



Unorthodox Paradox

Quiz 3



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2. Which music mogul began his career in the EMI Records mailroom - Simon Cowell, Liam Gallagher or Pete Tong?
3. What is the only country that doesn't include its name on its postage stamps - United Kingdom, Vatican City or Switzerland?
4. Which Royal Household position was abolished after Oliver Cromwell dissolved the monarchy in 1649 - Chief Swan Roaster, State Jester or King's Pipe Cleaner?
5. Which name is it illegal to give a pig in France - Napoleon, Antoinette or Louis?
6. According to Alabama law, what item is banned in church if it causes laughter - Fake moustache, Wig or Funny hat?
7. To the nearest 10, how many times could the UK fit into Russia by land area - 20, 50 or 70?
8. True or False: A blind chameleon can still change its colour.
9. Which land animal has the largest eyes - Elephant, Giraffe or Ostrich?
10. True or False: Humans share 98.4% of their DNA with the common garden slug.
11. In medieval castles, which direction did spiral staircases usually turn - Clockwise or Anti-clockwise?
12. What is the most popular name for a pub in the United Kingdom - The Red Lion, The Queen's Head or The Swan?



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Question	Answer	Did You Know?
1. In London’s historic Smithfield Market, what job does a “bummaree” do - Butcher, Washer-upper or Porter?	1. Porter	1. 🛒 The term bummaree is unique to Smithfield and Billingsgate Markets and refers to someone who sells leftover goods at the end of the trading day.
2. Which music mogul began his career in the EMI Records mailroom - Simon Cowell, Liam Gallagher or Pete Tong?	2. Simon Cowell	2. 📄 Before becoming the face of talent shows, Simon Cowell was literally pushing paper at EMI — proving that even a superstar judge has to start somewhere!
3. What is the only country that doesn’t include its name on its postage stamps - United Kingdom, Vatican City or Switzerland?	3. United Kingdom	3. 📬 The UK invented the postage stamp (the Penny Black), so it never needed to put its name on it — a tradition that continues to this day.
4. Which Royal Household position was abolished after Oliver Cromwell dissolved the monarchy in 1649 - Chief Swan Roaster, State Jester or King’s Pipe Cleaner?	4. State Jester	4. 🎭 The role of the royal jester was eliminated after the monarchy was abolished in 1649 — and despite the Restoration, the position was never officially brought back!
5. Which name is it illegal to give a pig in France - Napoleon, Antoinette or Louis?	5. Napoleon	5. 🐷 Under French law, naming a pig Napoleon is considered disrespectful to the historical figure — even if the pig doesn’t mind!
6. According to Alabama law, what item is banned in church if it causes laughter - Fake moustache, Wig or Funny hat?	6. Fake moustache	6. 😂 This bizarre law is one of many quirky U.S. state laws that are technically still in the books — laughter is not always the best medicine!
7. To the nearest 10, how many times could the UK fit into Russia by land area - 20, 50 or 70?	7. 70	7. 🌍 Russia is the largest country in the world — about 70 times bigger than the UK, covering over 17 million square kilometres!
8. True or False: A blind chameleon can still change its colour.	8. True	8. 🦎 Chameleons don’t rely on sight to change colour — their skin responds to light, temperature, and emotional states, thanks to special cells called chromatophores.
9. Which land animal has the largest eyes - Elephant, Giraffe or Ostrich?	9. Ostrich	9. 🦋 An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain! Each eye is roughly the size of a billiard ball — perfect for spotting predators across vast savannas.
10. True or False: Humans share 98.4% of their DNA with the common garden slug.	10. False	10. 🧬 While humans share surprising amounts of DNA with many organisms, we only share about 70% with slugs — far less than with primates!
11. In medieval castles, which direction did spiral staircases usually turn - Clockwise or Anti-clockwise?	11. Clockwise	11. 🏰 Clockwise stairs favoured right-handed defenders descending from above — giving them more room to swing swords against invading lefties!
12. What is the most popular name for a pub in the United Kingdom - The Red Lion, The Queen’s Head or The Swan?	12. The Red Lion	12. 🍺 There are over 500 pubs called The Red Lion in the UK — it’s a royal symbol adopted after James I unified England and Scotland.