

2023–4 Season: Week 18 – 16 April 2024

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Round 1: Arts & Entertainment

1	Arrietty Clock is the central character of what children's book?
	The Borrowers
2	Which Roald Dahl book features Trunky the Elephant and Humpy-Rumpy the hippopotamus?
	The Enormous Crocodile
3	Which Swiss-born artist, who was active in the early 20 th century, described a line as "a dot that went for a walk"?
	Paul Klee
4	A painting by which artist, who was born in what is now Belarus, was the inspiration for the musical <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> ?
	Marc Chagall
5	Which King of England did Peter O'Toole play in two films in the 1960s? He was nominated for an Oscar, but did not win, both times
	Henry II (in <i>Becket</i> and <i>The Lion in Winter</i>)
6	Who was nominated for the Best Actress Oscar for playing Mary Queen of Scots in a 1971 biopic? She had previously been nominated for a role as Isadora Duncan.
	Vanessa Redgrave
7	Who is the villain in the ballet <i>The Nutcracker</i> ?
	The Mouse King (accept Rat King)
8	The title character of which ballet by Igor Stravinsky is a puppet?
	<i>Petrushka</i>

Supplementaries:

1	What British film, directed by Jonathan Glazer, won this year's Best International Feature Film Oscar?
	The Zone of Interest
2	The winner of this year's Best Documentary Feature Film Oscar was entitled <i>20 Days in...</i> which Ukrainian city?
	Mariupol

Round 2: Arrrr!

A round about pirates.

1	Characterised by a high forecastle and stern, what type of large sailing ship was favoured by the Spanish and Portuguese from the 15 th to 18 th centuries?
	Galleon
2	In the TV series <i>Our Flag Means Death</i> , Taika Waititi plays which well-known 18 th century pirate?
	Blackbeard (accept Edward Teach or Edward Thatch)
3	What was Blackbeard's flagship called?
	Queen Anne's Revenge
4	Pirates and sailors often used a short sword with a curved blade, because of the cramped conditions for fighting on deck – what was this commonly called?
	Cutlass
5	Originally from Ireland, which 18 th century female pirate moved to Nassau and married her captain Calico Jack?
	Anne Bonny (accept Ann Fulford)
6	Which 1966 Beach Boys hit single is based on a Nassau sea shanty, which is believed to be about an earlier ship that wrecked because of the crew's wild behaviour?
	Sloop John B (accept John B)
7	Which Pirate radio station made its first broadcast from international waters on 28 March 1964 (so is celebrating its 60 th anniversary this year)?
	Radio Caroline
8	Pirates were fond of collecting Spanish silver dollars – how were these coins popularly known?
	Pieces of Eight

Supplementaries:

1	Worth 32 Spanish Reals (pronounced like Real Madrid), which gold coin was much desired by pirates?
	Doubloon
2	South Manchester had its own pirate radio station, which featured <i>The Royle Family's</i> Craig Cash. What was it called?
	KFM

Round 3: Geography –: Scottish Connections

1	Which of the Shetland Islands gives its name to the body of water that separates the Shetlands from the Orkneys? It is also the name of a Shipping Forecast area.
	Fair Isle (Fair Isle Channel or Fair Isle Gap)
2	Giving its name to the Shipping Forecast Area to the south of Fair Isle, what is the name of the Firth on which the town of Dingwall is situated?
	The Cromarty Firth
3	The ruins of what castle overlook Loch Ness?
	Urquhart Castle (accept <i>Caisteal na Sròine</i>)
4	Which Loch is Scotland's third largest and is famous for being the deepest freshwater body in the British Isles?
	Loch Morar
5	According to the famous sign at Land's End, how many miles is it from Land's End to John O'Groats (some leeway)?
	874 miles (accept 854 to 894)
6	How tall is Ben Nevis (answer in metres or feet) (some leeway)?
	1,345 metres (accept 1,245 to 1,445) or 4,413 feet (accept 4,113 to 4,713)
7	Nouméa is the capital and largest city of which French territory in the South Pacific?
	New Caledonia
8	What city, that is not in Scotland, takes its name from the Scottish Gaelic name for Edinburgh?
	Dunedin (on the South Island of New Zealand)

Supplementaries:

1	In what Scottish council area is St Andrews University?
	Fife
2	In what Scottish council area is Gordonstoun School?
	Moray

Round 4: The B's, The B's

Each answer is a two-word phrase or name (forename and surname) in which each word begins with the letter B. For example, 'Big Break' or 'Bobby Ball'. For names, the full name is required as the answer.

1	What BB is a song by the Ramones that features the chant "Hey! Ho! Let's go!"?
	Blitzkrieg Bop
2	What BB is a 1979 top 10 hit for The Ruts, in which the title is followed in the lyrics by "with anxiety"?
	Babylon's Burning
3	What BB is an English actor who played PC 'Fancy' Smith in <i>Z-Cars</i> ?
	Brian Blessed
4	What BB is an English actress who has played the title character in the ITV crime drama <i>Vera</i> since 2011?
	Brenda Blethyn (accept Brenda Bottle , her birth name)
5	What BB is a traditional Welsh spiced tea bread whose name translates from Welsh as 'speckled bread'?
	Bara brith
6	What BB were devices used during World War 2 to protect ground targets against airborne attack?
	Barrage balloons
7	What BB was the site of the arrival of the First Fleet in January 1788?
	Botany Bay
8	At KFC, what BB contains 14 pieces of chicken and 4 portions of fries?
	Bargain Bucket

Supplementaries:

1	What BB was assassinated in Rawalpindi in 2007?
	Benazir Bhutto
2	What BB is a large village in Lancashire, in which violence broke out in 1943 after American military commanders tried to racially segregate pubs in the village?
	Bamber Bridge

Round 5: History

1	Which Soviet physicist and dissident won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1975? A Prize that is awarded annually by the European Parliament for work in human rights is named for him.
	Andrei Sakharov
2	Which Russian politician and activist won the Sakharov Prize in 2021? In February 2024, he was reported to have died in an Arctic Circle prison.
	Alexei Navalny
3	Pope Alexander VI (1492–1503) was a member of which Spanish noble family?
	House of Borgia
4	In 1521, who was ordered by Pope Leo X to appear before the Diet of Worms (<i>pronounced DEE-et of Vorms – Worms is a German place name</i>)? He was subsequently declared an outlaw.
	Martin Luther (he had posted his '95 Theses' at Wittenburg four years previously)
5	Which alliteratively named leader of the Easter Rising read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic outside the General Post Office?
	Patrick Pearse
6	Which Irish politician was the first head of government of the Irish Free State, serving as the President of its Executive Council from 1922 until his replacement by Eamon de Valera in 1932?
	W.T. Cosgrave
7	Which World War I battle do Germans call the Battle of the Skagarrak?
	Battle of Jutland
8	Which battle of September 1914 has been called "the most important battle in world history", because its outcome prevented the Germans from capturing Paris within weeks of the start of the war?
	First Battle of the Marne

Supplementaries:

1	Which ancient Greek philosopher is commonly held to have died from drinking poison hemlock?
	Socrates
2	Which admiral led the US Navy forces at the Battle of Midway and nowadays has a class of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers named for him?
	Chester W. Nimitz

Round 6: Science

1	In mathematics, the constant that is the basis for the natural logarithm is named 'e' for which mathematician?
	Leonhard Euler
2	In mathematics, what word beginning with 'E' is used for the power that a number is raised to?
	Exponent (accept Exponential)
3	What highly flammable substance, also known as ethyne, has the chemical formula C ₂ H ₂ (C two H two)?
	Acetylene
4	What toxic and flammable substance, also known as methanal, has the chemical formula CH ₂ O (C H two O)?
	Formaldehyde
5	What joint of the body is known medically as the carpus?
	Wrist
6	Where in the body would you find cementum?
	Teeth (accept gums or mouth ; prompt on insufficiently specific answers e.g. face/head. It's a calcified connective tissue covering the outer surface of the root of the tooth)
7	In the context of space travel, what does the V stand for in the acronym EVA?
	Vehicular (accept vehicle) (<i>Extra-vehicular activity</i>)
8	What was the name of the rocket that launched the James Webb Space Telescope on 25 December 2021 (number not required)?
	Ariane (5)

Supplementaries:

1	In 1843, which Salford-born scientist famously stated that "wherever mechanical force is expended, an exact equivalent of heat is always obtained"?
	James Joule
2	Melittology is the study of what?
	Bees

Round 7: Tell it to me Twice

Each answer consists of the same word repeated twice.

1	What links a type of drum and a satnav company?
	Tom-Tom
2	What informal term is used in the military to describe anti-aircraft gunfire?
	Ack-ack
3	The name of what species of small antelope is derived from the sound of the females' alarm calls?
	The dik-dik
4	What dance is usually done to music from Offenbach's <i>Orpheus in the Underworld</i> ?
	The Can-can
5	What old-fashioned term for bingo derives from the word traditionally shouted by a winner?
	Housey-Housey
6	Who was the father of footballers called Phil and Gary and a netball player called Tracey?
	Neville Neville
7	According to the nursery rhyme, who is "quite contrary"?
	Mary, Mary
8	What term derived from the French for 'bobble' describes a ball on top of a hat?
	Pom-pom

Supplementaries:

1	According to the lyrics of a song by The Mamas & The Papas, what is "so good to me"?
	Monday, Monday
2	What is the capital of American Samoa?
	Pago Pago (pronounced PAN-gaw PAN-gaw)

Round 8: Sportz

Each answer contains the letter Z. If it's a person, the Z is in their surname.

1	Which Formula One circuit has hosted the most Grands Prix?
	Monza (<i>73 total races since 1950</i>)
2	Where were the second ever Winter Olympic Games held in 1928? The Games were held there again in 1948.
	St. Moritz
3	Which English golfer won the US Open in 2022?
	Matt Fitzpatrick
4	Which Welsh rugby union player announced in January 2024 that he is leaving rugby behind and going to play in the NFL?
	Louis Rees-Zammit
5	Which runner won three gold medals at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, including winning his first ever marathon?
	Emil Zátopek
6	In Formula One, who is currently (as of 13 April 2024), Max Verstappen's team-mate at Red Bull Racing?
	Sergio Pérez
7	Which Canadian ice hockey player, who won four Stanley Cups with the Edmonton Oilers, was nicknamed 'The Great One'?
	Wayne Gretzky
8	In men's football, the Belgrade derby involves Red Star Belgrade and which other team?
	Partizan Belgrade

Supplementaries:

1	Which attacking midfielder scored twice for France in their 3-0 defeat of Brazil in the 1998 FIFA World Cup final?
	Zinedine Zidane
2	Which Irish jockey, who is now a horse racing pundit, rode Rough Quest to win the 1996 Grand National?
	Mick Fitzgerald

General Knowledge

1	What do Americans call a toll road?
	A turnpike
2	Which novel by Elizabeth Gaskell was inspired by the town of Knutsford?
	Cranford
3	Who was the sub-postmaster at Craig-y-Don post office between 1998 and 2003?
	Alan Bates
4	Other than English, what is the official language of Pakistan?
	Urdu
5	Turku and Oulu are cities in what country?
	Finland
6	What do we call the object that Americans call a 'Denver boot'?
	A wheel clamp
7	What video game, in which players enter a 3D world of blocks and extract raw materials to make tools and other items, is (as of 2023) the best-selling video game in history?
	Minecraft
8	The whistleblower John Barnett, who was found dead in South Carolina in March 2024, worked for what company?
	Boeing

9	What name links the county town of Clare (in Ireland) and one of the Chasers from ITV's <i>The Chase</i> ?
	Ennis (Darragh Ennis, also known as 'The Menace')
2	Who is, to date, the longest-serving presenter of the BBC's <i>Antiques Roadshow</i> , having presented the show between 1981 and 2000?
	Hugh Scully
11	What's the name of the castle that overlooks the village of Castleton in Derbyshire?
	Peveril Castle
12	Blue John, which is unique to Derbyshire, is a type of what mineral?
	Fluorite or fluorspar (accept spar)
13	Who is, to date, the longest-serving <u>female</u> presenter of the BBC's <i>Blue Peter</i> , having presented the show between 1997 and 2008?
	Konnie Huq
14	Who is the current (as of 13 April 2024) US Secretary of State?
	Anthony Blinken
15	Who painted <i>The Potato Eaters</i> ?
	Vincent van Gogh
16	Which of the Mr Men has the longest arms?
	Mr. Tickle



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17	What is Sainsburys' own-brand fashion label called?
	Tu
18	'Bulbasaur' and 'Charmander' are examples of what?
	<i>Pokémon</i>
19	Between 1861 and 1946, the King of Italy belonged to which royal house? It shares its name with a London hotel.
	Savoy
20	What is the medical name for short-sightedness?
	Myopia
21	Which English pop singer has the surname Adkins?
	Adele
22	What is the Japanese name for green horseradish?
	Wasabi
23	In the Bible, what book immediately follows Exodus?
	Leviticus
24	Which Barbadian pop singer's first and last names are Robyn Fenty?
	Rihanna (her stage name is her middle name)

25	In what Gloucestershire village did Sir Peter Markham Scott establish the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust?
	Slimbridge
26	In which James Bond film did a character played by Diana Rigg marry James Bond?
	On Her Majesty's Secret Service
27	Who was the first female NASA astronaut?
	Sally Ride
28	What was the name of the first teacher to fly in space, who died in the <i>Challenger</i> disaster in 1986?
	Christa McAuliffe
29	Which country is divided by the Attila Line (also known as the 'Green Line')?
	Cyprus
30	Which late entertainer wrote the autobiography entitled <i>At My Mother's Knee... and other low joints?</i>
	Paul O'Grady
31	How many times in total did Jimmy White lose in the final of the World Snooker Championship (no leeway)?
	Six (he lost in 1984 and every year from 1990–94. He never won)
32	Where did the English Grand National take place during the First World War?
	Gatwick



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33	Who is the current (as of 13 April 2024) Secretary General of the United Nations?
	Antonio Guterres
34	Which English Football League team shares its nickname with that of Luton Town?
	Stockport County (<i>The Hatters</i>)
35	The title character of which Charles Dickens novel is the owner of a shipping firm?
	Dombey and Son (accept Paul Dombey)
36	What pop group took their name from an advert seen in a furniture shop in Hull?
	Everything But The Girl
37	Which football team – who played in the Championship in the 2013–14 season but are currently in the National League South – are nicknamed The Glovers?
	Yeovil Town
38	What business did Al Capone have on his business cards?
	Used Furniture Salesman (accept "furniture dealer" or other similar descriptions)
39	What job title is given to the chief electrician in a film studio?
	Gaffer
40	What Italian name is derived from the Hebrew name John?
	Giovanni

41	The name of which US state derives from the Spanish for 'place of flowers'?
	Florida
42	What was Napoleon's horse at the Battle of Waterloo called?
	Marengo
43	Which organisation is responsible for the Blue Plaque scheme in London?
	English Heritage
44	What 1970 epic war film dramatized the attack on Pearl Harbor from both the American and Japanese perspectives?
	Tora! Tora! Tora! (accept any number of 'Tora!'; do not accept Tora Bora)
45	What flightless bird is sometimes called a South American ostrich?
	Rhea
46	What make of car did <i>Colombo</i> drive?
	Peugeot (specifically, a 403 convertible)
47	What is the name of Doctor Doolittle's parrot?
	Polynesia
48	What is the family name of the children looked after by Mary Poppins?
	Banks



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49	<i>A Parliamentary Affair</i> is the title of the first novel by which former MP?
	Edwina Currie
50	What is the international vehicle registration mark for Holland?
	NL
51	Who has hosted the BBC comedy panel show <i>Would I Lie to You?</i> since 2009?
	Rob Brydon
52	Which major Labour politician resigned as Leader of the House in 2003 in opposition to the War in Iraq?
	Robin Cook
53	The berries from what species of small shrub are essential in making Cumberland Sauce?
	Redcurrants
54	By what name was the Shipping Forecast area now known as Fitzroy formerly known?
	Finisterre (it was renamed in 2002 to avoid confusion with a Spanish shipping forecast area)
55	What is the literal translation of 'Finisterre'?
	Land's End or End of the Earth
56	Who is the current (as of 13 April 2024) presenter of Channel 4's <i>Countdown</i> ?
	Colin Murray

57	Where in Europe would a vehicle with the registration mark V be registered?
	The Vatican City
58	'Jail Fever' is an old name for what disease?
	Typhus (do not accept Typhoid Fever)
59	In which city did Starbucks open their first coffee shop?
	Seattle
60	What name is shared by the Irish county that is the smallest in terms of area, and a market town in Lincolnshire?
	Louth
61	Outside which town's railway station is there a statue of Harold Wilson?
	Huddersfield
62	Harold Wilson is buried on an island in which island group?
	The Scilly Isles
63	The name of which American rock group was inspired by a strap-on dildo from the novel <i>Naked Lunch</i> ?
	Steely Dan (in full, Steely Dan III from Yokohama)
64	In which London railway station is there a statue of Sir John Betjeman?
	St. Pancras (do not accept King's Cross or King's Cross St Pancras)



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65	What disease is the Wassermann Test used to identify?
	Syphilis
66	What was Elvis Presley's middle name?
	Aaron
67	Who is the current (as of 13 April 2024) coach of the England women's rugby union team (the 'Red Roses')?
	John Mitchell
68	What nickname is shared by former boxer Nigel Benn and one of the chasers on ITV's <i>The Chase</i> ?
	The Dark Destroyer (Shaun Wallace being the chaser in question)
69	What type of exercise takes its name from the Sanskrit word for 'union'?
	Yoga
70	What word, spelled differently but pronounced the same, links the <i>Star Wars</i> character Chewbacca and a 'Hole' in Somerset?
	Wookiee / Wookey
71	What is the most westerly country on mainland Africa?
	Senegal
72	The Gobi Desert lies in China and which other country?
	Mongolia

73	How many players are on the field for <u>each team</u> at the start of a game of Australian Rules Football (no leeway)?
	18 players
74	What is the total points value of a <i>converted</i> try in rugby league (no leeway)?
	6 points (4+2)
75	What word, derived from the Latin for 'wool' and 'oil', is another name for wool fat?
	Lanolin
76	The titles of two Charles Dickens novels begin with the letter B – one is <i>Bleak House</i> , what is the other?
	Barnaby Rudge
77	Which charity was founded by Chad Varah in 1953?
	Samaritans
78	Which North Sea oil rig was the scene of a disaster in 1988?
	Piper Alpha
79	What medical term is used for baldness or hair loss?
	Alopecia
80	The first edition of <u>what</u> was published by the Ministry of Transport in April 1931?
	The Highway Code



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81	In what 2015 film did Matt Damon's character request that NASA call him 'Captain Blondebeard'?
	The Martian
82	What type of factory is central to Bizet's opera <i>Carmen</i> ?
	Cigarette factory
83	Which literary schoolteacher taught at Brookfield School?
	Mr Chipping (accept Mr Chips)
84	The name of what herb is derived from the Greek for 'joy of the mountain'?
	Oregano
85	What condiment is most famously manufactured in Avery Island, Louisiana?
	Tabasco Sauce
86	What product was advertised with the slogan "gives a meal man appeal"?
	Oxo
87	The name of which TV character, introduced in the early 1970s, is a play on the phrase 'man appeal'?
	Emma Peel (accept Peel) (character in <i>The Avengers</i> , played by Diana Rigg)
88	How many times have Stephen Hendry and Ronnie O'Sullivan each won the World Snooker Championship (no leeway)?
	Seven (Hendry between 1990 and 1999; O'Sullivan between 2001 and 2022)

89	What will be the UK City of Culture in 2025?
	Bradford
90	Which French-American naturalist of the 19 th century is known for his work <i>The Birds of America</i> ?
	John James Audubon
91	For which James Bond film was the song <i>Mr. Kiss Kiss Bang Bang</i> written?
	Thunderball
92	What is the name of the places of worship used by Jehovah's Witnesses?
	Kingdom Halls
93	Which athlete won the gold medal at the 3000 metres steeplechase at the 1956 Olympics, and then went on to co-found the London Marathon?
	Chris Brasher
94	Who is the current (as of 13 April 2024) captain of the England women's rugby union team? She replaced Sarah Hunter in this role.
	Marlie Packer
95	The name of what wine grape translates from French as 'young blackbird'?
	Merlot
96	The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art is on the south bank of which English river?
	The Tyne (it's in Gateshead)

Supplementaries:

1	By what other name is Vitamin B1 known?
	Thiamine
2	What hallmark is used by Birmingham Assay Office?
	Anchor
3	Sir Toby Belch is a character in which Shakespeare play?
	Twelfth Night
4	Who has presented Radio 4's <i>Desert Island Discs</i> since 2018?
	Lauren Laverne
5	Fregula and orzo are varieties of what foodstuff?
	Pasta (they are varieties of pasta made with semolina, differentiated by shape)
6	In which UK city (then a town) did Marconi open the world's first purpose-built radio factory?
	Chelmsford
7	Which song by Lady Gaga features the line "After he's been hooked, I'll play the one that's on his heart"?
	Poker Face
8	What was the first name of the Welsh privateer who lends his name to a brand of flavoured rum, Captain Morgan?
	Henry
9	What is the main emergency phone number in Australia (i.e. their equivalent of 999)?
	000 (Zero Zero Zero)
10	The world's first set of traffic lights was installed outside which London landmark?
	Houses of Parliament (accept Palace of Westminster)
11	What type of hat does the figure on a Toby Jug typically wear?
	Tricorne
12	What song gave Taylor Swift her third UK number one hit single in November 2023?
	Is It Over Now?