

TRIVIAL PURSUIT GAME

QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS



Trivial Pursuit is a good game to play in groups. Because questions are in different categories, the game can highlight different teammates' areas of expertise and give each player a chance to shine. Plus, since teams need one question in each category to win, the game encourages teams to work together and pool their knowledge.

Arts & Literature Trivial Pursuit questions

Q: Which classic novel opens with the line "Call Me Ishmael"? A: Moby Dick

Q: Which famous English author wrote "The Tempest"? A: William Shakespeare

Q: Who wrote the satirical essay "A Modest Proposal"? A: Jonathan Swift

Q: What was the original title of the classic novel Pride & Prejudice by Jane Austen? A: First Impressions

Q: The Last Supper was painted by which artist? A: Leonardo DiVinci

Q: Samuel Langhorne Clemens is the birth name of which famous American author? A: Mark Twain

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Q: Which American writer was descended from the real life counterpart of a character portrayed in The Crucible? A: Nathaniel Hawthorne

Q: This famous painter originally dreamed of becoming a doctor before a bus crash left her with severe injuries. A: Freida Kahlo

Q: Which famous artist made headlines by shredding a piece of his artwork that was up for auction the moment it was sold? A: Banksy

Q: True or false: Toni Morrison won the Nobel Prize in Literature? A: True

Q: Which fairytale is found in almost every culture and language? A: Cinderella

Q: Which Latinx author is known as "the father of magical realism"? A: Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Q: Which poet wrote the poem "Lady Lazarus"? A: Sylvia Plath

Q: Which famous artist designed the logo for Chupa Chups lollipops? A: Salvador Dali

Q: Which writer's autobiography was titled "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"? A: Maya Angelou

Q: What is the literary term for a word that describes a sound? A: Onomatopoeia

Q: True or False: Dorothea Lange was the photographer that shot the famous Depression-era photo "Migrant Mother." A: True

Q: Frank Lloyd Wright designed a house that included a waterfall. What is the name of this building? A: Fallingwater

Q: This style of art and architecture is largely inspired by the natural curve of plants and flowers, and can often be found on the labels of Absinthe bottles. A: Art Nouveau

Q: In *The Great Gatsby*, the billboard for Dr. Eckleburg features what body part? A: Eyes

Q: What painter is most famous for his series of water lilies? A: Claude Monet

Q: What is the name of the protagonist detective in Agatha Christie's most famous book series? A: Hercule Poirot

Q: How many years did it take Michelangelo to paint the Sistine Chapel? A: Four

Q: True or false: Vincent van Gogh never sold a painting in his lifetime. A: False. (The legend goes that he only sold one, but evidence points to him selling at least two. Still, he sold very little.)

Q: Chartreuse is what color? A: Yellowish Green (Ok to accept yellow or green as an answer.)

Q: There is a statue of what animal on Wall Street? A: Charging Bull

Q: What artist said, "we don't make mistakes, just happy little accidents?" A: Bob Ross

General knowledge and culture

Q: Which kind of nut can be used to produce dynamite? A: Peanut

Q: To "copy" and "paste" a document on most computers, we can use the shortcut "Ctrl + C" and "Ctrl + V". A: V

Q: Which kind of product is produced by Rolex? A: Rolex

Q: A crab is the symbol of which horoscope sign? A: Cancer

Q: What is sushi often wrapped in? A: Seaweed

Q: What do we call a group of unicorns? A: A blessing

Q: Gregor Mendel is considered to be the father of the modern study of what? A: Genetics

Q: What is the meaning of the letter "R" on movie rating? A: Restricted

Q: The car crash that killed Princess Diana occurred in which city? A: Paris

Q: The Spanish painter Salvador Dali is associated with which art movement? A: Surrealism

Q: How many characters were originally limited on Twitter? A: 140

Q: The word "vomit" was invented by which writer? William Shakespeare

Q: The first colour photo in the world was taken in which year? A: 1861

Q: Sergey Brin and Larry Page originally used which nickname for their search engine, which is currently known as Google? A: BackRub

Q: What is the only country to start with the letter O? A: Oman

Q: Madiba is the nickname of which former world leader? A: Nelson Mandela

Q: Which component of the computer is technically known as the brain? A: CPU

Q: In the 1830s, ketchup was sold for which purpose? A: Medicine

Q: Which edible food never gets expired? A: Honey

Q: What do we call the bottom number of a fraction? A: Denominator

Q: Which river runs through London? A: Thames

Q: When is Boxing Day in the United Kingdom? A: One day after Christmas

Q: How is it called Boxing Day in Italy? A: Santo Stefano

Q: What is the tallest breed of dog? A: Great Dane

Q: What is the most common colour eyes in humans? A: Brown

Q: Which of the following email service is provided by Microsoft? A: Hotmail

Q: Brazil is the largest producer and exporter of which product? A: Coffee

Q: Who starts first in a chess game? A: White

Q: How many weeks are there in one year? A: 52 weeks

Q: Explorer, Firefox, Safari, and Google Chrome are various kinds of what? A: Web browsers

Q: Which automotive company owns famous brands, such as Ducati, Porsche, Audi, Lamborghini, and Bugatti? A: Volkswagen

Q: True or false: Competitive tickling exists. A: True

Entertainment Trivial Pursuit questions

Q: Which rock band holds the record for the best-selling album in UK music history? A: Queen

Q: Which parody award show gives out awards to the year's worst movies and movie actors? A: The Golden Raspberry Awards, aka the Razzies or the Razzie Awards

Q: Which musical was the longest running show on Broadway? A: The Phantom of the Opera

Q: Which childhood star went on to become United States ambassador to Ghana and to Czechoslovakia? A: Shirley Temple

Q: Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta is the real name of which famous singer? A: Lady Gaga

Q: Who was the first African American to win an Academy Award? A: Hattie McDaniel

Q: What year did Leonardo DiCaprio (finally) win his first Oscar? A: 2016

Q: Which actor played James Bond in the most movies? A: Roger Moore

Q: What was the first Netflix show to win an Emmy? A: House of Cards

Q: The movie Blade Runner is based on which book by Sci-Fi writer Philip K Dick? A: Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

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Q: What was the first feature length "Talking" movie with sound? A: The Jazz Singer

Q: What does VHS stand for? A: Video Home System

Q: What is the name of the only comic book character that is legally owned by both Marvel and DC? A: Access

Q: Which celebrity has fulfilled the most Make-A-Wish requests? A: John Cena

Q: Pete Best was the original drummer for which famous band? A: The Beatles

Q: Which anime/manga includes main character who turn into the animals of the Chinese Zodiac? A: Fruits Basket/Furuba

Q: Whitney Houston's hit "I will always love you," was originally written and performed by which musician? A: Dolly Parton

Q: Which was the first Marvel movie without a Stan Lee cameo? A: Spiderman: Far From Home

Q: True or False: The first movie trailer was shown in 1913 A: True

Q: Disney's animated movie Frozen is based on what fairytale? A: The Snow Queen

Q: Michael Myers is the villain of which horror movie franchise? A: Halloween

Q: The character of Fraser Crane originated on which famous 80's sitcom? A: Cheers

Q: What is the name of the main character on Breaking Bad? A: Walter White

Geography Trivial Pursuit questions

Q. There are 4 cities in Britain with underground rail systems, including Glasgow, London, Liverpool, and ...? A: Newcastle

Q: Which of the following is a nickname for Hawaii? A: The Sandwich Islands

Q: Which European country is bordered by Slovakia, Czech Republic, Ukraine, and Germany? A. Poland

Q: Albania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, and Turkey are the four nations that border which country? A: Greece

Q: The largest active volcano in the world is located where? A: Hawaii

Q: What is the term for a series of islands connected under water? A: Archipelago

Q: Which of the following cities - A. St. Petersburg, Russia - B. Minsk, Belarus - C. Istanbul, Turkey is located in both Asia and Europe? A: Istanbul, Turkey

Q: Which country's currency features the "Big 5" animals, aka the lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, and African buffalo? A: South Africa (the South African Rand)

Q: Which country's flag is a yellow stripe on the bottom and a light blue stripe on the top? A: Ukraine

Q: Which country is nicknamed the sugar bowl of the world? A: Cuba

Q: The won is the official currency of which countries? A: North Korea and South Korea (Note- they do not use the same won)

Q: The Dead Sea is located between which two countries? A: Jordan and Israel

Q: Tourists can swim in the sea with pigs in which country? A: Bahamas

Q: What is the only country to start with the letter O? A: Oman

Q: Which country has the largest population of Muslims? A: Indonesia

Q: Angel Falls, the tallest waterfall in the world, is located in which country? A: Venezuela

Q: Which of the following countries do not span two continents: Russia, China, Turkey, Azerbaijan. A: China

Q: Dhaka is the capital of which country? A: Bangladesh

Q: Truth or Consequences is a town located in which US state? A: New Mexico

Q: True or false: Easter Island is located in Chile. A: True

Q: True or false: The Sahara is the largest desert in the world. A: False- The Antarctic is actually the largest desert in the world.

Q: Is the Equator a line of latitude or of longitude? A: Latitude

Q: True or False: The Pacific Island of Tonga is one of the first countries to welcome the new year on New Years Eve? A: True

Q: True or False: The world's largest manmade lake is located in Tanzania? A: False- it is located between Zambia and Zimbabwe

Q: Istanbul used to be called what? A: Constantinople

Q: How many time zones are there in Russia? A: 11

Q: Which continent is also a country? A: Australia

History Trivial Pursuit questions

Q: Which of the 7 wonders of the ancient world still exists today? A: The Great Pyramid of Giza

Q: Before the White House became the official home of US presidents, the first executive mansion was located in which city? A: Philadelphia

Q: The Battle of the Bulge was fought during which war? A: WW2

Q: What is the year of the first recorded flight? A: 1903

Q: This Civil War Nurse founded the American Red Cross A: Clara Barton

Q: True or False: Anne Boleyn was Henry VIII's first wife? A: False. Anne was the second wife, Catherine of Aragon was the first.

Q: Which was built first: the Eiffel Tower or the Panama Canal? A: Eiffel Tower

Q: What was the first known civilization in human history? A: Mesopotamia

Q: Who was the ancient Egyptian sun god? A: Ra

Q: Who is the only US president to have served 3 full terms? A: Franklin D Roosevelt (FDR)

Q: In 1537, Henry VIII officially made which day become a statutory holiday in England? A: Valentine Day

Q: True or false: The current Queen of England (Queen Elizabeth II) is the longest reigning British Monarch? A: True

Q: Who was the first female prime minister of India? A: Indira Gandhi

Q: Madiba is the nickname of which former world leader? A: Nelson Mandela

Q: The assassination of which figure is often thought to be the spark that ignited WW1? A: Archduke Franz Ferdinand

Q: Which of the following was not one of the seven wonders of the ancient world: Library of Alexandria, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Great Pyramid of Giza, Temple Artemis? A: Library of Alexandria (The Lighthouse of Alexandria was the ancient world wonder)

Q: What year did Pakistan gain independence and split from India? A: 1947

Q: During the American Civil Rights movement, Martin Luther King Jr and other activists led a historic march that ended in Montgomery Alabama and started in which city? A: Selma

Q: The Secret Annex where Anne Frank and her family hid is located in which city? A: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Q: Which country first legalized same-sex marriage in 2001? A: The Netherlands

Q: What archeologist discovered King Tut's tomb? A: Howard Carter

Q: True or false: Brazil was the first South American country to gain independence. A: False (It was Columbia)

Q: In 1917, an explosion occurred in the harbor of which city when two ships collided? A: Halifax

Q: From the 16th to 18th centuries, India was ruled by which dynasty? A: Moghuls

Q: The network of trade routes that connected China and the Far East with Europe and the Middle East was known as what? A: Silk Road

Q: Who was the first emperor of the Holy Roman Empire? A: Charlemagne

Q: True or False: The first year on record that Mount Everest was climbed was 1953? A: True

Q: Before Tokyo became the capital city of Japan, where was the capital located? A: Kyoto

Q: True or false: There were widows of US Civil War soldiers alive into the 2000's. A: True (The last known Civil War widow to die was in 2020)

Q: Which civilization was older: the Maya or the Aztecs? A: Maya

Q: The first known democracy in the world was in which city in Greece? A: Athens

Q: True or false: Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull helped lead their people to victory in the Battle of Little Bighorn? A: True

Q: True or false: The Black Death started around 1252 A: False– it began in the 1300's

Science & Nature Trivial Pursuit questions

Q: The Earth is closest to the sun in which month of the year? A: January

Q: HTTP stands for what? A: Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Q: Fe is the abbreviation for which element on the periodic table? A: Iron

Q: True or false: The Giant Panda is currently on the Endangered Species List A: False. The Giant Panda was removed from the endangered list in 2016.

Q: $E=mc^2$ is the formula for which theoretical equation? A: Theory of relativity

Q: Who is the only scientist to have won a Nobel Prize in two different scientific categories? A: Marie Curie

Q: Helianthus is the scientific name for which summer flower? A: Sunflower

Q: What is the typical pH level of pure water? A: Around 7

Q: What is the boiling point of water? A: 100 degrees celsius or 212 degrees Fahrenheit

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Q: Ohms are a measurement of what? A: Electrical resistance/electrical current

Q: True or false: Platypus have venom. A: True

Q: Which dinosaur name means "fast thief:" Velociraptor, Triceratops, Pterodactyl. A: Velociraptor

Q: In which species do males give birth to the young? A: Seahorses

Q: The North Star (Polaris) is located within which constellation? A: Ursa Minor or The Little Dipper

Q: The Orca is also known as what? A: Killer whale

Q: Which of the following astronomers was not exiled or accused of heresy in his lifetime: Galileo Galilei, Nicholas Copernicus, Tycho Brahe? A: Copernicus (He was on good terms with the church, and his findings mostly were not protested until after his death)

Q: Which famous mathematician is credited with discovering gravity? A: Isaac Newton

Q: This British mathematician helped to crack the Enigma code during WW2 and made one of history's earliest computers. A: Alan Turing

Q: True or False: The Stegosaurus and T-rex lived during the same Jurassic period. A: False

Q: The three main parts of the water cycle are evaporation, condensation, and what? A: Precipitation

Q: In the lunar cycle, does the waxing crescent and gibbous come before or after the full moon? A: Before

Q: An educated guess made at the start of an experiment is called what? A: Hypothesis

Q: When two different species help each other out in nature it is often called either a mutualistic or a relationship? A: Symbiotic

Q: Dihydrogen monoxide is a chemical name for what substance? A: Water

Q: A wave of smaller tremors following a larger earthquake is known as what? A: Aftershock

Q: La Niña is a cooling event in the central and eastern tropical Pacific. The opposite phenomenon, aka a heating of these areas, is known as what? A: El Niño

Q: Ornithology is the study of what? A: Birds

Sports & Leisure Trivial Pursuit questions

Q: Which F1 racer wins the most Grand Prix? A: Michael Schumacher

Q: What is the highest possible hand in poker? A: Royal Flush

Q: Which country has hosted the most Olympic games? A: United States

Q: What year did basketball become an Olympic sport? A: 1936

Q: Which team won the first ever Super Bowl? A: Green Bay Packers

Q: The Baseball Hall of Fame is located in which city? A: Cooperstown NY

Q: Which came first: checkers or chess? A: Checkers

Q: Nascar stands for what? A: National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing

Q: Which two styles of dance are mentioned in the NATO phonetic alphabet? A: Foxtrot and Tango

Q: Arnold Palmer was what kind of athlete? A: Golfer

Q: Blue Ribbon Sports was the name of which famous athletic wear company? A: Nike

Q: What term is used to describe a score of zero in tennis? A: Love

Q: A marathon is how many miles? A: 26

Q: A triathlon consists of which three sports? A: Running, swimming, cycling

Q: Nathan's hot dog eating contest takes place in Coney Island on what holiday?
A: The 4th of July

Q: True or false: The first year that the New York Times printed a crossword puzzle was 1942? A: True

Q: The Queen's Gambit is a move in what game? A: Chess

Q: Students just starting to learn karate receive what color belt? A: White

Q: This game is played with a net on a stick. A: Lacrosse

Q: The Rose Bowl takes place in which Californian city? A: Pasadena

Q: A 7-foot orange furry creature named "Gritty," is a team mascot in which sport? A: Hockey

Q: A "pigskin" is the name of the ball in which game? A: Football

Q: True or false: A standard-sized basketball has over 35,000 dots. A: True

Q: What is the most widely played (and watched) sport in the world? A: Soccer

Q: What famous video game character first appeared in Donkey Kong under the name "Jumpman?" A: Super Mario

Q: A pastime that involves using a map and compass to navigate between places is called what? A: Orienteering

Q: True or false: Competitive tickling exists. A: True

Q: The art of folding paper is known as what? A: Origami

Q: Arctophiles collect which of the following objects: Boats, teddy bears, doilies, coins A: Teddy Bears

Q: The practice of moving between point A and B in complex and difficult ways (for example, running up walls and jumping over gaps between buildings) is known as what? A: Parkour

Q: Vintners and sommeliers work with what beverage? A: Wine