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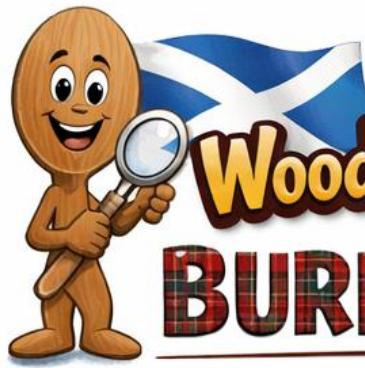
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### PART 1: ROBERT BURNS – THE MAN

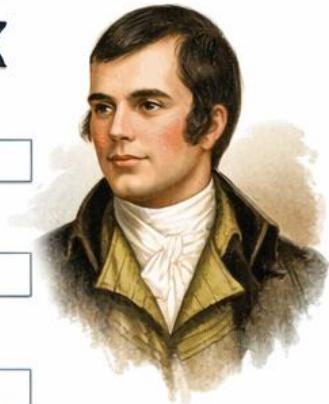
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### PART 2: POEMS, SONGS & FAMOUS WORDS

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### PART 4: SCOTLAND & CULTURE



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17. What tartan garment is traditionally worn by men at formal Scottish events?

18. What is the name of the Scottish parliament building located in Edinburgh?



19. Which famous loch is associated with a legendary monster?



20. What is the capital city of Scotland?





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### PART 6: QUICK-FIRE SCOTLAND

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43. What grain is essential in the production of Scotch whisky?

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## ROUND 10: FINAL QUICK-FIRE – BURNS NIGHT EDITION

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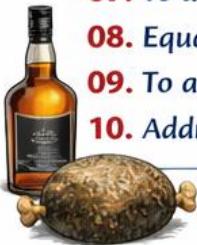
## ANSWERS

### PART 1:

01. The Ploughman Poet (AKA: The Bard of Ayrshire)
02. 1759
03. Excise Officer (Tax Collector)
04. Ayrshire
05. 37

### PART 2:

06. Auld Lang Syne
07. To a Mouse
08. Equality / Social Equality
09. To a Mouse
10. Address to a Haggis



### PART 3:

11. Haggis
12. Scotch Whisky
13. The Host (or a designated, honoured guest)
14. Toast to the Lassies
15. Reply to the Toast to the Lassies



### PART 4:

16. The Thistle
17. The Kilt
18. The Scottish Parliament Building
19. Loch Ness
20. Edinburgh

### PART 5:

21. False-Most are written in Braid (Scots-English dialect)

22. True
23. False - it is his Birthday
24. False - Most likely the Middle East
25. True





## PART 6

- 26. Ben Nevis
- 27. The North Channel
- 28. Seannnhair, Granny, Nana, Gran
- 29. Loch Lomond
- 30. Blue, specifically a bright azure



## PART 8

- 36. Mind
- 37. June
- 38. Beastie
- 39. A'that
- 40. Face



## PART 10

- 46. Alloway
- 47. Neeps and Tatties
- 48. Bagpipes
- 49. 25 January
- 50. Mythical Unicorn



## PART 7

- 31. Fine, excellent, lovely, or pleasant
- 32. Haver / Havering
- 33. Weather that is dull, grey, damp, cold, miserable
- 34. Groceries / Shopping
- 35. "To know", to understand, or to be aware of



## PART 9

- 41. 3 years
- 42. Islay
- 43. Malted Barley
- 44. Single Malt Whisky
- 45. Dram (a "wee dram")



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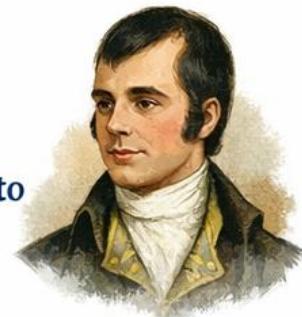
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Burns Night is basically Scotland's most literary excuse to drink whisky – poetry optional, hangover guaranteed.



Robert Burns was only 37 when he died, yet still managed to become Scotland's national poet and the country's favourite reason for a January knees-up.



Haggis is traditionally piped into the room because... well... if you saw it arrive quietly, you might refuse to eat it.



"Address to a Haggis" is recited in Scots dialect – meaning half the room applauds politely while having no idea what was just said.



Neeps and tatties are served with haggis mainly to reassure people that something on the plate looks familiar.



"Auld Lang Syne" is sung worldwide on New Year's Eve, but most people have no clue it was written by a man who also enjoyed good pub session.



Scotland's national animal is the unicorn – proving Scots are confident enough to pick a mythical beast and stick with it.



The traditional small whisky at Burns Night is a 'dram' – which in pub terms usually means 'one that mysteriously refills itself.'



Burns Suppers didn't become popular until after his death – proving appreciation is always louder when the tab's already open.



Burns Night is celebrated on January 25th, strategically placed to lift morale during the bleakest, coldest, most wallet-empty month of the year.

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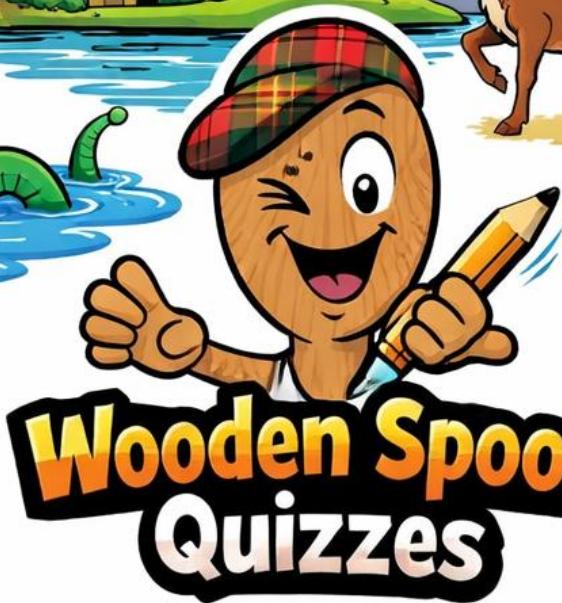
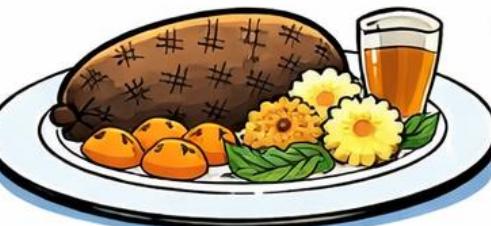
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