TRIVIA PANDA

UK General Knowledge Pub Quiz: Volume 1

40 questions in four rounds. Multiple choice, with fun facts for the host.

Round	Theme	Questions
1	Britain	10
2	Around the World	10
3	Science and Nature	10
4	History and Arts	10
	Total	**40**

What is in this pack

Question pages to read aloud, with four multiple-choice options for each question.

Host answer key with a fun fact for every answer. Keep this page to yourself.

Team answer sheet. Print one per team.

Host scorecard for up to ten teams.

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How to run the quiz

About 80 minutes for 40 questions, plus marking.

1. Print one team answer sheet per team, and the host scorecard and answer key for yourself.

2. Teams of two to six work best. Ask teams to write a team name at the top of their sheet.

3. Read each question and all four options aloud, then pause about 20 seconds. Teams write the letter A, B, C or D.

4. After each round, teams swap sheets with a neighbouring team. Read the answers aloud from the host answer key. One point for each correct answer.

5. Add up the round scores on the scorecard. Read out the leaderboard between rounds to keep it exciting.

6. If teams tie at the end, use the tiebreaker: the closest number to the right answer wins.

Host tips

Read the question twice. Say the round and question number each time. Do not let teams use phones. Read the fun fact after each answer: it is where the quiz gets its chatter.

Tiebreaker question

Read this only if teams are level at the end. The closest answer wins.

In which year did the Channel Tunnel open? Closest year wins.

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Round 1: Britain

Places, people and history.

1. **Which king broke the English Church away from Rome and became its Supreme Head?**
   - **A** Henry VIII
   - **B** Henry VII
   - **C** James I
   - **D** Edward VI
2. **What is the capital city of Scotland?**
   - **A** Inverness
   - **B** Edinburgh
   - **C** Glasgow
   - **D** Aberdeen
3. **What is the capital city of Wales?**
   - **A** Newport
   - **B** Swansea
   - **C** Cardiff
   - **D** Bangor
4. **Which river flows through central London?**
   - **A** Trent
   - **B** Severn
   - **C** Thames
   - **D** Mersey
5. **Which band released the 1969 album Abbey Road?**
   - **A** The Rolling Stones
   - **B** The Who
   - **C** The Beatles
   - **D** Led Zeppelin
6. **What is the highest mountain in the United Kingdom?**
   - **A** Snowdon
   - **B** Scafell Pike
   - **C** Ben Macdui
   - **D** Ben Nevis
7. **Which Roman emperor ordered the building of a wall across northern Britain beginning in AD 122?**
   - **A** Nero
   - **B** Constantine
   - **C** Hadrian
   - **D** Augustus
8. **Who led Britain as Prime Minister for most of the Second World War?**
   - **A** Neville Chamberlain
   - **B** Anthony Eden
   - **C** Clement Attlee
   - **D** Winston Churchill
9. **Which 19th-century mathematician is often regarded as the first computer programmer?**
   - **A** Grace Hopper
   - **B** Mary Somerville
   - **C** Ada Lovelace
   - **D** Florence Nightingale
10. **Which national park, at 303 square kilometres, is the smallest of the UK's national parks and Britain's largest nationally protected wetland?**
    - **A** Pembrokeshire Coast
    - **B** Exmoor
    - **C** New Forest
    - **D** The Broads

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Round 2: Around the World

Countries, capitals and landmarks.

11. Which is the largest ocean on Earth?

- **A** Pacific Ocean
- **B** Indian Ocean
- **C** Atlantic Ocean
- **D** Arctic Ocean

12. What name is given to the imaginary line of 0° latitude around the Earth?

- **A** Equator
- **B** Tropic of Cancer
- **C** Arctic Circle
- **D** Prime Meridian

13. Which is the largest hot desert in the world?

- **A** Gobi
- **B** Arabian Desert
- **C** Sahara
- **D** Kalahari

14. Which is the longest river in Africa?

- **A** Congo
- **B** Nile
- **C** Zambezi
- **D** Niger

15. In which ocean is the Bermuda Triangle located?

- **A** Indian Ocean
- **B** Arctic Ocean
- **C** Atlantic Ocean
- **D** Pacific Ocean

16. Which is the longest continental mountain range on land?

- **A** Rocky Mountains
- **B** Himalayas
- **C** Andes
- **D** Alps

17. Which is the largest island in the world, not counting continental landmasses?

- **A** Greenland
- **B** Borneo
- **C** Madagascar
- **D** New Guinea

18. Which is the longest river in Europe?

- **A** Dnieper
- **B** Rhine
- **C** Danube
- **D** Volga

19. Which is the lowest point on Earth's land surface?

- **A** Lake Eyre
- **B** Death Valley
- **C** Qattara Depression
- **D** Shore of the Dead Sea

20. Which is the deepest lake in the world?

- **A** Lake Baikal
- **B** Lake Victoria
- **C** Lake Superior
- **D** Lake Tanganyika

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Round 3: Science and Nature

Space, animals and the human body.

21. Which organ pumps blood around the human body?

- **A** Heart
- **B** Lungs
- **C** Kidneys
- **D** Liver

22. What can be counted in a cross-section of a felled tree to estimate its age?

- **A** Growth rings
- **B** Leaves
- **C** Branches
- **D** Roots

23. Which body's gravitational pull is the main cause of Earth's ocean tides?

- **A** The Sun's heat
- **B** The Moon
- **C** Wind
- **D** Ocean currents

24. What is the SI unit of force?

- **A** Pascal
- **B** Watt
- **C** Newton
- **D** Joule

25. For which discovery did Albert Einstein receive the Nobel Prize in Physics (awarded 1922 for 1921)?

- **A** The theory of general relativity
- **B** The law of the photoelectric effect
- **C** Brownian motion
- **D** The equivalence of mass and energy

26. Which blood type is the universal donor for red blood cells?

- **A** B positive
- **B** A negative
- **C** AB positive
- **D** O negative

27. What does a chronometer measure?

- **A** Electric current
- **B** Gas or liquid pressure
- **C** Heat released or absorbed
- **D** Time

28. Which two scientists proposed the double-helix model of DNA in 1953?

- **A** Gregor Mendel and Thomas Morgan
- **B** James Watson and Francis Crick
- **C** Frederick Sanger and Walter Gilbert
- **D** Alfred Hershey and Martha Chase

29. Which species of tree has the largest individual trees by volume?

- **A** Baobab
- **B** Coast redwood
- **C** Kauri
- **D** Giant sequoia

30. Heinrich Hertz's 1887 wireless experiments demonstrated what that Maxwell's equations had predicted?

- **A** Radioactivity
- **B** Gravitational lensing
- **C** Free-space electromagnetic waves
- **D** Cathode rays

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Round 4: History and Arts

Dates, leaders, books and paintings.

31. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

- **A** Raphael
- **B** Michelangelo
- **C** Leonardo da Vinci
- **D** Sandro Botticelli

32. Who wrote Snow White?

- **A** Hans Christian Andersen
- **B** Brothers Grimm
- **C** Lewis Carroll
- **D** Charles Perrault

33. In which year did World War II end?

- **A** 1939
- **B** 1945
- **C** 1946
- **D** 1944

34. Who wrote Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone?

- **A** J. K. Rowling
- **B** J. R. R. Tolkien
- **C** C. S. Lewis
- **D** Roald Dahl

35. Which event took place in Paris on 14 July 1789?

- **A** Coronation of Napoleon
- **B** Storming of the Bastille
- **C** Women's March on Versailles
- **D** Execution of Louis XVI

36. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?

- **A** Florence Nightingale
- **B** Dorothy Hodgkin
- **C** Rosalind Franklin
- **D** Marie Curie

37. Who wrote The Little Prince?

- **A** Albert Camus
- **B** Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- **C** Roald Dahl
- **D** Jules Verne

38. Which Roman general famously crossed the Rubicon River in 49 BC?

- **A** Julius Caesar
- **B** Mark Antony
- **C** Augustus
- **D** Pompey

39. Who wrote The Master and Margarita?

- **A** Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- **B** Leo Tolstoy
- **C** Boris Pasternak
- **D** Mikhail Bulgakov

40. Who painted Wanderer above the Sea of Fog?

- **A** Caspar David Friedrich
- **B** Hieronymus Bosch
- **C** Konstantin Savitsky
- **D** Jan van Eyck

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Host answer key

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Round 1: Britain

1. A Henry VIII
Henry VIII broke the English Church from papal authority via the Reformation Parliament and Act of Supremacy, becoming Supreme Head of the Church of England.

2. B Edinburgh
Edinburgh Castle sits on an extinct volcano.

3. C Cardiff
Cardiff became the capital of Wales in 1955.

4. C Thames
The Thames is the longest river entirely in England.

5. C The Beatles
It was named after the street where EMI's studios were based.

6. D Ben Nevis
Ben Nevis in Scotland is 1,345 metres high.

7. C Hadrian
Hadrian's Wall stretches about 73 miles across northern England.

8. D Winston Churchill
Churchill became Prime Minister in May 1940.

9. C Ada Lovelace
She wrote an algorithm for Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine.

10. D The Broads
The Broads covers 303 km2 and has an extra statutory purpose of protecting navigation.

Round 2: Around the World

11. A Pacific Ocean
The Pacific covers about a third of the planet's surface.

12. A Equator
It divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

13. C Sahara
The Sahara covers much of North Africa, roughly the size of the United States.

14. B Nile
The Nile flows north to the Mediterranean, and its basin covers eleven countries.

15. C Atlantic Ocean
It lies in the western part of the North Atlantic.

16. C Andes
The Andes stretch about 7,000 km along South America's west coast.

17. A Greenland
Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark.

18. D Volga
The Volga flows through Russia for roughly 3,500 km.

19. D Shore of the Dead Sea
The Dead Sea shore is more than 400 metres below sea level.

20. A Lake Baikal
Baikal in Siberia is about 1,640 metres deep.

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Round 3: Science and Nature

21. A Heart

The heart beats about 100,000 times a day.

22. A Growth rings

In temperate climates a tree usually adds one ring each year, with a pale band of fast spring growth and a darker band in late summer.

23. B The Moon

Tides result mainly from the differential gravitational pull of the Moon, with a smaller contribution from the Sun (about 69% Moon, 31% Sun at spring tides).

24. C Newton

One newton accelerates a 1 kg mass at 1 metre per second squared.

25. B The law of the photoelectric effect

Einstein's prize cited his services to theoretical physics, especially the law of the photoelectric effect, and was awarded a year late.

26. D O negative

O negative red cells lack A, B and Rh antigens.

27. D Time

A chronometer measures Time.

28. B James Watson and Francis Crick

Their model drew on X-ray diffraction images produced by Rosalind Franklin and Maurice Wilkins.

29. D Giant sequoia

Giant sequoias such as General Sherman are the most massive trees by trunk volume, though coast redwoods grow taller.

30. C Free-space electromagnetic waves

Hertz's 1887 experiments demonstrated free-space electromagnetic waves predicted by Maxwell's equations.

Round 4: History and Arts

31. C Leonardo da Vinci

It hangs in the Louvre in Paris.

32. B Brothers Grimm

Snow White was written by Brothers Grimm.

33. B 1945

Japan formally surrendered in September 1945.

34. A J. K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was written by J. K. Rowling.

35. B Storming of the Bastille

Bastille Day is now France's national holiday.

36. D Marie Curie

Curie won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903.

37. B Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

The Little Prince was written by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

38. A Julius Caesar

His crossing began a civil war that led to the end of the Roman Republic.

39. D Mikhail Bulgakov

The Master and Margarita was written by Mikhail Bulgakov.

40. A Caspar David Friedrich

Wanderer above the Sea of Fog was painted by Caspar David Friedrich.

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Tiebreaker

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Team answer sheet

Write the letter A, B, C or D for each question.

Team name: _____

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Tiebreaker answer: _____

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Host scorecard

Write each team's round score, then the total.

Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Tiebreak

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