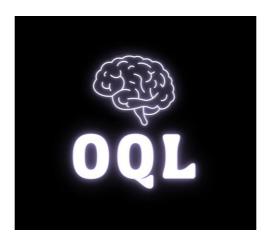
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# **Online Quiz League**

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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 | Which artist was a part of the Fluxus movement, created the instructional book <i>Grapefruit</i> and currently has a retrospective in the Tate Modern? She was also the wife of musician John Lennon.   | Yoko <u>Ono</u>  |
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| 1b | In 2023, <b>Which artist</b> won the first ever Grammy award for best score soundtrack for video games and other interactive media, for her work on <i>Assassin's Creed Valhalla: Dawn of Ragnarök</i> ?  | Stephanie <u>Economou</u>                                  |
| 2a | In 2023, Media company Buzzfeed published a series of AI-generated pictures of Barbie from different countries. Which African country, that came into existence this century, had a Barbie generated holding a gun?   | South Sudan  |
| 2b | Which actress won an Oscar for her debut feature film performance in 1964? The following year, she played novice nun Maria Von Trapp in <i>The Sound of Music</i> .   | Julie <u>Andrews</u>                                       |
| 3a | In NBA and WNBA basketball games, <b>how much time is put on the shot clock</b> when a team takes possession of the ball? The rule was conceived on the basis of allowing around 120 shots per game.  | 24 seconds   |
| 3b | In mathematics, <b>what family of curves</b> can be described by a quadratic equation of the form <i>y=a x squared +b x+c</i> ? A three-dimensional form of these curves describe the shape of the mirrors used in reflecting optical telescopes to focus incoming light. | <u><b>Parabolas</b> (</u> or Parabolic, for<br>the mirror) |
| 4a | Which Hungarian grape, whose name might sound appropriate for the manufacture of alcohol, is the principal variety used to produce the botrytised dessert wine, Tokay? It is also grown in Austria, where it is known as Mosler.  | <u>Furmint</u> (also known as<br>Mainak)                   |
| 4b | What Scots nickname was given to the city of Edinburgh due to the copious smog produced by its chimneys in the 16th and 17th centuries?   | Auld Reekie  |

| 1a | What three letter modern slang term describes behaviour that appears questionable or dishonest? It is particularly associated with the social deduction game <i>Among Us</i> .  | <u>sus</u>                     |
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| 1b | Which writer for the TV series <i>Poirot</i> also wrote <i>One Foot in the Grave</i> and <i>Jonathan Creek?</i> His episodes can be distinguished by their humour, such as, <i>The Lost Mine</i> which has Poirot playing Monopoly.                               | David <u>Renwick</u>           |
| 2a | What projectile weapon is thrown in the sixth event of the Heptathlon? The individual world records for this event are held by Barbora Špotáková and Jan Zelezny.   | <u>Javelin</u>                 |
| 2b | Which Oasis song, originally released as a B-side in 1994, is the theme tune to the sitcom The Royle Family?  | Half the World Away            |
| 3a | Which island near Amsterdam is the largest in the world to have been reclaimed from the sea?  | <u>Flevopolder</u>             |
| 3b | Which early modern historian and joint chief curator in Historic Royal Palaces has written several books on the monarchy of England, including <i>The Private Lives of the Tudors, Crown and Sceptre</i> and in 2023 <i>Anne Boleyn and Elizabeth the First</i> ? | Tracy <u>Borman</u>            |
| 4a | Which novel, first published in 2000, is a modern retelling of Alexandre Dumas' <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> ?<br>Its protagonist's name, Ned Maddstone, is an anagram of Edmond Dantes.  | The <u>Stars' Tennis Balls</u> |
| 4b | The Great Apes, or Hominids, are a family of primate species currently consisting of Humans, Gorillas,<br>Chimpanzees and <b>which other animal,</b> native to the forests of Malaysia and Indonesia? Their name means<br>'person of the forest'.                 | <u>Orang Utan</u>              |

| 1a | Arran and Jura are among the islands situated in <b>which shipping forecast zone?</b> Although the islands are in Scotland, the shipping forecast tower is located in the Republic of Ireland.  | <u>Malin</u>                   |
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| 1b | In 2021 the World Health Organisation endorsed Mosquirix, a vaccine developed with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, to combat <b>which infectious disease?</b>   | <u>Malaria</u>                 |
| 2a | In the Mesopotamian poem <i>The Epic of Gilgamesh</i> , which wild man and companion of Gilgamesh travels with him to the Cedar Forest and helps to defeat the demon Humbaba?   | <u>Enkidu</u>                  |
| 2b | In 1858 a Bradford manufacturer accidentally mixed arsenic into <b>what food product</b> ? This caused at least 20 deaths and led to various regulations including the 1868 Pharmacy Act.   | <u>Humbugs</u> (accept sweets) |
| 3a | What mythical animal appears on the 1995 mintage of the £1 coin, representing Wales?  | Dragon                         |
| 3b | Whose best selling fifth studio album, 1989, is named after her year of birth? Its tracks include Blank Space and Bad Blood.  | Taylor <u>Swift</u>            |
| 4a | Which athlete lit the stadium torch at the 2000 Olympic Games? She is the only person to light the torch and then win a gold medal at the same modern games.  | Cathy <u>Freeman</u>           |
| 4b | Which member of the so-called "Hollywood Ten" wrote the screenplay for <i>Spartacus?</i> He also won Oscars for <i>Roman Holiday</i> and <i>The Brave One</i> but was unable to claim them due to his suspected affiliation with communism. | Dalton <u>Trumbo</u>           |

| <b>1</b> a | Which NFL player won their first Defensive Player of the Year award in 2024? He was drafted first overall in 2017 by his current team, the Cleveland Browns.  | Myles <u>Garrett</u>  |
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| 1b         | What battle near Athens was the first of those appearing in Sir Edward Shepherd Creasy's <i>The Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World</i> ? It shares its name with a long distance race.                       | <u>Marathon</u>       |
| 2a         | Dream Games developed which mobile game that has several online adverts featuring a King in need of help?   | Royal Match           |
| 2b         | Which physicist's popular science books include <i>The Science of Interstellar</i> ? He won the Nobel prize for Physics for his work on gravitational waves alongside Barry Barish and Rainer Weiss.            | Kip <u>Thorne</u>     |
| 3a         | In 2018 Decca and Deutsche Grammophon released [Blank] 333, a massive box set of recordings of <b>which composer</b> ? His famous works include <i>The Art of Fugue</i> and the Brandenburg Concertos.          | J.S. <u>Bach</u>      |
| 3b         | Which fictional character made his first TV appearance as the sports correspondent on the 1990s comedy <i>The Day Today</i> ? Surname is sufficient.  | Alan <u>Partridge</u> |
| <b>4</b> a | Who was the then London mayor Boris Johnson talking about when he said "I think he's betraying a quite stupefying ignorance that makes him frankly unfit to hold the office of President of the United States"? | Donald <u>Trump</u>   |
| 4b         | The Skyliners Doo-wop song 'Since I Don't Have You' was covered by <b>which band</b> on their album <i>The Spaghetti Incident</i> ?   | <u>Guns 'n Roses</u>  |

## HALF-TIME - PLEASE CHANGE ORDER

| 1a | First published in 1956, which classic Science Fiction novel by Alfred Bester is in part a futuristic retelling of <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> ? Either its current title, or the title it was first published under, are acceptable answers.   | The <u>Stars My Destination or</u><br><u>Tiger! Tiger!</u> |
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| 1b | In 1919, over 20 people died during the "Boston [Blank] Disaster" caused by the failure of a storage tank that held over 2.3 million gallons of <b>what liquid?</b> Many US laws and regulations were changed as a direct result, including requirements for oversight by a licensed architect and civil engineer. | <u>Molasses</u> (accept treacle)                           |
| 2a | Not to be confused with 'meh', what three letter modern slang term describes something that, while not truly bad, is at best average?  | mid  |
| 2b | The voice of Chief Wiggum in <i>The Simpsons</i> is an impersonation of <b>which actor?</b> Famous for various "tough-guy" roles,<br>This man named several members of the Hollywood Ten, including Trumbo, when giving evidence before The House<br>Committee on Un-American Activities.                          | Edward G. <u>Robinson</u>                                  |
| 3a | What flood defence barrier, built across the artificial mouth of the Rhine to protect Rotterdam, is one of the largest mobile permanent structures in the world? It deployed automatically for the first time ever in December 2023.   | The <u>Maeslantkering</u> (Or<br><u>Maeslant</u> Barrier)  |
| 3b | The Monotremes are an order of mammals currently consisting of four species of Echidna plus <b>which semiaquatic, egg-</b><br><b>laying animal</b> native to Australia?  | (Duck-billed) <u>Platypus</u>                              |
| 4a | The sport of Biathlon consists of cross-country skiing and the use of <b>which specific weapon?</b> It appears in the title of a song by The Jam much loved by old Etonian David Cameron.  | <u>Rifle</u>   |
| 4b | A version of <b>which 1960s song,</b> which has also been covered by The Stereophonics and Rod Stewart, is the theme tune to the UK version of <i>The Office</i> ?   | Handbags and Gladrags                                      |

| 1a         | Who was the then presidential candidate Donald Trump talking about when he said, "He's not going to Ukraine, OK, just so you understand"?   | Vladimir <u>Putin</u>      |
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| 1b         | Stephanie Economou was not the first person to win a Grammy thanks to gaming music. in 2011, who won a Grammy Award for Baba Yetu, a Swahili version of the Lord's Prayer used in <i>Civilisation 4</i> ?   | Christopher <u>Tin</u>     |
| 2a         | Which NFL player won their first Offensive Player of the Year award in 2024? He was drafted eighth overall in 2017 by his former team, the Carolina Panthers.   | Christian <u>McCaffrey</u> |
| 2b         | In mathematics, <b>what family of curves</b> can be described by a quadratic equation of the form <i>a x squared plus b y squared equals one</i> ? The circle is a special case of these curves, which describe the shape of planetary orbits in classical Newtonian Physics. | <u>Ellipses</u>            |
| 3a         | In 2016 Decca and Deutsche Grammophon released [Blank] 225, a massive box set of recordings of <b>which composer</b> ? He is known for his symphonies such as <i>Prague</i> (his 38th) and <i>Jupiter</i> (his 41st).   | <u>Mozart</u>              |
| 3b         | Which actress, who played several characters on <i>The Day Today</i> including correspondent Barbara Wintergreen, won a Bafta for her performance as government minister Nicola Murray in <i>The Thick of It?</i>   | Rebecca <u>Front</u>       |
| <b>4</b> a | Metacore developed <b>which mobile game</b> that has several online adverts featuring a grandmother being taken to prison?  | Merge Mansions             |
| 4b         | What 19th century land battle was the last of those appearing in Sir Edward Shepherd Creasy's <i>The Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World</i> ? It shares its name with the song that won the 1974 Eurovision song contest.  | <u>Waterloo</u>            |

| 1a | Which Spanish grape, also known as PX, is used to make its namesake variety of sweet sherry? This grape is also used in Australia to make botrytised dessert wines.  | <u>Pedro Ximenez</u>                                     |
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| 1b | Which actor played Caractacus Potts in <i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i> ? An accomplished comedy actor, He is perhaps most famous in the UK for his terrible attempt at a cockney accent in Julie Andrews' feature film debut.   | Dick <u>Van Dyke</u>                                     |
| 2a | Which artist had exhibitions such as <i>Sun Prints, Sixties: Portrait of an Era,</i> and <i>Roadworks</i> ? Her husband, a former band-mate of John Lennon, wrote a song known as the Frog Chorus.   | Linda <u>McCartney</u> (Accept<br>Linda <u>Eastman</u> ) |
| 2b | What culinary nickname was given to thick smogs produced by coal burning, especially in relation to the city of London?  | Pea-soupers  |
| 3a | In Netball, for how long is a single player permitted to keep possession before a "held ball" foul is called?  | <u>3 seconds</u>   |
| 3b | The Little Antony Doo-wop song 'Tears on My Pillow' was covered by <b>which artist</b> for the 1989 film <i>The Delinquents</i> ?  | Kylie Minogue (Accept either name)                       |
| 4a | In 2023, Media company Buzzfeed published a series of AI-generated pictures of Barbie from different countries. Which Mediterranean country, which borders Israel and Syria, had a Barbie generated standing near a pile of rubble?  | <u>Lebanon</u>   |
| 4b | Although it was first used by Edward Lorenz, <b>which science historian's</b> book <i>Chaos: making a new science</i> popularised the term "butterfly effect"? This man also co-founded The Pipeline, one of the world's first Internet Service Providers to feature a graphical user interface. | James <u>Gleick</u>                                      |

| 1a        | Which athlete lit the stadium torch at the 1996 Olympic Games? He had won a gold medal at the 1960 Olympics as a light heavyweight boxer.   | Muhammad <u>Ali</u> / Accept<br>Cassius <u>Clay</u> |
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| 1b        | Which compound extracted from tree bark was widely used as an antimalarial treatment for several hundred years? It is also used in tonic water to impart a bitter taste.  | Quinine   |
| 2a        | John O'Groats is situated on the coast of <b>which shipping forecast zone,</b> named after the most southerly of the Shetland isles?  | Fair Isle   |
| 2b        | Whose best selling debut album, 19, is named after her age at its time of production and release? Its tracks include Cold Shoulder and Chasing Pavements.   | <u>Adele</u> (Adkins)                               |
| 3a        | What vegetable appears on the 1990 mintage of the £1 coin, representing Wales?  | <u>Leek</u>   |
| 3b        | Which early modern historian who has worked as a curator for Historic Royal Palaces has written several books including <i>The Voices of Nimes</i> , the modern Ladybird expert book on Witchcraft and <i>1536: The Year That Changed Henry VIII</i> ? She also presents the podcast <i>Not Just The Tudors</i> | Suzannah <u>Lipscomb</u>                            |
| 4a        | In the Mesopotamian poem <i>The Epic of Gilgamesh,</i> the story of King Ut-Napishtim of Shuruppak bears a striking similarity to that of <b>which biblical character</b> ?   | <u>Noah</u>   |
| <b>4b</b> | Which writer for the TV series Poirot went on to write the Alex Rider books and the tv series Foyles War? His episodes can be distinguished by their use of action, such as Yellow Iris where Poirot is arrested as a spy   | Anthony <u>Horowitz</u>                             |

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#### Spares

| 1 | The term <i>animalcule</i> was coined by <b>which man,</b> who made the first documented observations of protists and bacteria?   | Antonie van <u>Leeuwenhoek</u><br>(pronounced fan LAY-van-<br>huuk) |
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| 2 | Poisoning Pigeons in The Park and The Elements Song are works by <b>which piano-playing mathematics</b> teacher?  | Tom <u>Lehrer</u>   |
| 3 | In John Tenniel's illustrations for <i>Alice in Wonderland,</i> Alice is drawn wearing <b>what sleeveless garment</b> that takes its name from the position of its fastening? | <u>Pinafore</u>   |
| 4 | Which British sports manufacturer, who also makes netballs, has been the official supplier of balls for rugby union world cups since 1995?                                    | <u>Gilbert</u>  |