, Facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing but Facts. Facts alone are wanted in life. Plant nothing else, and root out everything else*'? It is thought to be partially based on 19th-century Preston. Hard Times
- 2b:** Which Dicken's novel begins - "*Thirty years ago, Marseilles lay burning in the sun, one day. A blazing sun upon a fierce August day was no greater rarity in southern France then, than at any other time, before or since*"? Gives a vivid description of the Marshalsea prison. Little Dorrit
- 3a:** Who manufactured the F-4 Phantom jet fighter/fighter bomber? McDonnell Douglas
- 3b:** Who manufactured the Lightning supersonic jet fighter aircraft? English Electric
- 4a:** The medieval Ponte Vecchio spans which Italian river? River Arno
- 4b:** Ponte di Rialto is the oldest bridge spanning which Italian waterway? The Grand Canal
- Spare:** Which Dicken's novel begins - "*London. Michaelmas Term lately over, and the Lord Chancellor sitting in Lincoln's Inn Hall. Implacable November weather.*"? Bleak House