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ANSWERS

1. Shameless
2. Melanie (Mel) Bush
3. Steptoe and Son
4. Compo Simmonite, Norman Clegg, and Cyril Blamire
5. The Crystal Maze
6. Panorama
7. Bread
8. Katy Wix
9. Vienna
10. World in Action
11. Red Dwarf
12. Extras



FUN FACTS

1. 📺 Created by Paul Abbott, ran from 2004 to 2013 and followed the chaotic lives of the Gallagher family and their neighbours. It was praised for its raw portrayal of working-class life.
2. 🚀 Played by Bonnie Langford, Mel originally appeared alongside the Sixth and Seventh Doctors in the 1980s and returned to the TARDIS in the new era under showrunner Russell T Davies.
3. 🐾 A classic British sitcom about a father-and-son rag-and-bone business. The show, which ran from 1962 to 1974, was a major influence on later sitcoms.
4. 🧐 The show began in 1973 with these three characters. Michael Bates (Blamire) was later replaced by Brian Wilde as Foggy when Bates left the show due to ill health.
5. 🎮 A cult-favourite UK game show that aired in the 1990s and was later revived. Contestants navigated themed zones to win crystals for time in the final "Crystal Dome."
6. 🍝 The hoax report claimed Swiss farmers were harvesting spaghetti from trees. It was so convincing that viewers contacted the BBC asking how to grow their own spaghetti trees!
7. 📦 Created by Carla Lane, was one of the most-watched UK television series during the late 1980s.
8. 🎭 Also known for her role in Not Going Out and has authored several books.
9. 🐱 The cat symbolised Rigsby's grumpy yet oddly sentimental character—he often showed more affection to the cat than to the tenants.
10. 📰 Often sparked political controversy and public debate, and its fearless style helped inspire later investigative journalism formats.
11. 🚀 Inspired novels, a stage show, and even a U.S. remake attempt. It's a cult favourite among sci-fi fans.
12. 🎵 The series featured celebrities parodying themselves, including David Bowie writing a song mocking Gervais's character.

