

25th September 2023 – This quiz is set by The Merchants – we do hope that it's enjoyable, balanced and not too annoying.

Required answers are in **BOLD CAPITALS**.

Round 1

The Need for Speed

This is a round about unusually fast people, animals, objects and phenomena.

1a. What is the fastest land animal?

CHEETAH

1b. Which bird is the fastest flyer in the world, having been recorded as reaching over 186 miles per hour?

PEREGRINE FALCON

2a. In the Top Gun films, what is Tom Cruise's character's call sign?

MAVERICK

2b. In which film does Will Smith play fighter pilot Steve Hillier?

INDEPENDENCE DAY

3a. Name the first female aviator to complete a solo crossing of the Atlantic?

AMELIA EARHART

3b. In 2009, US airways flight 1549 had to make an emergency water landing in the Hudson River, New York. Can you name the pilot?

SULLENBERGER (ACCEPT SULLY)

4a. Who is current world record holder for the Men's 100 metres?

USAIN BOLT

4b. Who is the current world record holder for the Women's 100 metres?

FLORENCE GRIFFITH-JOYNER (accept Flo-Jo)

Spare:

What is the world's fastest fish?

BLACK MARLIN (ACCEPT MARLIN).

Round 2

British Wildlife - This British Wildlife round focuses on creatures of all types which are usually resident in, or commonly migrate to, the United Kingdom.

1a. A baby pigeon is known as a what?

SQUAB

1b. A baby brown hare is known as a what?

LEVERET

- 2a Which invasive species is threatening the survival of native crayfish in the UK
SIGNAL CRAYFISH (ACCEPT 'SIGNAL')
- 2b Which invasive species is threatening the survival of native ladybirds in the UK?
HARLEQUIN LADYBIRD (ACCEPT 'HARLEQUIN')
- 3a. Both the grey and red squirrel build a nest in a tree, known as a what?
DREY
- 3b. During the day, the brown hare commonly rests in a depression in the ground, known as a what?
FORM
- 4a. A baby hedgehog is known as a what?
HOGLET
- 4b. Which seabird, most commonly seen on the coast, has the longest migration in the world, at about 22,000 miles annually?
ARCTIC TERN
- Spare:
Which British bird and fish share the same name (although the spelling is slightly different)?
RUFF (BIRD) AND RUFFE (FISH)

Round 3

Twins

- 1a. 1a Who stars as Danny Devito's very much non-identical long-lost twin brother in the 1988 buddy comedy film, *Twins*?
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
- 1b The identical twins Lisa and Louise Burns play the terrifying Grady sisters at the Overlook Hotel in which 1980 movie?
THE SHINING
- 2a What is the surname of the UK politicians Angela and Maria, who in the 1990s became the first twin sisters to sit in parliament together?
EAGLE
- 2b. What is the surname of the Australian twin brothers, Steve and Mark, who were enormously successful international cricketers from the 1980s to the early 2000s?
WAUGH
- 3a The Grime brothers, identical twins from Dublin who came to prominence on *The X-Factor* are a singing duo who are notable for their gravity-defying hairstyles. Under what name do they perform?
JEDWARD
- 3b The Romanian identical twins Gabriela and Monica Irimia are a singing duo who came to prominence on *Popstars: The Rivals* and enjoyed further publicity when Gabriela became engaged to Lib Dem MP Lembit Opik. Under what name do they perform?
CHEEKY GIRLS

4a In Roman mythology, which animal plays a crucial role in the lives of the twins Romulus and Remus?

WOLF

4b In Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Sebastian's twin sister shares her name with that of a musical instrument. What is her name?

VIOLA

Spares:

Which with French city is Lancaster twinned?

PERPIGNAN

In which eastern European country were the positions of prime minister and president occupied by twin brothers in 2006-2007?

POLAND

Round 4

Money Ballers – a round about the richest stars of sport

Given a clue and the sport they are famous for, name the very rich sports person. All answers are taken from a Forbes list of the highest-paid athletes of all time compiled in 2017. It will be no surprise to you that all are men.

1a. BOXING: This heavyweight is notorious for his criminal behaviour, including serving time for rape and biting part of an opponent's ear off

TYSON

1b. BOXING: This boxer won world titles in eight different weight classes, including flyweight and welterweight, and has since served as a Senator in his native land, although he failed to be elected President last year

PACQUIAO

2a. BASKETBALL: This shooting guard spent his entire career with the LA Lakers until tragically dying in a helicopter crash in 2020

BRYANT

2b. BASKETBALL: This player's biography on [NBA.com](https://www.nba.com) begins: "By acclamation, [answer name] is the greatest basketball player of all time." More importantly, he starred in classic basketball cartoon Space Jam

JORDAN

3a. GOLF: Nicknamed 'The King', he was one of golf's most popular stars from the 1950s onwards, and boasts a drink named after him, a non-alcoholic combo of iced tea and lemonade

PALMER

3b. GOLF: Nicknamed 'The Golden Bear', he holds the record for the most major championship wins spanning a period from the 1960s-1980s. He also gave his name to many golf video games in the 1980s and 90s

NICKLAUS

4a. FOOTBALL: This player is as famous as a family man as he is a footballer. His wife is a fashion designer, his eldest son is a photographer-turned-chef, and his second son plays football for Brentford's B team –

BECKHAM

4b. FOOTBALL: This ex-PSG player has won a record seven Ballon d'Or awards, and has known his wife since he was five years old

MESSI

Spares

BASEBALL: This player spent his entire 20-year Major League Baseball career with the New York Yankees and holds the record for career hits by a shortstop. He shares a surname with sprinter Carmelita, although the two are not related

JETER

BASEBALL: This prolific player had a long career with the Mariners, Rangers and Yankees, but his legacy is marred by steroid use. He was engaged to Jennifer Lopez and was rumoured to have had an affair with Madonna

RODRIGUEZ

Round 5

Palindromes

A general knowledge round in which every answer is a word that reads the same forwards or backwards.

- 1a. Japanese singer, songwriter and artist, born 1933. Her albums include *Approximately Infinite Universe* (1973) and *Double Fantasy* (1980).

ONO

- 1b. Yugoslav tennis player and former world number one, born 1973, who was stabbed by an obsessed fan of one of her rivals in 1993.

SELES

- 2a. In musical notation, which note comes between a crotchet and a semibreve?

MINIM

- 2b. In naval architecture, what name is given to a deck built as the roof over the cabin at the rear of a vessel?

POOP

- 3a. Which fashion, beauty and lifestyle magazine was launched by Helene Gordon-Lazareff in Paris in 1945?

ELLE

- 3b. A tower named after which much-loved British food brand is located on the South Bank of the River Thames in London?

OXO

- 4a. What is the title of the Christopher Nolan sci-fi film of 2020 in which many of the action sequences run forwards and backwards at the same time?

TENET

- 4b. What word can refer to a two-wheeled cart, a short-term job, or a rock concert?

GIG

Spare:

The UK's largest general insurance firm was created by the merger of Norwich Union and CGU. What is its name?

AVIVA

Round 6

We've got a fuzzbox (and we're going to use it)

First 4 questions, given the song, name the (most famous) lead singer

next four questions given the singer, name the (most famous) band

- 1a. I love rock and roll

JOAN JETT

- 1b. Brass in Pocket

CHRISSIE HYNDE

2a. White Rabbit –

GRACE SLICK

2b. Because the Night

PATTI SMITH

(Name the band)

3a. Dolores O'Riordan

THE CRANBERRIES

3b. Susanna Hoffs

THE BANGLES

4a. Gwen Stefani

NO DOUBT

4b. Sharleen Spiteri

TEXAS

Spares

Song

Heaven is a place on earth

BELINDA CARLISLE

Band

Courtney Love

HOLE

Round 7

Up the Garden Path

1a. What sweet-smelling climbing plant of genus *Lonicera* derives its names from the edible nectar that can be sucked from its tubular flowers?

HONEYSUCKLE

1b. Which fragrant purple-flowering shrub, a staple of British gardens, is a popular tourist attraction when farmed in Provence?

LAVENDER

2a. The old stone walls of Lancaster are often covered in a pretty creeping plant with small green leaves and mauve flowers. What amphibian is found in the name of this plant?

TOAD(flax)

2b. Many types of this flowering plant are named after famous people, including Princess Diana, Anne Boleyn, Victor Hugo and Paul McCartney. What is the plant?

ROSE

3a. UK residents are banned by the government from deliberately cultivating certain plants. One of these is *Impatiens glandulifera*, an invader from a mountainous part of the world. What is its common name?

HIMALAYAN BALSAM

3b. What common flower, *Bellis perennis*, nestles in the grass and is often used in a children's pastime?

DAISY

4a. What plant, named because it was thought to look like lion's teeth, is also commonly known as 'pee-the-bed'?

DANDELION

4b. The butterfly bush is a tall, messy plant with white or purple flowers, cultivated because it is so attractive to butterflies. To what genus does it belong?

BUDDLEIA

Spares

What hedging shrub, of genus *Ligustrum*, is well known to fans of JK Rowling?

PRIVET

The colour 'orange' was named after the fruit, not vice versa. Similarly, what colour is thought to have been named after a plant in the genus *Dianthus*?

PINK

Round 8

Reclaimed Cities – all answers are cities which have large parts reclaimed from water

1a City whose old name comes from the Portuguese for Good Little Bay and is the Entertainment capital of India

MUMBAI

1b City which as Tenochtitlan was largely raised to the ground by Hernan Cortez

MEXICO CITY

2a City which was captured by the Imperial Japanese Army on 15 February 1942 and was the site of the first F1 night time Grand Prix

SINGAPORE

2b Capital city 50 miles north of Talin, 250 miles east of Stockholm and 190 miles west of St Petersburg

HELSINKI

3a City ruled by the Al Maktoum family which grew from less than 200,000 in 1975 to 3.5 million in 2023

DUBAI

3b This Special Administrative Region has an airport and Disneyland built largely on reclaimed land (for Disney experts the castle is called the Castle of Magical Dreams)

HONG KONG

4a Originally a fishing village named Ido and has a metropolitan population in excess of 39 million

TOKYO

4b This city metropolitan area has a population in excess of 26 million and was famous for a boxing match

MANILA

Spares

The capital of the Maldives

MALE

City at the mouth of the river Amstel

AMSTERDAM