



Unorthodox Paradox

Quiz 1



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Question	Answer	Did You Know?
1. Under historic English law, what were men over the age of 14 required to do for two hours each week - Practice with a longbow or Read the Bible?	1. Practice with a longbow	1. 🏹 This medieval law dates back to Edward III's reign — archery practice was mandatory to keep men prepared for battle, especially with the longbow, a key weapon in English warfare.
2. At Portugal's São João Festival, what do people traditionally hit each other on the head with - A handkerchief, A frying pan or A plastic hammer?	2. A plastic hammer	2. 🔨 Plastic hammers are now a beloved (and harmless) tradition in the São João Festival, where revelers bop each other in celebration. The festival dates back to ancient midsummer traditions.
3. By approximately how much does water expand when it freezes - 5%, 10% or 15%?	3. 10%	3. 💧 Water expands about 10% when it freezes — that's why ice can crack pipes and why it floats, forming an insulating layer over lakes in winter.
4. What facial feature is missing from Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa - Fingernails or Eyebrows?	4. Eyebrows	4. 🖼️ The Mona Lisa has no visible eyebrows or eyelashes — possibly because they faded or because da Vinci never fully painted them due to his layering technique or artistic intent.
5. To the nearest 5,000, how many cups of tea does the average Briton drink in a lifetime - 25,000, 55,000 or 75,000?	5. 55,000	5. ☕ That's around 3 cups a day! The UK remains one of the world's biggest tea-drinking nations.
6. What name was first given to the planet Uranus when it was discovered in 1781 - George or Edward?	6. George	6. 🪐 Uranus was originally named Georgium Sidus (George's Star) by its discoverer William Herschel, in honor of King George III.
7. Which of the following has been falsely claimed to be illegal on the witness stand in a Los Angeles courtroom - Laughing, Picking your nose or Crying?	7. Crying	7. 🗣️ While it's often listed in "weird laws" lists, crying on the witness stand is not illegal in California — it's an urban myth with no legal basis.
8. True or False: There are over 200,000 people named John Smith living in England.	8. False	8. 👤 While "John Smith" is extremely common, there are far fewer than 200,000 of them in England — but it's still a popular placeholder name.
9. In 2007, Markus Stöckl reached 130.7 mph while descending a Chilean mountain. What was he riding - A bicycle or A skateboard?	9. A bicycle	9. 🚴 Markus Stöckl set a world speed record for descending on a mountain bike — hitting 130.7 mph on a Chilean volcano in 2007!
10. Which vegetable was originally purple before the 17th century - Carrot, Potato or Cucumber?	10. Carrot	10. 🥕 Carrots were originally purple! The orange variety was bred in the Netherlands during the 17th century, possibly to honor the House of Orange.
11. The average Brit eats around 50 tonnes of food in a lifetime. How much solid waste does that produce - 3 tonnes, 9 tonnes or 20 tonnes?	11. 9 tonnes	11. 🗑️ While 50 tonnes of food are consumed in a lifetime, about 9 tonnes leave the body as solid waste — thanks to the efficiency of digestion.
12. What are the only two common English words that end in "-gry"?	12. Angry and Hungry	12. 😡 Only "angry" and "hungry" are the common English words that end in "-gry." Others exist but are extremely obscure or archaic.