

Wooden Spoon Quizzes

Thru-the-Years

1980s

Films Quiz #4

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1. Kevin Bacon
2. Beetlejuice
3. Qantas
4. E-Buzz
5. She forces Freddy to see his own reflection, causing the trapped souls within him to tear him apart
6. Henry Thomas
7. On Golden Pond
8. A flare gun
9. An owl
10. A duck
11. Jeff Goldblum
12. Patsy Kensit



ONE FOR THE BAR!

1. 🍺 Footloose made Kevin Bacon such a star that the "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" game was later created around his huge number of film connections.
2. 🎭 Michael Keaton appears on screen for less than 20 minutes in Beetlejuice, despite the film being named after his character.
3. ✈️ Raymond's trust in Qantas wasn't just movie fiction—Qantas has long been celebrated for its outstanding safety record.
4. 🐕 The dog playing E-Buzz reportedly became a favourite with the child actors during filming and often stole scenes without meaning to.
5. 🎭 Freddy's gruesome defeat in The Dream Master was achieved using a mixture of practical effects, puppets and stop-motion animation.
6. 🚲 Henry Thomas won the role of Elliott after an emotional audition that reportedly moved director Steven Spielberg to tears.
7. 🎬 On Golden Pond marked the first and only time Henry Fonda and Jane Fonda appeared together in a feature film.
8. 🎆 Brian's flare gun wasn't intended as a weapon—he brought it to school to impress classmates, with disastrous results.
9. 🦉 The owl seen at the start of Labyrinth was one of the earliest examples of a realistically rendered CGI animal in a feature film.
10. 🦇 Marvel published Howard the Duck comics years before the film, making him one of the strangest superheroes ever adapted for the big screen.
11. 🧑‍🎨 Jeff Goldblum spent hours each day in the make-up chair as Seth Brundle's transformation became progressively more horrifying.
12. 🇬🇧 Patsy Kensit was already a familiar face in Britain before Lethal Weapon 2, having begun acting professionally as a child.

