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## Welcome Quizmasters!



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# Quiz Night #11



## QUESTIONS

1. Which American gangster, once imprisoned in Alcatraz, died in Florida in January 1947 at age 48, suffering from complications related to syphilis?
2. In February 2008, Prince Harry returned from a secret military deployment in which war zone?
3. Who made his last diary entry on 29 March 1912, writing, "The end cannot be far," during his ill-fated return from the South Pole, and is believed to have died that same day at age 43?
4. What were used for the first time by police officers in the UK on the streets of London in April 1921?
5. Following the Heysel Stadium disaster in Brussels, which claimed the lives of 39 fans, which football teams did the Football Association ban from European competition in May 1985?
6. Who was sentenced to 20 years in a U.S. prison in June 2022 for sex trafficking crimes linked to convicted abuser Jeffrey Epstein?
7. In July 2025, which player made history as the first-ever £1 million signing in women's football?
8. On August 7, 1974, Philippe Petit performed a daring high-wire walk between which two famous skyscrapers in New York City?
9. Which Christian festival is celebrated annually on 29 September?
10. Which boxer did Tyson Fury defeat in October 2021 to retain his WBC heavyweight titles?
11. Which version of Windows was released in November 1985?
12. Fire crews raced to which tourist attraction after reports that the structure was on fire in December 2023, only for the blaze to turn out to be orange netting blowing in the wind?

## ANSWERS & FUN FACTS

1.  **Al Capone** – the notorious Prohibition-era gangster, suffered from advanced syphilis after his release from prison and died of heart failure in 1947.
2.  **Afghanistan** – Prince Harry served as a forward air controller in Helmand Province. His deployment was kept secret for ten weeks by a media blackout agreement until it was leaked by foreign media.
3.  **Captain Robert Falcon Scott** – The British explorer led a doomed expedition to the South Pole. His final diary entries are among the most poignant in exploration history.
4.  **Motorbikes** – In April 1921, police officers in the UK began using motorbikes for the first time on the streets of London. This innovation improved response times and marked a new era in police mobility.
5.  **All English Clubs** – After the Heysel Stadium disaster during the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus, the Football Association banned all English clubs from European competition. Liverpool received an extended ban beyond the general suspension.
6.  **Ghislaine Maxwell** – a British socialite, was found guilty of recruiting and grooming young girls for Jeffrey Epstein. Her trial revealed disturbing details about their decades-long abuse network.
7.  **Olivia Smith** – transferred from Liverpool to Arsenal for £1 million—setting a new world record in the women's game.
8.  **The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center** – Petit's high-wire act was unauthorized and took six years to plan. His performance was later turned into a documentary and a feature film.
9.  **Michaelmas** – also known as the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, was once one of the quarter days in the UK—traditionally when rents were due, and servants were hired. It also marked the end of the harvest season in medieval times.
10.  **Deontay Wilder** – Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder's 2021 bout was their third and final fight in a dramatic trilogy. Fury won by 11th-round knockout in what's considered one of the greatest heavyweight fights of the modern era.
11.  **Windows 1.0** – was the very first version of Microsoft Windows, marking the start of the Windows era.
12.  **Blackpool Tower** – In December 2023, fire crews rushed to Blackpool Tower, one of Britain's most iconic landmarks, after reports of a fire—but it turned out the 'flames' were just orange netting fluttering in the wind.

## QUESTIONS

1. On which television show did the character Alan Partridge make his first appearance?
2. Who presented Match of the Day before Gary Lineker took over in the 1990s?
3. What is the name of Robert De Niro's cat in the Meet the Parents films?
4. Which 1957 Stanley Kubrick film starred Kirk Douglas as Colonel Dax?
5. Which singer, born in 1959, is better known by her stage name Sade?
6. Which actor narrated The Wombles television series in the 1970s?
7. Which aristocrat's Labrador Retrievers were named Isis and Pharaoh?
8. What was Arthur Daley's favourite pub in Minder?
9. What is the name of the fictional Essex town where Detectorists is set?
10. What is the name of the rogue garden gnome in Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl?
11. Who played Buffy in the TV series Buffy the Vampire Slayer?
12. Serena Williams is married to the co-founder of which popular social media platform?

## ANSWERS & FUN FACTS

1. 📺 **The Day Today** - Alan Partridge, played by Steve Coogan, first appeared as a sports presenter on The Day Today in 1994 before starring in his own shows.
2. 🌐 **Des Lynam** - was the suave and calm presenter of Match of the Day before Gary Lineker took over in 1999.
3. 🐾 **Mr. Jinx** - the Himalayan cat in Meet the Parents, was famous for being toilet-trained, adding to the film's comedy.
4. 🎖️ **Paths of Glory** - is an acclaimed anti-war film based on real WWI events, directed by Stanley Kubrick.
5. 🎵 **Helen Folasade Adu** - Sade's debut album Diamond Life is one of the best-selling albums of the 1980s, showcasing her unique blend of soul and jazz.
6. 🗣️ **Bernard Cribbins** - he provided all the voices for The Wombles, becoming a beloved figure in children's TV.
7. 🐕 **The Earl of Grantham, Robert Crawley** - Lord Grantham's dogs, Isis and Pharaoh, featured regularly in Downton Abbey, with Isis being quietly written out due to the name's later political associations.
8. 🍺 **The Winchester Club** - Arthur Daley's favourite pub and the setting for many of his schemes in Minder.
9. 🌳 **Danebury** - a fictional town in Essex that perfectly captures the peaceful countryside vibe in Detectorists.
10. 🤖 **Norbot** - a quirky robotic garden helper in Vengeance Most Fowl, showcasing Wallace & Gromit's signature blend of inventive gadgets and humour.
11. 🧛 **Sarah Michelle Gellar** - became a cultural icon playing Buffy, the vampire slayer who fought evil while navigating teen life.
12. 📱 **Reddit** - Alexis Ohanian, co-founder of Reddit, is married to tennis superstar Serena Williams, and they often share glimpses of family life online.

## QUESTIONS

1. Who was the first to famously call former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher the "Iron Lady"?  
The Daily Mirror, a Soviet journalist, or the National Union of Mineworkers?
2. In what year did the first section of the London Underground railway system open?  
1663, 1763, or 1863?
3. When did driving licences become compulsory in the UK?  
1915, 1925, or 1935?
4. For how many years was King George III officially declared insane?  
9 years, 15 years, or 20 years?
5. Molly Bushell became famous for making which traditional sweet?  
Humbugs, Pear Drops, or Everton Toffee?
6. As of a 2025 survey, how many active Scotch whisky distilleries are there in Scotland?  
83, 119, or 151?
7. In which year did Dmitri Mendeleev publish the first recognizable periodic table?  
1869, 1889, or 1909?
8. Which Australian soap opera debuted on UK television in October 1986 and quickly became a hit?  
Home and Away, Neighbours, or Son's and Daughter's?
9. What breed of dog was Beethoven in the 1992 family comedy film Beethoven?  
Great Dane, St. Bernard or, Irish Wolfhound
10. The famous closing line "Well, nobody's perfect" comes from which 1959 film starring Marilyn Monroe?  
The Prince and the Show Girl, Some Like It Hot or There's No Business Like Show Business
11. Which English city was originally founded by the Romans as the spa town of Aquae Sulis?  
Bath, Birmingham or Bristol
12. In which 1975 British comedy film did Michael Palin portray the eccentric leader of the "Knights Who Say Ni"?  
Monty Python's The Meaning of Life, Monty Python and the Holy Grail or Monty Python's The Life of Brian













## ANSWERS & FUN FACTS

1. 🇷🇺 **A Soviet Journalist** – The nickname "Iron Lady" was coined by Soviet journalist Yuri Gavrilov in 1976 to criticize Thatcher's tough stance against the USSR. Thatcher embraced the title as a symbol of strength.
2. 🚇 **1863** - The Metropolitan Railway, was the world's first underground railway, running between Paddington and Farringdon.
3. 📄 **1935** – Although the Motor Car Act 1903 introduced licensing, it wasn't until 1935 that driving licences became compulsory for all UK drivers.
4. 👑 **9 years** – King George III was declared unfit to rule in 1811 due to mental illness, leading to the Regency period under his son, which lasted about 9 years until George's death in 1820.
5. 🍬 **Everton Toffee** - Molly Bushell was a 19th-century sweet maker famous for Everton Toffee, a traditional hard toffee sweet originating from Liverpool.
6. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 **151** – The number of active Scotch whisky distilleries in Scotland continues to grow, reaching approximately 151 in 2025 due to increasing global demand and new distillery openings.
7. 📖 **1869** – Mendeleev's periodic table organized elements by atomic weight and properties, predicting undiscovered elements with remarkable accuracy.
8. 🏠 **Neighbours** – helped launch the careers of stars like Kylie Minogue, Guy Pearce, and Margot Robbie.
9. 🐾 **St. Bernard** – famous for their historical role as rescue dogs in the Swiss Alps—and their huge size and gentle temperament make them perfect for films.
10. 🎬 **Some Like It Hot** – This iconic line was a last-minute addition by writer-director Billy Wilder and has since become one of the most quoted lines in film history.
11. 🛀 **Bath** – home to some of the best-preserved Roman baths in the world, which can still be visited today.
12. 🎭 **Monty Python and the Holy Grail** – The film was made on a shoestring budget, and many scenes were shot in the same few locations in Scotland with reused props.

## QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the strip of leather that barbers use to sharpen cut-throat razors?
2. In online chatting or texting, what does the phrase "BT DUBS" stand for?
3. By what name is Arthur Wellesley more famously known?
4. Which river does the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge span?
5. The Torino Scale is used to categorize the impact hazard of what?
6. Rose Gold is an alloy of gold and which other metal?
7. The Gracie Mansion in New York City is the official residence of whom?
8. What surname did Russian dictator Joseph Dzhugashvili assume?
9. How many members of the pop group ABBA were born in Sweden?
10. What name is given to the yellowing of the skin and eyes often associated with hepatitis?
11. Who holds the title "Lord High Everything Else" in Gilbert and Sullivan's opera The Mikado?
12. Which German city is traditionally known as the centre of toy making?

## ANSWERS & FUN FACTS

1.  **Strop** - Barbers use a leather strop to realign and polish the edge of a razor blade, keeping it sharp and ready for a smooth shave.
2.  **By The Way** - "BT DUBS" is a playful way to say "By The Way," combining the initials BT and the pronunciation of W ("double-u").
3.  **1st Duke of Wellington** - defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, cementing his place in British history.
4.  **Thames** - The Queen Elizabeth II Bridge is part of the Dartford Crossing, connecting Essex and Kent over the Thames.
5.  **Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) eg asteroids/comets** - The Torino Scale helps scientists communicate the risk level of asteroid or comet impacts on Earth, ranging from 0 (no risk) to 10 (certain collision).
6.  **Copper and sometimes Silver** - The copper in rose gold gives it a distinctive warm, pinkish hue that has made it popular in jewelry.
7.  **The Mayor of New York City** - Gracie Mansion has been the official mayoral residence since 1942 and is located in Manhattan's Carl Schurz Park.
8.  **Stalin** - his adopted surname means "man of steel" in Russian, reflecting his image as a strong leader.
9.  **Three ABBA's (Agnetha, Björn and Benny)** - Anni-Frid was born in Norway; the other three members were born in Sweden.
10.  **Jaundice** - occurs when excess bilirubin builds up in the body, often signaling liver problems like hepatitis.
11.  **Pooh-Bah** - holds multiple offices and titles in The Mikado, earning him the humorous title "Lord High Everything Else."
12.  **Nuremberg** - hosts one of the world's largest toy fairs and has a centuries-old tradition of toy manufacturing.

# Quiz Night

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