

## News and Affairs

## Wooden Spoon Quizzes

For whose death was James Earl Ray responsible for in 1968?	Martin Luther King Jr.
What kind of criminal did Michael Jackson sing about?	Smooth Criminal
In which decade was fingerprint evidence first used in the UK to convict someone?	1900's (1902 used to convict burglar Harry Jackson)
True or False: It is illegal in the UK to carry golf equipment in a park or open space	False (apart from Derbyshire when the law was introduced in 2015)
The documentary 'Making a Murderer' centred on the wrongly accused Stephen Avery. How many years did Avery serve in prison before his conviction was overturned?	18 years
The Gorn, Khan and the Romulans are baddies in which TV Series?	Star Trek
What superhero has an invisible jet and a Lasso of Truth?	Wonder Woman
Professor Moriarty is the arch enemy of Sherlock Holmes - what is his first name?	James
Which TV Comedy trio provided the voices for the 1980's Bananaman TV series?	The Goodies
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What is Europe's highest active volcano?	Mount Etna
Who played Reverend Scott in The Poseidon Adventure?	Gene Hackman
What was the name of Celine Dion's love song from the film Titanic?	My Heart Will Go On
Which country's Rugby Team were involved in a plane crash in the Andes where the survivors remained stranded for 72 days?	Uruguay
A place where an earthquake originates is called the (A) Epicentre (B) Focus or (C) Fault Line?	(B) Focus
Which natural disaster can produce the fastest winds on Earth?	Tornado
What natural phenomenon is a hypocenter associated with?	Earthquake
Indonesia and Japan have historically had the most active volcanoes. Which country ranks third?	USA
More than 4,000 climbers have successfully summited Mt. Everest. About how many people have died trying to climb it?	Over 300 people
What natural disaster happened in 2003 and resulted in over 50,000 deaths? (A) Indonesian Tsunami (B) European Heatwave or (C) Plague of locusts in the US	(B) European Heat Wave
What was the name of the Prison in TV Comedy Porridge?	Slade
In which City was Martin Luther King assassinated?	Memphis
Which country singer recorded albums in San Quentin and Folsom Prison?	Johnny Cash
What is the highest rank in the Metropolitan Police?	Commissioner
What French name is given to a soldier who is employed on civilian police duties?	Gendarme

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Who was the cricket-loving Texas financier found guilty of running a \$7bn Ponzi Scheme?	Allen Stanford
Criminal organisation the Camorra is based in which Italian City?	Naples
Which serial killer lived at 25 Cromwell Street?	Fred West
Who famously disappeared after the family nanny was murdered in 1974?	Lord Lucan
In the Metropolitan Police, what rank comes between constable and inspector?	Sergeant
Which daily newspaper sells the most copies in the UK?	The Sun
For which newspaper did Clark Kent work for?	The Daily Planet
In newspaper jargon, what is a 'splash'?	A front page leading story
With a beautiful blonde on its cover, which magazine hit the newsstands in December 1953 having been produced on a kitchen table in its creators Hyde Park Apartment?	Playboy
Which newspaper is nicknamed 'The Thunderer'?	The Times
Established in 1892, and was made part of the Conde Nast Family in 1909, which publication features the latest fashion trends and aspirational living dreams for the modern woman?	Vogue
What is the name of the local newspaper in the soap, Eastenders?	The Walford Gazette
Which teen magazine closed its pages in February 2006 after 28 years in circulation?	Smash Hits
What national newspaper is printed on 'pink' paper?	The Financial Times
The film Citizen Kane, starring Orson Welles, was loosely based on which newspaper magnate?	William Randolph Hearst
Which police constable upheld the law in Toytown?	P.C. Plod
Which police officer was constantly at loggerheads with Top Cat?	Officer Dibble
Who was the drummer for the pop group The Police?	Stewart Copeland
Which former policeman gained Olympic glory alongside Jayne Torvill?	Christopher Dean
In which film did Sylvester Stallone play a law enforcement officer in Mega City One?	Judge Dredd
In which TV show did John Thaw and Dennis Waterman play policeman from London's Metropolitan 'Flying Squad'?	The Sweeney
What was the title of the 1981 series of stage charity benefits for Amnesty International featuring members of the Monty Python team, Peter Cook and Rowan Atkinson amongst others?	The Secret Policeman's Ball
In which city did Taggart do his detecting?	Glasgow
Which comedy-drama followed the work of the fictional Unsolved Crime and Open Case Squad (UCOS) of the Metropolitan Police Service?	New Tricks
Which policeman was immortalised in song with the lyrics; "His jolly face was wrinkled and then he shut his eyes, He opened his great big mouth, it was a wondrous size!"?	The Laughing Policeman

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Which country has the driest inhabited area in the world?	Egypt
Which Cornish Village suffered a freak flood in the summer of 2004?	Boscastle
What name is given to an occasion when the equator is furthest from the sun?	Solstice
Which county is England's wettest?	Cumbria
Which usually travels faster, a cold front or a warm front?	Cold Front
Which sea area is immediately to the South of Ireland?	Fastnet
Over which mountains does the chinook blow?	Rockies
Which 1990's Eurovision Song Contest winner shares her name with a devastating hurricane?	Katrina
The name of which type of cloud is Latin for a lock of hair?	Cirrus
What is Fata Morgana and where would you see it?	Mirage, Strait of Messina, Italy
What does the Lord Chancellor sit on in the House of Lords?	The Woolsack
In what year of the 1970s did Margaret Thatcher become leader of the Conservative Party?	1975
For how many years were the Conservatives in consecutive power before Tony Blair won in 1997?	18
By what name was the unpopular forerunner of Council Tax usually known?	Poll Tax
In which year in the 1970s were there two General Elections?	1974
What distinction is held by Edmund Waller, elected to parliament in 1622?	Youngest ever M.P. (Age 16)
Which Cabinet member resigned over the Iraq War on 17th March 2003?	Robin Cook
Which politician and former Secretary of State For Wales was nicknamed 'Spock'?	John Redwood
Which M.P. announced she was separating from her husband David Mills in March 2006 following accusation that he had accepted bribes from the Italian government?	Tessa Jowell
Which Conservative politician was nicknamed 'Tarzan'?	Michael Heseltine
What was the name of the first storm to be given a name?	Carol
Which volcanic rock is named after a mountain range in South America?	Andesite
What is our Solar System's nearest stellar neighbour?	Proxima Centauri
Which Asian Country has the greatest area of inland water?	India
What is the highest waterfall in Norway?	Utigard
What is the next largest body solar system after Venus?	Mars
What is the largest lake in the UK after Neagh?	Erne
In which US State is the mammoth cave system?	Kentucky
What is V4641 Sgr?	Black Hole
What was the first asteroid to be discovered?	Ceres

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Which former 'News of the World' Editor was found guilty of conspiracy to intercept voicemails in June 2014?	Andy Coulson
13-year-old Myra Gale Brown was the subject of a scandal for which rock 'n' roller?	Jerry Lee Lewis
What incident led to the death of Mary Jo Kopechne in 1969?	Chappaquiddick
Which Prime Minister caused outcry with his 'bunga bunga' parties?	Silvio Berlusconi
Which US State bungled its vote count in the 2012 Presidential election?	Florida
In 1990, which agriculture minister tried to prove beef was safe by encouraging his four-year-old daughter to eat a burger?	John Gummer
'Grannygate' affected which sport in March 2000?	Rugby Union
The UK Government bought 58% of which insolvent bank in 2008?	Royal Bank of Scotland
Who was the 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' contestant aided by a coughing accomplice?	Charles Ingram
Who calmed a potential riot by handing a can of Pepsi to a police officer?	Kendall Jenner
Views of whose 2012 wild weekend in Vegas didn't stay in Vegas?	Prince Harry
Which mistakenly drawn emoji led to Google being grilled in 2017?	A cheeseburger