



# Pot Luck

## Quiz 83

### "Quiz like nobody's Googling"

Less 'University Challenge,' More 'Drunk Guessing Championship.'



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6. What is a funambulist more commonly known as?
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QUESTION	ANSWER	DID YOU KNOW?
1. Who was the original baby stroller designed to be pulled by, rather than pushed by parents?	1. A pony or small animal	1. The first baby carriage, invented in the 1730s by William Kent, was created for the Duke of Devonshire's children—and it was designed to be pulled by a goat or a miniature pony!
2. What unit is commonly used to measure the sensitivity of a computer mouse's movement?	2. DPI (dots per inch)	2. High DPI settings make your mouse more sensitive—so the cursor moves farther with smaller physical movements. This is ideal for gamers and designers who need precision and speed.
3. The symbol '#' is sometimes referred to by what alternative name?	3. Octothorpe	3. The term "octothorpe" was supposedly coined by Bell Labs engineers in the 1960s. The "octo" refers to its eight points, and the "thorpe" was added humorously—possibly in honour of Olympic athlete Jim Thorpe!
4. In Japanese culture, the term Jōhatsu refers to people who have done what?	4. Disappeared intentionally to start a new life	4. Jōhatsu means "evaporation," and it describes people in Japan who vanish on purpose—often to escape debt, shame, or personal problems.
5. What unusual hygienic use did the ancient Romans have for powdered mouse brains?	5. To whiten their teeth	5. Romans believed crushed mouse brains mixed with other ingredients could serve as a tooth-cleaning paste. Dentistry has come a long way!
6. What is a funambulist more commonly known as?	6. A tightrope walker	6. The word comes from Latin funis (rope) and ambulare (to walk). Some funambulists perform without safety nets—balancing purely by skill!
7. What is the name for the mental phenomenon where a song gets stuck in your head?	7. An earworm	7. Research shows that catchy songs with a fast tempo and simple melody are most likely to become earworms!
8. On what date in March is the quirky holiday "What If Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day" celebrated?	8. March 3rd	8. This fun and fictional observance imagines a world where pets could open doors, use tools—or take over entirely!
9. In postal terms, what does "par avion" mean?	9. By airmail	9. "Par avion" is French for "by airplane," and it's still used on international mail to indicate faster air delivery.
10. Which fictional character is immortalized as a gargoyle on the Washington National Cathedral?	10. Darth Vader	10. Darth Vader was sculpted into the cathedral after a children's design competition in the 1980s. You need binoculars to see him from the ground!
11. As of 2025, what is the longest recorded time between the births of twins?	11. 87 days	11. In 2012, an Irish woman gave birth to her twins nearly 3 months apart—a world record for the longest birth interval between twins.
12. What do you call the punctuation mark that combines a question mark and an exclamation mark?	12. An interrobang	12. Invented in 1962 by advertising executive Martin K. Speckter, the interrobang (?) is meant to express disbelief or excitement in a single mark!