

Required answers are underlined & in bold type.

Round 1: Alliterative Celebs - Well known folk, whose 1st and surnames begin with the same letter.

- 1a:** Actor whose career took off with “*Sophie’s Choice*”, followed by “*Silverado*”, “*A Fish Called Wanda*” and many others. **Kevin Kline**
- 1b:** MP, Speaker of the House of Commons 1992-2000. **Betty Boothroyd**
- 2a:** Irish novelist and poet. Works include “*Ulysses*” and “*Finnegans Wake*”. **James Joyce**
- 2b:** English composer of, among others “*Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra*” and “*War Requiem*”, first played at the dedication of Coventry Cathedral. **Benjamin Britten**
- 3a:** 30th President of USA. **Calvin Coolidge**
- 3b:** Winner of Best Actress Oscar in 1980 for her performance in “*Coal Miner’s Daughter*”. **Sissy Spacek**
- 4a:** Co-presenter of TV’s Countdown from 2009 to present. **Rachel Riley**
- 4b:** Current narrator of Channel Four’s “*Gogglebox*”. **Craig Cash**
- Spare:** French footballer and World Cup winner, on retirement did two spells as manager of Real Madrid. **Zinedine Zidane**

Round 2: UK Castles and Cathedrals

- 1a:** In which castle on the Isle of Wight was Charles I held prior to his trial and execution? **Carisbrooke**
- 1b:** Glasgow cathedral is dedicated to which saint? **Mungo** (accept **Kentigern**)
- 2a:** St. Cuthbert, and the Venerable Bede are buried in which Cathedral? **Durham**
- 2b:** From which besieged castle did Empress Matilda escape in 1142 during the civil wars against King Stephen? **Oxford**
- 3a:** Which is the largest castle in Wales? **Caerphilly**
- 3b:** At 558feet/170 metres which is the longest medieval cathedral in the world? **Winchester**
- 4a:** Jacob Epstein’s sculpture of St Michael’s victory over the Devil stands on the wall of which cathedral? **Coventry**
- 4b:** Which Norman castle has a commanding situation over the river Swale? **Richmond**

Spares:

- 1** - In 1645, after an extended siege during the Civil War a yew tree was planted in the courtyard of which northern castle? It still stands. **Skipton**
- 2** - Which is the only English medieval cathedral with a free- standing bell tower? **Chichester**

Round 3: Animals in Fiction and Film

- 1a:** What kind of animal is Rikki Tikki Tavi in Kipling’s “*The Jungle Book*”? **Mongoose**
- 1b:** Name the dog at the centre of Jack London’s “*The Call of the Wild*”. **Buck**
- 2a:** Who was “*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*”? **Plop**

- 2b:** Name the lion in C. S. Lewis's "*Chronicles of Narnia*". **Aslan**
- 3a:** Who was "*The Big Red Dog*" in the 2021 film? **Clifford**
- 3b:** Name the tiger in Yann Martel's "*The Life of Pi*". **Richard Parker**
- 4a:** Name the title character in the 1983 children's novel, "*The Sheep-Pig*", by Dick King-Smith? **Babe**
- 4b:** What kind of animal is Iorek Byrnison in Philip Pullman's "*His Dark Materials*"? **Polar Bear**
- Spare:** Who was Dorothy's dog in "*The Wizard of Oz*" film of 1939? **Toto**

Round 4: Music Siblings - *The answer to each question is a band/group whose members contain at least two or more siblings.*

- 1a:** Formed in 1991, one brother got the band to change their name from Rain while the other joined the band having been a roadie for the Inspiral Carpets. **Oasis**
- 1b:** Formed in 1963, two brothers along with Pete Quaife and Mick Avory were in a band who went on to be part of the British Invasion of the United States. **The Kinks**
- 2a:** Caleb, Nathan and Jared Followill along with their cousin Matthew Followill form which band whose songs include "*Use Somebody*" and "*Sex on Fire*". **Kings of Leon**
- 2b:** Ron and Russell Mael form which pop and rock band who had an eponymous film created about them in 2021 by Edgar Wright. **Sparks**
- 3a:** This brother and sister duo performed throughout the 1960s and 70s. Their joint career was ended due to the sister's death from anorexia in 1983. **Carpenters**
- 3b:** Consisting of 3 sisters and their brother, Jim, which Irish band had hits singles with "*Runaway*" and "*Breathless*". **The Corrs**
- 4a:** Jonny and Colin Greenwood alongside three other members form which band whose original name was On a Friday but was changed to a track name from Talking Heads album "*True Stories*"? **Radiohead**
- 4b:** Formed in 1961, these 3 brothers, Mike Love and Al Jardine, were originally called the Pendletones until their first single was released and they discovered their band name had been changed? **The Beach Boys**
- Spare:** David and Mark, John Illsley and Pick Withers formed this band in 1977. After two UK chart number 5 albums, David left the band in 1980. **Dire Straits**

Round 5: – π (Pi) - *Give your answer based on the information provided – All answers begin with "Pi".*

- 1a:** A French noun meaning "swimming pool". Or a word meaning "of or pertaining to fish" **Piscine**
- 1b:** A fraud perpetrated in 1912 by Charles Dawson, who claimed to have discovered the "missing link" between early apes and man. **Pittdown Man**
- 2a:** The female reproductive organ of a flower, usually comprising an ovary, style, and stigma. **Pistil**
- 2b:** Surname of the Spanish conquistador, best known for his expeditions that led to the Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire; and the founder of the city of Lima. (Francisco) **Pizarro**
- 3a:** The former and alternative name for Uraninite, a radioactive, uranium-rich mineral and ore. **Pitchblende**

- 3b:** A type of mind-body exercise developed in the early 20th century by a German physical trainer, it uses a combination of around 50 repetitive exercises to spur muscle exertion. **Pilates**
- 4a:** A musical direction: with each note played by plucking the strings of a violin, cello, etc., with the finger instead of using the bow. **Pizzicato**
- 4b:** A type of music for the Scottish bagpipes, generally of a ceremonial character, consisting of variations on a theme or ground. **Pibroch**

Spares:

- 1** - A form of brass, an alloy of copper and zinc mixed in proportions so that it closely resembles gold in appearance. It was invented in the early 18th century and named after its inventor. **Pinchbeck**
- 2** - Of a horse, having irregular black and white patches. **Piebald**

Round 6: Sport in 2024

- 1a:** Who won the Women's Pole Vault Gold Medal at The World Indoor Athletics Championships? Molly **Caudery**
- 1b:** At the same meeting who won the men's 3,000 metres? Josh **Kerr**
- 2a:** The highlight of a dismal tour of India by the England Cricket team (apart from Jimmy Anderson's 700 wickets) was a score of 196, by which batsman? Olly **Pope**
- 2b:** The most successful British female athlete in Olympic History, with five golds and one silver medal announced her retirement in March. Name her. Laura **Kenny**
- 3a:** The Welsh team lost all five of their six nation matches, causing their head coach to offer his resignation which was politely refused, name him. Warren **Gatland**
- 3b:** Who became the first trainer to saddle 100 winners at The Cheltenham Festival? Willie **Mullins**
- 4a:** Oliver Bearman became the youngest British driver to take part in a Formula One Grand Prix. Which team did he drive for? **Ferrari**
- 4b:** Which team won the Rugby League World Club Challenge? **Wigan Warriors**
- Spare:** Which EFL Championship team did Maidstone United defeat in the 4th Round of the FA Cup? **Ipswich Town**

Round 7 - Statues

- 1a:** A statue of which American actor can be found leaning against a lamppost with his partner outside the Coronation Hall, Ulverston? Oliver **Hardy** (standing next to his partner, Stan Laurel)
- 1b:** To commemorate a long-running BBC sitcom, filmed in the area from 1968 to 1977, who forms the statue of the single figure sitting on a wooden bench by the river in Thetford, Norfolk? **Capt. Mainwaring** (accept Arthur **Lowe**)
- 2a:** A statue in Stanley Street, Liverpool, designed and created by the entertainer Tommy Steele. It is based on the title and subject of a 1966 Beatles' song. **Eleanor Rigby**
- 2b:** Which Beano character, together with Desperate Dan and his Dawg can be found on the High Street in Dundee City Centre? **Minnie the Minx**
- 3a:** An English television personality, with a keen interest in mechanical engineering, who described himself as a "backstreet mechanic", his statue can be seen in his hometown of Bolton. Fred **Dibnah**
- 3b:** Married in Lancaster, lived in Morecambe and Silverdale for a time with her husband, whose bronze life size statue is situated in Library Gardens, next to Bury Art Museum. Victoria **Wood**

- 4a:** Named by The Times in 2008 as Britain's greatest post-war writer, the statue of which poet/librarian can be found at Paragon Station in Hull? The city where he worked for most of his life. Philip Larkin
- 4b:** A statue of which Poet Laureate (1972–1984) can be seen at London St Pancras station, gazing up at the station roof whilst holding on to his hat? John Betjeman
- Spare:** A statue of which comic strip character, can be found in Hartlepool, the hometown of his creator Reg Smythe Andy Capp

Round 8: General

- 1a:** Which European country has the word “*Magyarország*” on its stamps? Hungary
- 1b:** Which European country has the word “*Suomi*” on its stamps? Finland
- 2a:** An ounce is an alternative name for which member of the cat family? Snow Leopard
- 2b:** A Laughing Jackass is what type of bird? Kookaburra
- 3a:** LOT is the national flag carrying airline of which European country? Poland
- 3b:** TAP is the national flag carrying airline of which European country? Portugal
- 4a:** French impressionist artist known mainly for his ballet and horses racing scenes. Edgar Degas
- 4b:** American modernist painter and draftsman renowned for her paintings of natural forms, particularly flowers and desert-inspired landscapes. Georgia O' Keefe
- Spare:** Who wrote the novels “*Shogun*” and “*Tai-Pan*”? James Clavell

Tie Break 1: QM's - Name the most recent presenter of the quiz shows given: -

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| 1a: | Fifteen to One | Sandi <u>Toksvig</u> |
| 1b: | Bridge of Lies | Ross <u>Kemp</u> |
| 2a: | Impossible | Rick <u>Edwards</u> |
| 2b: | The Chase | Bradley <u>Walsh</u> |
| 3a: | Tipping Point | Ben <u>Shephard</u> |
| 3b: | Only Connect | Victoria <u>Coren Mitchell</u> |
| 4a: | Mastermind | Clive <u>Myrie</u> |
| 4b: | Eggheads | Jeremy <u>Vine</u> |

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| Lightning | Zoe <u>Lyons</u> |
| The Edge | Gabby <u>Logan</u> |

Tie Break 2: American State Capitals – Given the state, name the capital.

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| 1a: | Wisconsin | <u>Madison</u> |
| 1b: | Florida | <u>Tallahassee</u> |
| 2a: | Nebraska | <u>Lincoln</u> |
| 2b: | Oregon | <u>Salem</u> |
| 3a: | New Jersey | <u>Trenton</u> |
| 3b: | New Mexico | <u>Santa Fe</u> |
| 4a: | Delaware | <u>Dover</u> |
| 4b: | Michigan | <u>Lansing</u> |

Spare:

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| Washington | <u>Olympia</u> |
| Idaho | <u>Boise</u> |