

Lancaster City Quiz League
10 November 2025

Quiz set by Golden Lion A. We hope that you find that the questions not too hard. Required answers are in **bold**.

Round 1 Dogs in Film and TV

- 1a) What is the name of the dog in Whitehouse & Mortimer – Gone Fishing Programme? -- **Ted**
- 1b) What is the name of Monty Don's Golden Retriever dog? -- **Ned**
- 2a) What was the name of Doctor Who's robotic dog? -- **K9**
- 2b) What was the name of the piano playing puppet dog in The Muppets? -- **Rowlf** (the dog)
- 3a) What was the breed of the dog Cujo in the eponymous film of 1983? -- **St Bernard**
- 3b) In which series of animation films does Slinky Dog appear? -- **Toy Story**
- 4a) In Frasier the American sitcom what breed of dog is Eddie? -- **Jack Russell** (terrier)
- 4b) In which film of 1994 (starring Jim Carrey) does a dog called Milo appear? -- **The Mask**

Spare

What is the name of Dorothy's dog in The Wizard of Oz? -- **Toto**

Round 2 I am a poet, and I know it.

Identify the writers of these famous lines (Surnames only throughout)

- 1a) "*Come as you are*" should be followed by the less catchy "*tarry not over your toilet*". Which twentieth-century Indian poet wrote these lines? -- Rabindranath **Tagore**
- 1b) 'Tis better to have loved and lost / Than never to have loved at all.'
Which English poet published these lines in 1850? -- Alfred Lord **Tennyson**
- 2a) 'How do I love thee? / Let me count the ways' was written by the female half of a famous husband and wife poetry couple. Who? -- Elizabeth Barratt **Browning**
- 2b) "Someone will remember us / even in another time". These thought provoking lines were written around 2600 years ago by which female poet? -- **Sappho** of Lesbos
- 3a) "Now comes the rather grisly bit..." is a line from "The Pig", a poem by a British author better known for prose work. Name him -- Roald **Dahl**
- 3b) "The road less travelled" is a line from the poem "The Road Not Taken", by which American writer? -- Robert **Frost**
- 4a) "A little learning is a dangerous thing" is a line by a poet who has the most entries in the blogger Inky Fool's Top 50 Most Quoted Lines. Who is that poet? -- Alexander **Pope**
- 4b) "Tread softly because you tread on my dreams" makes the Top 10 of Most Quoted Lines. Which Irish writer and politician penned it? -- W.B. **Yeats**

Spare

Because I could not stop for death / He kindly stopped for me" was written by which American poet? -- Emily **Dickinson**

Round 3 'GARDENS' QUIZ

- 1a) What is the name of London's famous jewellery quarter, in the Borough of Camden? -- **Hatton Garden**
- 1b) What is the name of London's famous former flower, fruit and vegetable market, where you would now find plenty of buskers and street entertainers amongst other things? -- **Covent Garden**
- 2a) Where were the 'hanging gardens' which formed part of one of the seven wonders of the ancient world? -- **Babylon**
- 2b) How is the landscape gardener Lancelot Brown better known? --- **Capability**
- 3a) In the early 20th Century, the Garden City Movement promoted the building of new towns which would combine the benefits of living in the town and the countryside. The first 2 England were built near London. Can you name of them?
(Both for 3 points – 1 for 1 point, both for a pass)--**Letchworth and Welwyn Garden City**
- 3b) What is the more common name for the Royal Botanic Gardens, where there are over 8.5 million preserved plant and fungi species? -- **Kew Gardens**
- 4a) The comedian, Graeme Garden, famous as one of the original 'Goodies' and for many years a regular on Radio 4's 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue', qualified for which profession before taking up a career in comedy? -- **Doctor**
- 4b) In which year was Morecambe's Winter Gardens officially opened? -- **1897**
(Allow a year either way)

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Who wrote the popular children's book 'The Secret Garden'?-- **Frances Hodgson Burnett**

Round 4 Famous people whose names sound (but not necessarily spelt) the same.
Full name required.

- 1a) British actress (1929 – 2010) whose films include The Robe and Spartacus and member of Rock group Kiss. -- **Jean/Gene Simmons**
- 1b) American actor (1930 – 1980) and British fashion designer and film director -- **Steve McQueen**
- 2a) Drummers for Queen and Duran Duran -- **Roger Taylor**
- 2b) British Actress (1951 – present) and wife of Henry VIII -- **Jane Seymour**
- 3a) Former Monkees member and real name of David Bowie == **David Jones**
- 3b) American actor who played Captain America and starred in The Fantastic Four and British TV and radio presenter -- **Chris Evans**
- 4a) British arts and crafts designer and socialist (1834 – 1896) and car designer (1877 – 1963) -- **William Morris**
- 4b) English author (1912 – 1975) whose books include Angel and Blaming and famous British film actress (1932 – 2011) -- **Elizabeth Taylor**

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Former Lancashire and England cricketer and former tennis player who founded a fitness clubs business

-- **David Lloyd**

Round 5 Location, location, location

A round about places worldwide that are mentioned in literature

- 1a) In the 2006 memoir *Eat, Pray, Love*, by Elizabeth Gilbert and the 2010 film version starring Julia Roberts, the author visits Italy, India, and which island to rediscover herself? -- **Bali, Indonesia**
- 1b) "Mother died today," is the unemotional opening of Albert Camus's novel *The Outsider*. In which former French colonial city is it set? -- **Algiers**
- 2a) In which 2001 novel and 2012 film is the leading character named after his father's favourite swimming pool in Paris, though he tells everyone a different origin? -- **Life of Pi**
- 2b) In Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*, the two pairs of identical twins come from Ephesus in modern Turkey and which place in Sicily? -- **Syracuse**
- 3a) In Dickens's novel, the impoverished David Copperfield leaves London to seek help from his aunt in which south coastal town? -- **Dover**
- 3b) Khaled Hosseini's novel *The Kite Runner* is set in which country? -- **Afghanistan**
- 4a) The 1948 novel *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton is set in which country? -- **South Africa**
- 4b) In which town is John Fowles novel *The French Lieutenant's Woman* set? -- **Lyme Regis**

Spare

Elena Ferrante's novel *My Brilliant Friend* is the first of a quartet set in which city? -- **Naples**

Round 6 200 years of British Railways

- 1a) How was the report officially called "The Reshaping of British Railways" published in 1963 better known as? -- **The Beeching Report**
- 1b) What was the name of the engine that pulled the first passenger train on the Stockton to Darlington Railway in 1825? -- **Locomotion No 1**
- 2a) The "Big Four" (the LMS, LNER, GWR and Southern) railway Companies were formed in which year (allow 1 year either way) -- **1923**
(accept 1922 to 1924)
- 2b) The new East-West (Main) Line links which two cities? -- **Oxford & Cambridge**
- 3a) What was the name of the steam engine that was the first to officially exceed 100mph? -- **Flying Scotsman**
- 3b) When was the Lancaster and Preston Junction Railway opened? (allow one year either way) -- **1840**
(accept 1839-1841)
- 4a) What was the name given to the railway line that ran from Carlisle via the Scottish Borders and Mid-Lothian to Edinburgh? -- **The Waverley Route/Line**
- 4b) What is the name of the Class A4 Pacific numbered 60022 that holds the steam world record for a steam engine? -- **Mallard**

Spare

What name was given to the new leaf blowing machine unveiled by Network Rail which came into operation in September 2025? -- **Ctrl Alt Deleaf (Control)**

Round 7 It's all happening in Lancashire !
A round about recent Lancashire news items to make you smile (?)

- 1a) In September 2025, Lytham St Annes residents called the gas board because of a bad smell from a grocer's shop. Which smelly fruit from the Far East was found to be the cause? -- **Durian**
- 1b) At the end of September 2025, Beech's Fine Chocolates of Preston closed after over 100 years in business. They had been in partnership with a cocoa growing Royal family from which country? --- **Nigeria**
- 2a) At which museum, re-opened recently, would you find a life-size replica of Wallace and Gromit's living room? --The **Harris** Museum, **Preston**
- 2b) The Blackpool Illuminations began in 1879. But in which year did the famous switch-on ceremonies begin? (QM: allow 1 year either way) -- **1934**
 (allow 1933 - 1935)
- 3a) Lydia Becker, a pioneer in the "votes for women" fight of the early 20th century has been recognised with a blue plaque on Moorside House where she grew up. In which Lancashire town is it? -- **Altham** (accept Accrington)
- 3b) Irene Reid announced her retirement after more than 56 years from a job in Longridge? What was her job? -- **Lollipop Lady**
- 4a) Which young adult thriller by A.J. Clack was voted Lancashire Book of the Year in July 2025? It was based on the same 'social deduction game' as TV series The Traitors -- **Lie or Die**
- 4b) Which Lancashire university was named 2025 "university of the year for student experience" in the *Daily Mail* University Guide? -- **Edge Hill**

Spare

A story re-surfaced in May 2025 about a rather heavy birthday gift which Ken Dodd gave to Northern Irish comedian Jimmy Cricket, at a party in Rawtenstall. What was the gift? -- **Concrete Wellingtons**

Round 8 General

- 1a) The Cape Verde Islands football team have qualified for the 2026 World Cup. What is the team's nickname (in English)? -- **Blue Sharks**
- 1b) Which Formula 1 team have won the 2025 Constructors World Championship? -- **McLaren**
- 2a) Which instrument did jazz musician Gene Krupa play? -- **Drums**
- 2b) Which is Dorset's county town? -- **Dorchester**
- 3a) The Pleiades star system is also known as what? -- **The Seven Sisters**
- 3b) In which country was jazz pianist Oscar Peterson born? -- **Canada**
- 4a) What is the county town of Wiltshire? -- **Trowbridge**
- 4b) What is the name of the nearest major galaxy to the Milky Way? -- **Andromeda**

Spare In which Dorset town is Gold Hill which was used in the famous Hovis TV advert showing a boy delivering bread on a bike? -- **Shaftesbury**