

Quiz of the Year 2025

We provide the questions—you design the perfect end-of-year quiz!

January to March, 2025

1. Which cartoon character created by Elzie Crisler Segar in 1929 entered the public domain on January 1, 2025?
Answer: Popeye
2. Luke Littler became the youngest World Darts Champion after defeating Michael van Gerwen, but which town does Littler call home?
Answer: Warrington
3. The draft lyrics for which Bob Dylan song sold at an American auction for half a million dollars?
Answer: Mr. Tambourine Man
4. What surpassed Mamma Mia! to become the highest-grossing stage musical adaptation at the global box office?
Answer: Wicked
5. Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons, made a cameo appearance in an episode of which soap?
Answer: Emmerdale
6. At the end of January, Everton's Iliman Ndiaye received a yellow card for flapping his arms like what type of bird in front of Brighton's home fans?
Answer: A seagull
7. Beyonce won Album of the Year at the 67th Grammy Awards for which album?
Answer: Cowboy Carter
8. On what day of the week was Valentine's Day celebrated in 2025?
Answer: Friday
9. A couple won a High Court refund on their £32.5 million West London mansion after discovering an undisclosed infestation of what?
Answer: Moths
10. Actor Gene Hackman sadly died aged 95. He won his first Oscar (Best Actor) for his role as which detective?
Answer: Jimmy "Popeye" Doyle (The French Connection)
11. Three men were put on trial, accused of stealing a solid gold what from an art exhibition at Blenheim Palace?
Answer: A gold toilet
12. Which city's council declared a major incident over an ongoing strike by refuse collectors?
Answer: Birmingham City

13. Which TV show aired its final live broadcast on the CBBC channel on March 21, 2025?
Answer: Blue Peter
14. Which film won Best Picture at the 97th Academy Awards?
Answer: Anora
15. Michelle Keegan and Mark Wright named their newborn daughter after the capital city of a sunny Spanish island they love. What is the baby's name?
Answer: Palma
16. Blue Ghost became the first private spacecraft to successfully land where?
Answer: On the Moon
17. Which former world record holder ran her first competitive marathon in a decade in Tokyo, at the age of 51?
Answer: Paula Radcliffe
18. Which fast breed of dog was crowned Best in Show at Crufts 2025?
Answer: Whippet
19. A baby what did American influencer Sam Jones scoop up and run off with, prompting criticism from Australia's Prime Minister? (Hint: We're seeking an animal native to Australia.)
Answer: Wombat
20. Which Netflix drama became the first streaming show to top the UK's weekly TV ratings, with 6.45 million viewers for its first episode?
Answer: Adolescence

April to June, 2025

1. Hollywood paid tribute to which actor who died at age 65 on April 1st?
Answer: Val Kilmer
2. Which name, first seen in 1792, was set to disappear from the High Street?
Answer: WHSmith
3. Which A-lister returned to Earth after reaching space aboard the Blue Origin rocket?
Answer: Katy Perry
4. Which famous couple celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on the island of Mull?
Answer: Prince and Princess of Wales (Kate and William)
5. What happened to Nick Rockett on April 5?
Answer: The horse that won the 2025 Grand National
6. How old was Pope Francis when he passed away in April?
Answer: 88
7. What type of business did Dean Franklin run, the winner of The Apprentice Series 19?
Answer: An air conditioning business
8. Which A-lister revealed her pregnancy at the 2025 Met Gala?
Answer: Rihanna

9. Ethel Caterham became the world's oldest living person and the last surviving subject of which British monarch?
Answer: Edward VII
10. Whose free performance on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro on May 3 set a new *Guinness World Record* for the highest attendance of a standalone concert by a female artist?
Answer: Lady Gaga
11. Snooker's World Championship was won by a player from which country?
Answer: China
12. Pope Leo XIV, the first US-born priest to lead the Catholic Church, was born in which American city?
Answer: Chicago
13. A man in Norway woke up to find a huge what in his front garden?
Answer: A container ship
14. Who replaced Ncuti Gatwa as the United Kingdom's spokesperson for Eurovision 2025?
Answer: Sophie Ellis-Bextor
15. The UK signed a deal with Mauritius to hand over sovereignty of which islands?
Answer: The Chagos Islands
16. After 25 years on Coronation Street, Sue Cleaver made her final onscreen appearance as which character?
Answer: Eileen Grimshaw
17. During a highly publicised 2025 social-media feud, J.K. Rowling posted: "You've been wealthy and famous since your early 20s. I didn't become well-known until I was well over 30." Who was she addressing?
Answer: Boy George
18. David Howell Evans finally became an Irish citizen, more than 60 years after moving there. By what name is he better known?
Answer: The Edge (from the band U2)
19. Who married media personality Lauren Sanchez in Venice, Italy?
Answer: Jeff Bezos
20. Avon and Somerset Police said they would retrieve CCTV footage of which Irish rap trio - named after a bone in your leg?
Answer: Kneecap

July to September, 2025

1. The interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS was discovered by an alert system in which country on 1 July 2025?
Answer: Chile
2. Oasis began their five-month reunion tour in which UK city?
Answer: Cardiff
3. Black Sabbath's final concert, Back to the Beginning, was held at which football stadium?
Answer: Villa Park

4. Which distillery announced the closure of ten of its UK pubs within days in July?
Answer: Brewdog
5. In July, two Harry Potter stars were banned from driving in the same court on the same day, in separate incidents. Name either?
Answer: Emma Watson or Zoe Wanamaker
6. In the Women's EURO Final, England defeated which country on penalties?
Answer: Spain
7. Daniel Graham and Adam Carruthers were sentenced to four years and three months in prison for doing what?
Answer: Felling the iconic Sycamore Gap tree
8. Who was spotted sharing a kiss with actor James Norton backstage at the Lido Festival?
Answer: Lily Allen
9. What age did Prince George celebrate on his birthday in July?
Answer: 12th birthday
10. Whose 2025 memoir is titled *Frankly*?
Answer: Nicola Sturgeon
11. Who performed an impromptu gig at the Puzzle Hall Inn in Calderdale, West Yorkshire?
Answer: Coldplay frontman Chris Martin
12. Who claimed she had been made "Sir Keir Starmer's political prisoner"?
Answer: Lucy Connolly
13. US Vice-President JD Vance took a surprise UK holiday in which Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?
Answer: The Cotswolds
14. Who posted on Instagram: "Your English teacher and your gym teacher are getting married."?
Answer: Taylor Swift (announcing her engagement to her partner Travis Kelce)
15. Angela Rayner resigned after admitting underpaying which tax?
Answer: Stamp duty
16. A mural by street artist Banksy depicted a man dressed as what beating a protester?
Answer: A judge
17. It was noticed that the medals for this year's Great North Run in Newcastle displayed the wrong city. Which city?
Answer: Sunderland
18. What abruptly stopped at the UN headquarters when in use by Donald Trump and his wife, Melania?
Answer: An escalator
19. The daughter of boxer Tyson Fury, who became engaged at age 16, is named after which South American country?
Answer: Venezuela

20. Which country did England defeat to win the Women's Rugby World Cup?

Answer: Canada

October to December, 2025

1. The Nobel Peace Prize for 2025 was awarded to an opposition leader from which country?

Answer: Venezuela

2. The Beckhams faced a planning row after neighbours saw on TV that they had installed a one-thousand-square-foot what at their garden lake?

Answer: Beach

3. Who won the 2025 Mercury Prize for his third album, *People Watching*?

Answer: Sam Fender

4. Which international franchise, founded in 1958 in Wichita, Kansas, by brothers Dan and Frank Carney, announced the loss of over one thousand jobs in the UK?

Answer: Pizza Hut

5. Where in the Apostolic Palace did King Charles and Pope Leo XIV pray together in an historic service?

Answer: The Sistine Chapel

6. In the news in October, who was described as "the queen of the bonkbuster"?

Answer: Jilly Cooper (who sadly died in October)

7. Celia Imrie's nervous what, while locked in a wooden cabin with other celebrities, was described as the "TV moment of the year"?

Answer: Nervous fart (The Celebrity Traitors)

8. Stephen Crean was injured as he intervened during a mass stabbing on a train from Doncaster to London on 1 November. He is a big fan of which football club?

Answer: Nottingham Forest

9. What nationality is Julia Wandelt, who was found guilty of harassment at Leicester Crown Court?

Answer: Polish (she claimed to be Madeleine McCann)

10. Gordon Ramsay's influencer daughter, Holly Ramsay, was set to marry which Olympian at Bath Abbey this Christmas?

Answer: Adam Peaty

11. Rachel Reeves was constantly in the news. Which city does she serve as an MP?

Answer: Leeds

12. A 2025 United Nations news report showed that which Asian capital had surpassed Tokyo as the world's largest city, with a population of 42 million people?

Answer: Jakarta (Indonesia)

13. The Tower of London was partially closed in early December after a display case containing Crown Jewels was defaced by protesters throwing apple crumble and what at it?

Answer: Custard

14. English Twitch streamer and YouTuber Morgan Sam Lee Burtwistle is better known by what name?
Answer: AngryGinge (winner of *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!*)
15. Who won his first Formula 1 Drivers' Championship?
Answer: Lando Norris
16. Sadly, English author Sophie Kinsella passed away in December. Complete the title of her bestselling novel: The Secret Dreamworld of a...?
Answer: Shopaholic
17. Who secretly married celebrity hairstylist Michael Douglas?
Answer: Davina McCall
18. It was revealed that one of the most-asked questions to Amazon Alexa in 2025 was "How tall is who?"
Answer: Tom Cruise
19. Sweden's Mondo Duplantis was named World Athlete of the Year. In which event does he excel?
Answer: Pole Vault
20. With *Neighbours* airing its final episode after being cancelled again — this time by Amazon — in what year did the Australian series first premiere on the BBC?
Answer: 1985
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