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Quiz 5



"Quiz like nobody's Googling"

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

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8. Which legendary rock band played their final live concert at Knebworth, Hertfordshire, in front of 120,000 fans in August 1986?
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10. Which East Sussex resort town opened the UK's first official nudist beach at Black Rock in August 1979?
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12. After the death of Queen Victoria, which of her children was crowned King of the United Kingdom in August 1902?



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QUESTION	ANSWER	DID YOU KNOW?
1. Which member of the British Royal Family officially retired from public duties at the age of 96 in August 2017?	1. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh	1. Prince Philip completed more than 22,000 solo engagements before his retirement—making him one of the most active royals in history!
2. Which British cyclist matched Sir Steve Redgrave's record of five Olympic gold medals by winning the men's team sprint at the London 2012 Olympics?	2. Sir Chris Hoy	2. Sir Chris Hoy's gold in 2012 made him the most decorated British Olympian at the time, and he later went on to win six Olympic golds in total!
3. What supernatural thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment, shocked audiences when it hit cinemas in August 1999?	3. The Sixth Sense	3. The Sixth Sense was nominated for six Academy Awards and is best remembered for the chilling line: "I see dead people."
4. Which leisure centre in Douglas, Isle of Man, was the site of a tragic fire in August 1973 that claimed the lives of 50 people?	4. Summerland Leisure Centre	4. The Summerland fire remains one of the worst peacetime fire disasters in British history. It led to significant changes in fire safety regulations across the UK.
5. Which famous scientist wrote to U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt in August 1939, warning that Nazi Germany might be developing atomic weapons?	5. Albert Einstein	5. Although Einstein signed the letter, it was physicist Leo Szilard who drafted it. This letter ultimately led to the formation of the Manhattan Project, which developed the first nuclear bombs.
6. Which King of England died after being struck by an arrow during a hunting trip in the New Forest in August 1100—an incident some historians now suspect was not an accident?	6. King William II (William Rufus)	6. Although officially ruled an accident, many now believe William Rufus may have been assassinated, possibly as part of a plot to place his brother, Henry I, on the throne.
7. Who succeeded Paddy Ashdown as the leader of the Liberal Democrats in August 1999?	7. Charles Kennedy	7. Charles Kennedy was only 39 years old when he became leader, making him the youngest leader of a major British political party at the time.
8. Which legendary rock band played their final live concert at Knebworth, Hertfordshire, in front of 120,000 fans in August 1986?	8. Queen	8. This concert marked Freddie Mercury's last live performance with Queen, making it an emotional and iconic farewell for fans.
9. Which British athlete won his second Olympic gold medal in the decathlon at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, having won his first in Moscow in 1980?	9. Daley Thompson	9. Daley Thompson remains one of only two decathletes to win back-to-back Olympic gold medals, a feat considered one of the toughest in athletics.
10. Which East Sussex resort town opened the UK's first official nudist beach at Black Rock in August 1979?	10. Brighton	10. Brighton's liberal reputation was further cemented with the opening of Black Rock Beach, now a well-known symbol of body positivity and freedom.
11. Following the bombing of Hiroshima, which Japanese city was devastated by a second U.S. atomic bomb in August 1945, killing approximately 80,000 people?	11. Nagasaki	11. The bombing of Nagasaki occurred just three days after Hiroshima and led to Japan's surrender, effectively ending World War II.
12. After the death of Queen Victoria, which of her children was crowned King of the United Kingdom in August 1902?	12. Edward VII	12. Edward VII was already 59 when he became king, having waited longer than any British heir in history at that time.