



Pot Luck

Quiz 85

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



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8. By what name is Anne Maurice better known?
9. Whose television launch on April 20, 1964, was famously disrupted by a major power cut?
10. Which sitcom character's name is now used to describe an item that's had all its parts replaced?
11. What filmmaking tool, used to mark the beginning of a scene, is said to have been invented by Australian director F.W. Thring?
12. Which internationally respected awards were founded through the will of Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel?



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QUESTION	ANSWER	DID YOU KNOW?
1. Which shipping company owned the Titanic?	1. White Star Line	1. The White Star Line was famous not just for the Titanic but for pioneering luxury ocean liners, shaping early 20th-century transatlantic travel.
2. In 1939, the city of Glasgow banned which item from pubs, declaring it "too dangerous"?	2. Darts	2. In 1939, Glasgow banned darts from pubs because the sharp metal tips caused frequent injuries, leading to a public safety crackdown.
3. In Arthurian legend, who was said to have thrown Excalibur into the lake?	3. Bedivere (Sir Bedivere)	3. Sir Bedivere is one of King Arthur's most trusted knights and the one tasked with returning Excalibur to the Lady of the Lake, symbolizing the end of Arthur's reign.
4. By what name is the 16th-century French physician and astrologer Michel de Notredame more commonly known?	4. Nostradamus	4. Nostradamus, originally Michel de Notredame, published The Prophecies in 1555, which remains widely read and debated for its predictions.
5. Bushido was the traditional code of conduct followed by which class of Japanese warriors?	5. Samurai	5. The samurai followed Bushido, which emphasized honour, loyalty, and discipline, influencing Japanese culture deeply even today.
6. Saddle soap is used to clean and condition which natural material?	6. Leather	6. Saddle soap combines mild soap and conditioners, making it perfect for cleaning and preserving the quality of leather saddles and other goods.
7. In English folklore, 'Bruin' is an old name for which animal?	7. Bear	7. In English folklore, Bruin the bear appears in tales like Reynard the Fox, often portrayed as strong but somewhat gullible.
8. By what name is Anne Maurice better known?	8. The House Doctor	8. Anne Maurice, known as The House Doctor, revolutionized home decorating on TV by making stylish and affordable design accessible to everyday people.
9. Whose television launch on April 20, 1964, was famously disrupted by a major power cut?	9. BBC Two	9. BBC Two's launch was famously delayed due to a major London power cut on April 20, 1964.
10. Which sitcom character's name is now used to describe an item that's had all its parts replaced?	10. Trigger (from Only Fools and Horses)	10. Trigger joked about using the same broom for 20 years despite replacing its head and handle—echoing the Ship of Theseus paradox.
11. What filmmaking tool, used to mark the beginning of a scene, is said to have been invented by Australian director F.W. Thring?	11. The clapperboard	11. The clapperboard synchronizes audio and video during editing. F.W. Thring, a pioneer of early Australian cinema, is often credited with developing the first version of this now-standard device.
12. Which internationally respected awards were founded through the will of Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel?	12. The Nobel Prizes	12. Alfred Nobel created the prizes to recognize achievements in peace, science, and literature—ironically after inventing dynamite.