

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – Famous Firsts

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I’ve chosen ‘Famous Firsts’ as the subject – Good luck and enjoy this challenge.....

1. Who was the first person to own a Facebook account? (first name & surname required)
Mark Zuckerberg (founder of Facebook)
2. Which famous first did Lewis Washkansky receive on December 3rd, 1967?
First human heart transplant
3. Which famous band were the first ever to perform on the first edition of *Top of the Pops* which aired on 1st January 1964?
Rolling Stones (singing *I wanna be your man*)
4. Which famous first was achieved by Charles Elwood “Chuck” Yeager, retired brigadier general of the United States Air Force, in 1947?
First pilot to exceed the speed of sound
5. In 1959, which record became Cliff Richard’s first UK number one single?
Living Doll
6. Who was the first person to be seen on Channel 4? (first name & surname required)
Richard Whiteley (the host of Countdown)
7. Who was the first person to win a million pounds on the UK TV show ‘*Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*’? (first name & surname required)
Judith Keppel
8. The first ‘test-tube baby’ was born in 1978. What was her name? (first name & surname required)
Louise Brown

Round 2 – Letter Link

This round consists of 8 general knowledge questions where the last letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2, and the final letter of the answer to question 2 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 3 and so on so forth down the 8 questions. When you get to question 8, the final letter of that answer will be the same as the first letter to the answer to question 1, thus completing the link.

1. 'Suncrisp', 'Golden Russet' and 'Braeburn' are all varieties of which fruit?
Apple
2. '*Hand on Your Heart*', '*Wouldn't Change a Thing*' and '*Tears on My Pillow*' were all tracks on which 1990 studio album by Kylie Minogue?
Enjoy Yourself
3. According to the idiom, what do 'birds of a feather' do? (two-word answer)
Flock together
4. What was the first name and nickname of the man who succeeded Henry II as King of England?
Richard the Lionheart
5. Which star sign is Queen Elizabeth II?
Taurus (born 21st April 1926)
6. Who has been the Channel 4 show Countdown's resident lexicographer and etymologist in 'Dictionary Corner' since 1992? (first name & surname required)
Susie Dent
7. What is the national flower of the Netherlands?
Tulip
8. What is the name of the mild powdered seasoning made from dried pimientos?
Paprika

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 2,324

1. The letter K is the only one in Scrabble to have a value of how many points?
5
2. How many days are there in the second six months of the year, from the beginning of July to the end of December?
184 (31 in July, 31 in August, 30 in September, 31 in October, 30 in November and 31 in December)
3. In which year did Channel 4 begin transmission in the UK?
1982
4. How many episodes of the UK version of 'The Office' were made?
14 (Two series of six episodes each plus two longer Christmas specials)
5. How many differently coloured sets of residential properties are there in a standard game of Monopoly?
8
6. The chemical formula for ozone is a capital O followed by which subscript number
3 (symbol is, therefore, O₃)
7. What is six-fourteenths of 112?
48
8. How long is a rugby union match, excluding stoppage time?
80 minutes

Round 4 – Connection

This round consists of 7 general knowledge questions where the answers all have a common connection. For question 8 you simply have to work out what the connection is between the previous 7 answers. All your answers should obviously fit the connection; if you find yourself looking at an answer that doesn't obviously fit the connection then it's either very obscure or, more likely, you've got the wrong answer and you'll need a bit of a re-think!

- 1 What kind of 'little boy' did Terry Wogan and Aled Jones sing about in their 2008 Christmas hit in aid of *Children in Need*?
(little) DRUMMER (boy)
- 2 In which year did these three sporting events take place: The West Indies win the first ever Cricket World Cup, Arthur Ashe beats Jimmy Connors to become the first ever black Wimbledon Men's Singles champion and West Ham beat Fulham 2-0 to win the FA Cup?
1975
- 3 The name of which common flower, Latin name *Bellis perennis*, is also both a girl's name in its own right and sometimes a nickname for girls called Margaret?
DAISY
- 4 In the game of cribbage there are two important numbers that players strive to achieve, one is 31, what is the other?
15
- 5 Which flower is the basis for the pain relieving drugs morphine and codeine?
POPPY
- 6 What is the first name of the well-known TV and radio show presenter who first found fame as the piano player in the band Squeeze? (not his official first name but the name by which he is always known)
JOOLS (Holland) – his real first name is Julian
- 7 Which word from the Hindi language has found its way into English and is used to describe something that is 'first class' or 'absolutely genuine'?
PUKKA
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers:
JAMIE OLIVER
(in his early 20s he used to be the drummer in a band called Scarlett Division; he was born on the 27th May 1975; two of his 5 children are named Poppy & Daisy; Fifteen was the name of the range of charity restaurants he opened to train disadvantaged young people to work in the hospitality sector; his wife Juliette is always referred to by him as 'Jools' and 'pukka' was the expression that he introduced us to in the early days of his broadcasting)

