



Pot Luck

Quiz 86



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

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2. What is the official national language of the Philippines?
3. The Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion in Axum, Ethiopia is said to house which legendary religious artifact?
4. Why is the 1631 Bible printed by Robert Barker and Martin Lucas famously known as The Wicked Bible?
5. What is the name of the best-preserved castle in West Sussex?
6. What is the traditional nickname given to the Yeoman Warders who guard the Tower of London?
7. Which anti-Catholic conspiracy, fabricated by Titus Oates and Israel Tonge in 1678, led to a major political scandal in England?
8. According to Archimedes, what is the shortest distance between two points?
9. What is the only even prime number?
10. According to legend, British peers sentenced to death were granted the privilege of being hanged with what kind of rope?
11. Which British retailer and manufacturer, founded in 1887, is renowned for its luxury diaries and stationery?
12. What is the name for closed, low-cut women's shoes featuring one or more straps across the instep?



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QUESTION	ANSWER	DID YOU KNOW?
1. Traditionally, what material are the tuned bars of a xylophone made from?	1. Wood	1. Xylophones have been used in African and Asian music for centuries, with bars crafted from hard woods like rosewood or padauk.
2. What is the official national language of the Philippines?	2. Filipino (also known as Tagalog)	2. Filipino, based on Tagalog, is the official language, alongside English, in the Philippines.
3. The Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion in Axum, Ethiopia is said to house which legendary religious artifact?	3. The Ark of the Covenant	3. Many Ethiopians believe the Ark of the Covenant resides in the Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion, though it has never been publicly displayed.
4. Why is the 1631 Bible printed by Robert Barker and Martin Lucas famously known as The Wicked Bible?	4. It mistakenly omitted the word "not" from the commandment "Thou shalt not commit adultery"	4. The "Wicked Bible" was so named because it accidentally omitted the word "not" in the commandment against adultery, reading "Thou shalt commit adultery."
5. What is the name of the best-preserved castle in West Sussex?	5. Arundel Castle	5. Arundel Castle, dating back to 1067, is one of the longest-inhabited and best-preserved castles in England. It remains the seat of the Duke of Norfolk and is open to the public.
6. What is the traditional nickname given to the Yeoman Warders who guard the Tower of London?	6. Beefeaters	6. The Tower guards are known as Beefeaters, possibly because they were historically paid in beef!
7. Which anti-Catholic conspiracy, fabricated by Titus Oates and Israel Tonge in 1678, led to a major political scandal in England?	7. The Popish Plot	7. The Popish Plot caused widespread hysteria, wrongful executions, and political turmoil in England despite being completely fabricated.
8. According to Archimedes, what is the shortest distance between two points?	8. A straight line	8. Archimedes' work laid the foundations for geometry, influencing science and mathematics for centuries.
9. What is the only even prime number?	9. 2	9. 2 is unique because it's the only even number divisible by only itself and 1; all other even numbers are divisible by 2.
10. According to legend, British peers sentenced to death were granted the privilege of being hanged with what kind of rope?	10. Silk rope	10. It's said that noble prisoners were hanged with a silk rope as a mark of their social rank — a small, morbid privilege reserved for aristocrats.
11. Which British retailer and manufacturer, founded in 1887, is renowned for its luxury diaries and stationery?	11. Smythson	11. Smythson has provided luxury stationery to British royalty, world leaders, and Hollywood icons. Its famous featherweight diary is a hallmark of elegant organisation.
12. What is the name for closed, low-cut women's shoes featuring one or more straps across the instep?	12. Mary Janes	12. Mary Janes became popular as girls' school shoes, but the style also appeared in early fashion icons and comic strips. They're now worn across generations and styles.