

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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