



Online Quiz League

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Note to QMs (please read aloud to teams): Players are politely reminded to have their hands in view at all times

| 1a | The Robert Burns poem which opens with the lines "Wee, sleeket, cowran, tim'rous beastie, O, what a panic's in thy beastie" is titled " <i>To a [Blank]</i> ". The name of which small rodent fills the blank?   | <u>Mouse</u>  |
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| 1b | Elle Woods, played by Reece Witherspoon, is the protagonist of which film and its sequel about a fashion major who goes to Harvard Law School?   | <u>Legally Blonde</u>                                       |
| 2a | Which NBA team won their 18th Championship when they defeated the Dallas Mavericks 4-1 in the 2024 NBA Finals? City and Franchise name required.   | Boston Celtics  |
| 2b | Name either of the joint leaders of the Green Party of England at the 2024 General Election. They both won their seats in parliament and therefore half of the Green Party MPs in the UK are co-leaders of the party.  | Carla <u>Denyer</u> or Adrian <u>Ramsey</u> (Accept either) |
| 3a | At the 2023 Golden Joystick Awards, which game, made by Sabotage Studios, won best Indie game? In this game the player controls the two heroes Valerie and Zale as they fight against an alchemist.  | Sea of Stars  |
| 3b | Which transition metal, noted for the bright colours of many of its salts, typically makes up around 16-20% of stainless steel?  | Chromium  |
| 4a | What is the most common foreign language spoken as a first language in England and Wales? Around 1% of the UK population speaks this language and the number of people in the UK who originate from the country where this language originates has increased tenfold since 2001. | <u>Polish</u>   |
| 4b | In June 2024, Thomas Brodie-Sangster of <i>Love Actually</i> fame married which woman who had previously twice been married to Elon Musk?  | Talulah <b>Riley</b>  |
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| 1a | Which fictional school was attended by Daryl Rivers, and later her sister Felicity, in a series of books by Enid Blyton?  | Malory Towers  |
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| 1b | What word comes after 'Golden' in the common English name of a division of the Mongol Empire which was established by Batu Khan in 1242, and was located mainly in modern-day Russia?   | <u>Horde</u>   |
| 2a | Which lake, situated near Argentina's border with Chile, at a maximum depth of approximately 900m is the deepest lake in South America?   | Lake <b>Viedma</b>   |
| 2b | Which Japanese New Wave psychological thriller of 1964 follows the last events of Niki Junpei, an amateur entomologist? It also starred Kyoko Kishida as the title character and was the Japanese submission for the best International Film at the 37th Academy Awards ceremony. | Woman in the Dunes (accept woman of the dunes or Suna No Onna) |
| 3a | In the bible, which man was the wife of Jezebel? He gives his name to a famous literary character.  | <u>Ahab</u>  |
| 3b | For many years the most viewed video on YouTube was a video uploaded by and starring Judson Laipply and was titled <i>The Evolution of [BLANK]</i> . What word fills the blank?   | <u>Dance</u>   |
| 4a | In the netball positions abbreviated to GD, GS, GK and GA, for what does the letter G stand?  | Goal   |
| 4b | What is the more common name of the shrubs known as lonicera?   | <u>Honeysuckle</u>   |

| 1a | In the UK version of the game of Monopoly, the now discontinued Chance card which told a player they'd won a crossword competition also told them to collect how much money?   | M <u>100</u> (Accept £100 or \$100 etc) |
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| 1b | Which American astronomer, who died in 2021, discovered 32 comets and more than 500 asteroids? Her surname appeared in the name of a comet which had huge significance in the 1990s.                                 | Carolyn S <b>Shoemaker</b>              |
| 2a | "I know that I know nothing" is a saying attributed to which ancient Greek philosopher? The saying is derived from his student Plato's account of this philosopher.  | <u>Socrates</u>                         |
| 2b | In the UK National Lottery draw Thunderball, what is the guaranteed prize for matching all 5 main numbers and the Thunderball?   | £500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Pounds) |
| 3a | Which US state is the largest in land area? Its capital is located at Juneau and it has the nickname The Frontier State.   | <u>Alaska</u>                           |
| 3b | In the <i>Ted Lasso</i> series, what is the first name of the owner of AFC Richmond played by Hannah Waddingham? This is also the first name of the character in <i>Cheers</i> who was played by Kirstie Alley.      | <u>Rebecca</u>                          |
| 4a | In 2019 a cover version of which song was released as a single by Norwegian DJ Kygo and the late Whitney Houston? The song, Houston's first posthumous top 10 track, peaked at number 2 in the UK charts.            | <u>Higher Love</u>                      |
| 4b | Which 1815 battle, that took place in what is now Belgium, saw British led forces under the command of the Duke of Wellington defeat a French army under the command of Napoleon and thus ended the Napoleonic wars? | Battle of <b>Waterloo</b>               |

| 1a         | In which African country is the Great Mosque of Djenne located?   | <u>Mali</u>  |
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| 1b         | Both a White Russian and Black Russian cocktail contain vodka and which flavour of liqueur?   | <u>Coffee</u>  |
| 2a         | Perhaps not unsurprisingly given that they are named for the biggest city in the state, which musical act is the highest selling act from the state of Illinois? Some of their most famous hits include 'Hard to Say I'm Sorry' and 'If You leave Me Now'.                              | Chicago  |
| 2b         | Located in the thigh, what is the anatomical name for the longest bone in the human body?   | <u>Femur</u>   |
| 3a         | What name of Roman origin completes the name of the winner of the 2024 Grand National, I am BLANK? The name is also the first name of the character played by Russel Crowe in Gladiator.  | <u>Maximus</u>   |
| 3b         | Who was the fourth wife and also the niece of the emperor Claudius? She was highly powerful and influential and has been described as ruthless and ambitious. She was the mother of emperor Nero, and it is believed that she was killed in 59AD after falling out of favour with Nero. | Agrippina the Younger (Accept Agrippina alone but do not accept Agrippina the older) |
| <b>4</b> a | The composition Ordo Virtutum is the oldest surviving morality play and was written around 1151, who was its composer?  | Hildegard of Bingen (Accept Saint Hildegard or Sibyl of the Rhyme)                   |
| 4b         | In the <i>Gladiators</i> remake, under what name does Emily Steel compete? At 5 feet 5 inches tall she is one of the shorter gladiators and is an elite CrossFit athlete and weightlifter. She walks out to the Jessie J hit "Bang Bang".   | <u>Dynamite</u>  |

## **HALF-TIME - PLEASE CHANGE ORDER**

| 1a         | The Robert Burns poem which opens with the lines "Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great Chieftain o' the Puddin-race" is titled "Address to a [Blank]". What very traditional Scottish food fills the blank?                                      | <u>Haggis</u>                         |
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| 1b         | What is the name of the actress daughter of Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins who in June 2024 married chef Ian Hock? She had previously been married to footballer Kyle Martino.   | Eva <b>Amurri</b>                     |
| 2a         | What is the most common foreign language spoken in Germany? As of the 2015 microcensus there were around 2.9m people in Germany with a migration background from the country where this language originates.   | <u>Turkish</u>                        |
| 2 <b>b</b> | In the <i>Ted Lasso</i> series, what is the first name of the former model turned public relations expert played by Juno Temple? This first name is also the first name of the English actors with the surnames Hazell and Hawes.                    | <u>Keeley</u>                         |
| 3a         | In 2019, which George Michael song was featured in the film Last Christmas and later released as a posthumous single? The song peaked at number 10 in the UK charts.   | This is How (We Want You to Get High) |
| 3b         | An earlier battle in the Napoleonic Wars was which naval engagement of 1805 where an outnumbered British fleet commanded by Admiral Nelson defeated the combined fleets of the French and Spanish navies? Nelson was shot and killed at this battle. | Battle of <u>Trafalgar</u>            |
| 4a         | In the UK version of the game of Monopoly, if a player picks up the Community Chest card telling them they came 2nd in a beauty contest, they collect how much money?  | M <u>10</u> (Accept £10 or \$10 etc)  |
| 4b         | Which transition metal, noted for the bright colours of many of its salts, is the second-densest chemical element after osmium? Until recently, the kilogram was defined in reference to a cylinder made from an alloy of osmium and this element.   | <u>Iridium</u>                        |

| 1a | In which African country is Djamaa el Djazair located? It is the third largest mosque in the world and houses the world's tallest minaret.   | <u>Algeria</u>                  |
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| 1b | The Golden Horde disintegrated following its 1396 invasion by which conqueror, born in modern-day Uzbekistan, who is sometimes known as 'The Lame' due to debilitating injuries he suffered in his youth?                  | <u>Timur</u> (accept Tamerlane) |
| 2a | Sadly very little of her music survives but which woman wrote the 1625 stage work <i>La liberazione di Ruggiero</i> which is considered to be the first opera written by a woman?  | Francesca <u>Caccini</u>        |
| 2b | The three smallest bones in the human body, the stapes, the incus and the malleus are all found in which part of the human body?   | <u>Ear</u>                      |
| 3a | In the netball positions abbreviated to WA and WD, for what does the letter W stand?   | Wing                            |
| 3b | What spirit is the main ingredient of both a Margarita cocktail and a Paloma cocktail?   | <u>Tequila</u>                  |
| 4a | Which fictional school was attended by twins Pat and Isabel O'Sullivan in a series of books by Enid Blyton? The first of these books was titled <i>The Twins at</i>  | St. Clare's                     |
| 4b | The Japanese submission for best International film at the 36th Academy Awards ceremony was what film of 1963 that was based on the novel <i>The Old Capital</i> ? It starred Shima Iwashita as both the title characters. | Twin Sisters of Kyoto           |

| 1a | At the 2023 Golden Joystick Awards, which game, made by Annapurna Interactive, won the Breakthrough Award? In this puzzle adventure game the player must solve puzzles to unravel the mysteries of the universe via controlling a beatle which hops between worlds. | Cocoon                        |
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| 1b | Ellen Ripley, played by Sigourney Weaver, is the protagonist of which sci-film film series set in deep space where Ripley is battling with extraterrestrial lifeform?   | Alien (Accept Aliens)         |
| 2a | The 2024 Stanley Cup, the top prize in Ice Hockey was won by a team from which US State? The 2023 Stanley Cup was won by a different team, also from this state.  | <u>Florida</u>                |
| 2b | In the UK National Lottery draw Set for Life, matching all 5 main numbers and the life ball wins a player how much money every month for 30 years?  | £10,000 (Ten Thousand Pounds) |
| 3a | The saying "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, " comes from a translation of the writings of which German philosopher? Famous works from this philosopher include <i>Ecce Homo</i> and <i>Thus Spoke Zarathustra</i> .                                       | Friedrich <u>Nietzche</u>     |
| 3b | Which German-born British astronomer is often regarded as the first woman to discover a comet and her name forms part of the name of a periodical comet? In total she discovered eight comets and was the first woman to receive a salary as a scientist.           | Caroline <u>Herschel</u>      |
| 4a | Prior to Alaska joining the union, what state was the largest in the US? Its capital is located at Austin and it has the nickname The Lone Star State   | <u>Texas</u>                  |
| 4b | Who is the Chairman of Reform UK? He won his seat as an MP at the 2024 General Election but had stepped aside as leader in the run up to the election to allow Nigel Farage to take on that role.   | Richard <u>Tice</u>           |

| 1a | Which legendary city completes the name of the winner of the 2024 Epsom Derby, City of [BLANK]? The city is also the name of a 2004 film starring Brad Pitt.  | Troy                         |
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| 1b | What is the more common name of the genus of plants known as antirrhinum?   | <u>Snapdragon</u>            |
| 2a | Perhaps a bit surprising given that his surname would suggest he was from Colorado and one of his most famous songs is about Country Roads taking him home to West Virginia, who is the biggest selling musical artist to be from the state of New Mexico?            | John <u><b>Denver</b></u>    |
| 2b | Who was the third wife of Roman emperor Claudius? She was a very powerful and influential woman and her alleged involvement in a conspiracy against Claudius resulted in her execution.   | Valeria <u>Messalina</u>     |
| 3a | As Lake Baikal is located in Asia and not Europe, which Norwegian Lake, which reaches a maximum depth of 514m is the deepest lake in Europe?  | Lake <b>Hornindalsvatnet</b> |
| 3b | In the <i>Gladiators</i> remake, under what name does Jodie Ounsley compete? She is the first ever deaf Gladiator and had previously been the first ever deaf player to play in a Rugby Sevens international match. She walks out to the Ed Sheeran hit "Bad Habits". | Fury                         |
| 4a | In the Bible, which man was the third son of David who was described as 'the handsomest man in the kingdom'? His name is repeated twice in the title of a book of 1936.   | <u>Absalom</u>               |
| 4b | Evolution of Dance was overtaken as the most viewed video on YouTube by a viral video of two children where one of them bites the other. The video was titled, [BLANK] bit my finger. What name fills the blank?  | <u>Charlie</u>               |

We hope you have enjoyed this friendly set. Please remember that the friendlies are written by volunteers who are all members of OQL so please consider that when making comments regarding the friendly set.

### **Spares**

| 1 | Which two names precede "Little Kingdom" in the name of a popular children's TV show?                           | Ben and Holly   |
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| 2 | Australian Sam Kerr, German Alexandra Popp and American Megan Rapinhoe are all famous names in which sport?     | <u>Football</u> |
| 3 | What word can precede "To America" in both the name of a song by Neil Diamond and a film starring Eddie Murphy? | Coming          |
| 4 | Which Greek poet is credited as the author of both <i>Odyssey</i> and <i>Iliad</i> ?                            | <u>Homer</u>    |