

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE – 23rd March 2026

*This week's quiz is set by Station Hotel B. All answers required are in **Bold** and Underlined.*

Round 1: - EPIC - *Like the round's title, answers are words beginning with **EPI**. Given an OED definition, provide the word.*

- 1a:** Medical term for a nosebleed or bleeding from the nose. **Epistaxis**
- 1b:** A person who cultivates a refined taste for, or takes a particular pleasure in, fine food and drink; a gourmet. **Epicure**
- 2a:** An adjective indicating some quality or attribute which the speaker or writer regards as characteristic of the person or thing described. **Epithet**
- 2b:** A manifestation or appearance of some divine or superhuman being. **Epiphany**
- 3a:** Any of various books in the New Testament which originated as apostolic letters to Christian communities and individuals. **Epistle**
- 3b:** Of or pertaining to a bishop or bishops. **Episcopal**
- 4a:** The leaf-like cartilage at the root of the tongue, which during the act of swallowing is depressed, and forms a lid, to stop food going into your lungs. **Epiglottis**
- 4b:** A proprietary name for a hypodermic device that administers a dose of epinephrine, used for the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. **EpiPen**

Spare:

The point on the earth's surface that overlies the subterranean focus of an earthquake. **Epicentre**

Round 2 - Winners in 2025

- 1a:** Which film won Best Picture at the Oscars in 2025? **Anora**
- 1b:** Who won Best Actor in a Leading Role at the 2025 Oscars? **Adrien Brody**
- 2a:** Who was awarded Album of the Year at the 2025 Grammy Awards? **Beyoncé**
- 2b:** Who was named Artist of the Year at the 2025 BRIT Awards? **Charli XCX**
- 3a:** Which team won the 2025 UEFA Champions League final? **Paris Saint-Germain**
- 3b:** Which team won the 2025 FA Cup final in men's football? **Crystal Palace**
- 4a:** Who was awarded Sportswoman of the Year at the 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards? **Simone Biles**
- 4b:** Who was named BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 2025? **Rory McIlroy**
- Spare:** Which team won Super Bowl LIX (2025)? **Philadelphia Eagles**

Round 3: - Rule Britannias - *In the early to mid-1950's, British Railways built the "Britannia" class of express passenger locomotives. All but one were named. The answers to the following general knowledge questions are based on names of some of the locos. Don't worry, you don't require any specialist railway knowledge.*

1a: What was the epithet of Edward of Woodstock, the eldest son and heir apparent of King Edward III of England? **Black Prince**

1b: What is the French epithet of Richard I, King of England from 1189 until 1199? **Coeur de Lion**

2a: Who wrote the poem "*The Lady of Shalott*" and has a Down named after him at the western end of the Isle of Wight? **Tennyson**

2b: This Secretary of State for War was killed when his cruiser struck a German mine off Orkney in June 1916 and sank. **Lord Kitchener**

3a: Who, according to legend, was the Anglo-Saxon nobleman and a leader of local resistance to the Norman Conquest of England. His base was Isle of Ely and The Fens. **Hereward the Wake**

3b: Name the last native-born Welshman to claim the title Prince of Wales who, in the late Middle Ages, led a 15-year-long revolt with the aim of ending English rule in Wales. **Owen Glendower or Owain Glyndwr**

4a: Which acronym was adopted for the military body, formed in Egypt in 1914, primarily consisting of New Zealand and Australian troops? **ANZAC**

4b: Who wrote the poem "*Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*" and was the father of Ada Lovelace? **Byron**

Spare: The subject of a statue, near Westminster Pier on the Thames, which British leader headed a failed uprising against the conquering forces of the Roman Empire in AD 60 or 61? **Boadicea**

Round 4 - Science - Exam season is fast approaching – how would you do these days? All of these questions can be found on recent GCSE Science foundation level papers.

1a: What is the process of cell division to make two genetically identical daughter cells called? **Mitosis**

1b: Which component of blood transports dissolved carbon dioxide and electrolytes around the body? **Plasma**

2a: Radio waves have the longest wavelength of any waves of the electromagnetic spectrum. Which waves have the shortest wavelength? **Gamma rays (or waves)**

2b: Name a magnetic pure metal that isn't iron or steel. **Nickel or Cobalt** Accept **Gadolinium**

3a: What collective name is given to the unreactive elements in Group 0 (sometimes called group 8) of the periodic table? **The Noble Gases**

3b: What name is given to a substance that speeds up a chemical reaction but is not itself used up? **Catalyst**

4a: Graphene and buckminsterfullerene are different forms of which chemical element? **Carbon**

4b: What name is given to the tiny pores in the underside of a leaf that allow gases to pass into and out of the plant? **Stomata**

Spare: Incomplete combustion of fuels can produce which odourless, tasteless but very toxic gas? **Carbon Monoxide**

Round 5: Charitable Organisations

- 1a:** In 1895, Octavia Hill, Robert Hunter and Hardwicke Rawnsley founded which organisation?
The National Trust
- 1b:** In 1953, Edward Chad Varah founded which organisation? The Samaritans
- 2a:** Which organisation has a logo consisting of a lit candle within a coil of barbed wire?
Amnesty International
- 2b:** Which organisation has a logo depicting a red stylized image of a child, with their hands up, enclosed in a red circle.
Save the Children
- 3a:** Which organisation has its HQ at The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire? RSPB
- 3b:** Which organisation has its HQ at West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset? RNLI
- 4a:** What was founded in 1942 in response to an Allied blockade that had caused severe deprivation in Axis-occupied Greece?
Oxfam
- 4b:** The 1966 BBC play "*Cathy Come Home*" directed by Ken Loach, was watched by over 12 million people. As well as Crisis UK, its impact ensured public empathy and support for this charity from its very beginning.
Shelter
- Spare:** Which charity formed by two Methodists in 1895 has the motto "*Blood and Fire*"?
Salvation Army

Round 6: - Video Gaming

- 1a:** Which singer, who had a UK No1 with "*Pink Pony Club*", appeared as a skin in the video game Fortnite in February 2025 after a Radio 1 plea in 2024?
Chappell Roan
- 1b:** Which "*Game of Thrones*" and ITV "*Joan*" series star will be playing Lara Croft in the upcoming Tomb Raider TV show for Amazon Prime?
Sophie Turner
- 2a:** Released in 2012, what was the name of Nintendo's sequel console to their popular Nintendo Wii?
Wii U
- 2b:** Released in 2005, what was the name of Microsoft's sequel console to their popular Microsoft Xbox?
Xbox 360
- 3a:** In 2011, which body included Video Game Addiction on its list of mental health disorders for the first time?
World Health Organization
- 3b:** "*Night Trap*" and which other video game, released in the early nineties, acted as catalysts for the creation of the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) in the US in 1994?
Mortal Kombat
- 4a:** In which video game series, created by Capcom, would you find the characters Jill Valentine and Chris Redfield? The name of this game series could also mean a home-dwelling spirit? Resident Evil
- 4b:** What word completes the title of the 2017 video game "Super Mario" what? The word in question is also a vehicle manufactured by Honda and an upcoming Christopher Nolan film, which is based on an ancient Greek epic.
Odyssey
- Spare:** Introduced on Wii consoles, gamers can make their own-in game characters by creating an avatar known by what three-letter name?
Mii

Round 7 – Arenas, Venues, Stadiums

- 1a:** In which UK city would you find the OVO Hydro arena? **Glasgow**
- 1b:** In which UK city would you find the M&S Bank Arena? **Liverpool**
- 2a:** In which stadium was the main opening ceremony of the 2026 Winter Olympic Games held? **San Siro**
- 2b:** The Levis Stadium hosted the 2026 Superbowl LX, in which US state is it? **California**
- 3a:** Donald Trump is controversially closing, and added his name to, which venue for the performing arts in Washinton DC? **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** (accept **Kennedy Center**)
- 3b:** A stadium in which city is currently listed to host the first game in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Finals? **Mexico City**
- 4a:** In which city will the Final of the 2026 UEFA Champions League be played? **Budapest**
- 4b:** Every August, since 1950, at which venue in Scotland has an annual military and cultural event been held? The Esplanade of **Edinburgh Castle**
- Spare:** In which UK city is the Co-op Live arena? **Manchester**

Round 8: - General (Alliterative) – All answers comprise two words, both beginning with S.

- 1a:** Which BBC comedy panel show (1993 – 2011), was hosted by Reeves & Mortimer? **Shooting Stars**
- 1b:** Alan Rickman played the role of which character in the Harry Potter film franchise? **Severus Snape**
- 2a:** What is referred to as “*Wide*”, in the title of Jean Rhys's novel, described as a prelude to “*Jane Eyre*”? **Sargasso Sea**
- 2b:** What are the first two words of the four-word title of Queens first Top Ten hit ending with “*of Rhye*”? **Seven Seas**
- 3a:** In the 1991 film “*Thelma and Louise*”, who plays Louise to Gina Davies’ Thelma? **Susan Sarandon**
- 3b:** Which actress (a) followed Julia Sawalha as Jonathan Creek’s side kick and (b) appeared in West End musicals “*Legally Blonde*” (2010) and “*Shirley Valentine*” (2023), amongst others? **Sheridan Smith**
- 4a:** Which American singer songwriter, was initially with Buffalo Springfield and then formed a group with David Crosby and Graham Nash, who were later joined by Neil Young? **Stephen Stills**
- 4b:** Name the English historian and television presenter who wrote and hosted the 15-part BBC television documentary series “*A History of Britain*”. **Simon Schama**
- Spare:** Which gin-based, long-drink cocktail was created around 1915 by Ngiam Tong Boon? **Singapore Sling**