

**LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025****Quiz set by Hest Bank 'C'****Required Answers in UPPER CASE BOLD; in the case of people full names are invariably required.****Round 1  
It Happened in a December**

<b>1a</b>	In December 1917 Finland declared its independence from which country?	<b>RUSSIA</b>
<b>1b</b>	Vladimir Nabokov completed which controversial novel in December 1953?	<b>LOLITA</b>
<b>2a</b>	What was significant about the role of Desdemona from the Shakespeare play Othello in December 1660?	<b>FIRST PERFORMANCE ON STAGE IN PUBLIC BY A FEMALE ACTOR</b>
<b>2b</b>	In December 1688, James II, whilst trying to flee to France, allegedly threw the 'Great Seal of the Realm' into which river	<b>THAMES</b>
<b>3a</b>	The first edition of which newspaper, the world's first Sunday newspaper, was published in December 1791?	<b>THE OBSERVER</b>
<b>3b</b>	In December 1961 Tanganyika became independent from which country?	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>
<b>4a</b>	In December 1988 who became the first woman to head the government of a largely Islamic state, when she became Prime Minister of Pakistan?	<b>BENAZIR BHUTTO</b>
<b>4b</b>	In December 1999 Helen Clark was sworn in as Prime Minister of which country?	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	In December of which year was Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat for a white man in Montgomery Alabama? (two years either way)	<b>1955 (1953 – 1957)</b>
<b>Spare 2</b>	In December of which year was the UK's first motorway opened as the Preston By-Pass? (two years either way)	<b>1958 (1956 – 1960)</b>

**Round 2  
Precious Metals****Questions 1 and 2 are based on gold, 3 and 4 on silver**

<b>1a</b>	The Golden State is a nickname for which U.S. state?	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>
<b>1b</b>	The Gold Coast is a coastal city in which country?	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>
<b>2a</b>	Who was the original presenter of the British television game show <i>Going for Gold</i> ?	<b>HENRY KELLY</b>
<b>2b</b>	Gold Hill is a steep cobbled street in the town of Shaftesbury, in Dorset, famous for which 1970s advert?	<b>HOVIS</b>
<b>3a</b>	Who according to the nursery rhyme had silver buckles at his knee?	<b>BOBBY SHAFTO</b>
<b>3b</b>	With which television role is Jay Silverheels associated?	<b>TONTO</b>
<b>4a</b>	Who was the Greek goddess of the Moon who drove a silver chariot pulled by silver horses?	<b>SELENE</b>

<b>4b</b>	Alicia Silverstone starred in what film that was a loose adaptation of Emma?	<b>CLUELESS</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	The Silver Chair is the fourth novel in which fantasy series?	<b>THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA</b>
<b>Spare 2</b>	Which group's 1967 cover version of <i>Silence is Golden</i> reached number one on the UK Singles Chart?	<b>THE TREMELOES</b>

**Round 3**  
**English Monarchs**

<b>1a</b>	Which king founded the Order of the Garter?	<b>EDWARD III</b>
<b>1b</b>	Who did the Prince Regent, later George IV, secretly marry in 1785?	<b>MARIA FITZHERBERT</b>
<b>2a</b>	The Rye House Plot was a conspiracy to murder which monarch?	<b>CHARLES II</b>
<b>2b</b>	Wyatt's Rebellion was an uprising against which monarch?	<b>MARY I</b>
<b>3a</b>	Which monarch built Deal Castle in Kent?	<b>HENRY VIII</b>
<b>3b</b>	Which monarch built Harlech Castle in Wales?	<b>EDWARD I</b>
<b>4a</b>	Who was the last king to sport a beard during his reign?	<b>GEORGE V</b>
<b>4b</b>	Who was the last king to lead an army into battle?	<b>GEORGE II</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	The Babington Plot was a conspiracy to murder which monarch?	<b>ELIZABETH I</b>
<b>Spare 2</b>	Who, in 1135, by becoming king, prevented Matilda from being the first queen of England?	<b>STEPHEN</b>

**Round 4**  
**Faithful or Traitor?**  
**Don't worry, not the TV Show**

<b>1a</b>	Who wrote the song <i>As Tears Go By</i> , released by Marianne Faithful in June 1964?	<b>MICK JAGGER AND KEITH RICHARD (allow THE ROLLING STONES)</b>
<b>1b</b>	In which US National Park would you find the geyser 'Old Faithful'?	<b>YELLOWSTONE</b>
<b>2a</b>	In which churchyard in Edinburgh would you find the statue of Bobby, the faithful dog?	<b>GREYFRIARS</b>
<b>2b</b>	Which organisation has the motto 'Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity'?	<b>FBI</b>
<b>3a</b>	What nationality was the traitor Vidkun Quisling?	<b>NORWEGIAN</b>
<b>3b</b>	The traitor Margaretha Geertruida MacLeod was better known as who?	<b>MATA HARI</b>
<b>4a</b>	Previously knighted for his efforts on behalf of the Amazonian Indians, which Irishman was executed for treason in 1916?	<b>ROGER CASEMENT</b>
<b>4b</b>	The Cambridge 5 was a ring of spies consisting of John Cairncross, Kim Philby, and Guy Burgess. Name either of the remaining two.	<b>DONALD MACLEAN or ANTHONY BLUNT</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	Where was Guy Fawkes born?	<b>YORK</b>

<b>Spare 2</b>	What is the name of the village in North Wales where an 18 <sup>th</sup> century landlord created the legend of Prince Llewellyn and his faithful dog?	<b>BEDDGELERT</b>
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**Round 5  
Tree Teasers**

**All the answers include names of trees, sometimes buried!**

<b>1a</b>	Name the British F1 driver who won the world championship in 1958	<b>MIKE HAWTHORN</b>
<b>1b</b>	Which song was made famous by Laurel and Hardy in the film <i>Way Out West</i> ?	<b>TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE</b>
<b>2a</b>	Name the spy played by Michael Caine in the film <i>Funeral in Berlin</i> ?	<b>HARRY PALMER</b>
<b>2b</b>	<i>Call the Midwife</i> is set in which area of East London?	<b>POPLAR</b>
<b>3a</b>	Name the 1968 song by Donovan allegedly about Patti Boyd's sister	<b>JENNIFER JUNIPER</b>
<b>3b</b>	Name the Colorado ski resort popularised in song by John Denver	<b>ASPEN</b>
<b>4a</b>	Which film introduced the character Freddy Kruger?	<b>NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET</b>
<b>4b</b>	Name the musical director of the Hallé Orchestra from the year 2000	<b>MARK ELDER</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	Who won the men's singles at Wimbledon in 1975?	<b>ARTHUR ASHE</b>
<b>Spare 2</b>	Malham Cove is a geological formation of which rock?	<b>LIMESTONE</b>

**Round 6  
Cartoons and Animations**

<b>1a</b>	Which company created Shaun the Sheep?	<b>AARDMAN</b>
<b>1b</b>	What was Mickey Mouse's original name?	<b>MORTIMER Mouse</b>
<b>2a</b>	Who wrote the song lyrics for Disney's 1992 film musical <i>Aladdin</i> ?	<b>TIM RICE</b>
<b>2b</b>	Which 90's film starred Bugs Bunny and Michael Jordan?	<b>SPACE JAM</b>
<b>3a</b>	<i>When You Wish Upon a Star</i> is a song from which Disney film?	<b>PINOCCHIO</b>
<b>3b</b>	What sort of animal is King Louie in <i>The Jungle Book</i> ?	<b>ORANG-UTAN</b>
<b>4a</b>	What is Simba's uncle called in <i>The Lion King</i> ?	<b>SCAR</b>
<b>4b</b>	Who voiced <i>The Clangers</i> on its return to the BBC in 2015?	<b>MICHAEL PALIN</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	In the Disney film version of <i>101 Dalmatians</i> , what were the two original Dalmatians called?	<b>PONGO and PERDITA</b>
<b>Spare 2</b>	Which of the Seven Dwarfs has the longest name?	<b>BASHFUL</b>

**Round 7**  
**Homophones**

Each question contains clues to two words (including possible proper nouns) which sound the same but may be spelt differently. In each case the two words contain the same number of letters (which figure is given). Just give the pronunciation, no need for spellings.

**EXAMPLE: Reasonable Transport Cost (4) ANSWER: Fair/Fare**

<b>1a</b>	A speedy mammal in a 60's musical (4)	<b>HARE/HAIR</b>
<b>1b</b>	A basic form of transport (5)	<b>PLAIN/PLANE</b>
<b>2a</b>	Malign form of rock (5)	<b>SLATE/SLATE</b>
<b>2b</b>	Intentionally reveal a vegetable (4)	<b>LEAK/LEEK</b>
<b>3a</b>	Periods of stunned confusion (4)	<b>DAYS/DAZE</b>
<b>3b</b>	A slow trickle into an English river (4)	<b>OOZE/OUSE</b>
<b>4a</b>	An English island that's all the colours of the rainbow (5)	<b>WIGHT/WHITE</b>
<b>4b</b>	Long for a tree (4)	<b>PINE/PINE</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	Call up the band (4)	<b>RING/RING</b>
<b>Spare 2</b>	Foremost head of thick hair (4)	<b>MAIN/MANE</b>

**Round 8**  
**General**

<b>1a</b>	Which was the second UK postage stamp to be introduced after the Penny Black?	<b>TWO PENNY BLUE</b>
<b>1b</b>	The town of Stilton is in Cambridgeshire but Stilton cheese cannot legally be made there. It can only be made in three counties, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and which other?	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE</b>
<b>2a</b>	Which liqueur is used in a White Lady cocktail?	<b>COINTREAU or TRIPLE SEC</b>
<b>2b</b>	What type of wine is traditionally used in zabaglione?	<b>MARSALA</b>
<b>3a</b>	Name the poet who wrote <i>Cargoes</i> ?	<b>JOHN MASEFIELD</b>
<b>3b</b>	Name the poet who wrote <i>Dover Beach</i> ?	<b>MATTHEW ARNOLD</b>
<b>4a</b>	Which company designed the new (2007) Wembley Stadium and the rebuilding of Heathrow Terminal 2?	<b>FOSTER &amp; PARTNERS</b>
<b>4b</b>	Who designed the suspension bridge which spans the Menai Straits?	<b>THOMAS TELFORD</b>
<b>Spare 1</b>	The English Derby in which sport takes place at Towcester Stadium?	<b>GREYHOUND RACING</b>
<b>Spare 2</b>	Which urban public transport system is now divided into lines such as The Lioness, The Windrush and The Suffragette amongst others?	<b>LONDON OVERGROUND</b>