

Set by Boot and Shoe 'C'

Required answers are in BOLD CAPITALS

ROUND ONE: THE SHIPPING FORECAST*This year marks the centenary of the Shipping Forecast being broadcast by the BBC.*

- 1A In the Shipping Forecast the waters around the British Isles are divided into how many Sea Areas? (allow two either way) **31**
- 1B Which Sea Area, named after a cape in Spain, lies furthest south, extending to the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea? **TRAFALGAR**
- 2A Which Sea Area is named after the founder of the Meteorological Office in 1859? He was also the former captain of HMS Beagle. **FITZROY (Robert)**
- 2B Which Sea Area has the same name as the surname of the comedian who won *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2020? **BAILEY (Bill)**
- 3A A Sea Area in the Bristol Channel, the island of Lundy gets its name from *lundi*, the Old Norse word for which colourful seabird ? **PUFFIN**
- 3B Fitzroy replaced Sea Area Finisterre in 2002, the year an album with the same name was released by which French sounding group ? **ST ETIENNE**
- 4A Inspired by the Shipping Forecast, the song *This is a Low* appears on which 1994 album by the group Blur? **PARKLIFE**
- 4B In 1979 fifteen competitors lost their lives in a storm which wreaked havoc during a yacht race from the Isle of Wight to a rocky islet off the south coast of Ireland which gives its name to what Sea Area? **FASTNET**
- Spare:* Which Sea Area has the same name as a fish? **SOLE**

ROUND TWO: STATE FILMS

*You are given the date, director and two stars of a film with a US state in its title.
Complete the title by giving the name of the state.*

- 1A 1984. Wim Wenders. Harry Dean Stanton and Dean Stockwell. *Paris* _____? **TEXAS**
- 1B 1960. Henry Hathaway. John Wayne and Stewart Granger. *North to* _____? **ALASKA**
- 2A 1991. Gus van Sant. River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves. *My Private* _____? **IDAHO**
- 2B 1978. Herbert Ross. Michael Caine and Walter Matthau. _____ *Suite*? **CALIFORNIA**
- 3A 2002. Martin Scorsese. Leonardo di Caprio and Cameron Diaz. *Gangs of* _____? **NEW YORK**
- 3B 1955. Fred Zinneman. Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones. _____! ? **OKLAHOMA**
- 4A 1981. Joel Cohn. Nicholas Cage and Holly Hunter. *Raising* _____? **ARIZONA**
- 4B 1997. Agnieszka Holland. Albert Finney and Maggie Smith. _____ *Square*? **WASHINGTON**
- Spare:* 1949. Ray Rennahan. Bing Crosby and Rhonda Fleming. *A* _____ *Yankee in King Arthur's Court*? **CONNECTICUT**

ROUND THREE: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE RAILWAYS

A round of general questions on the theme of trains and railways to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton to Darlington Railway in 1825, the world's first passenger carrying service.

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| 1A | Which Midlands city has three railway stations called Foregate Street, Shrub Hill and Parkway? | WORCESTER |
| 1B | Which Northern city has two railway stations called Forster Square and Interchange? | BRADFORD |
| 2A | In the song first recorded by Glen Miller and his orchestra in 1941, at what time does the Chattanooga Choo Choo leave New York's Pennsylvania Station? | QUARTER TO FOUR |
| 2B | Displayed in the National Gallery, what is the title of JMW Turner's 1844 painting of a steam train crossing Maidenhead railway bridge on the Great Western Railway? | RAIN, STEAM, SPEED |
| 3A | <i>Time Transfixed</i> , a 1938 painting showing a steam train emerging from a fireplace, is a work by which artist? | Rene MAGRITTE |
| 3B | In which country could you undertake a journey of 54 hours on the 1,851 mile-long Ghan Railway? | AUSTRALIA |
| 4A | Who wrote the novel on which Alfred Hitchcock's 1951 film <i>Strangers on a Train</i> was based? | Patricia HIGHSMITH |
| 4B | <i>'One afternoon of heat, the express train drew up there unwontedly. It was late June. The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat. No one left and no one came on the bare platform.'</i>

At which (now closed) Gloucestershire railway station had poet Edward Thomas' train just stopped? | ADLESTROP |
| <i>Spare:</i> | In which English county did the 1963 Great Train Robbery take place? | BUCKINGHAMSHIRE |

ROUND FOUR: LITERARY WILDLIFE

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| 1A | What is the name of the book by Richard Adams in which the title characters Rowf and Snitter are hunted following their escape from a government research station? | THE PLAGUE DOGS |
| 1B | In T.S.Eliot's <i>Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats</i> what was the name of the Mystery Cat? | MACAVITY |
| 2A | Which Charles Dickens character had a pet raven called Grip? | BARNABY RUDGE |
| 2B | What is name of the donkey which accompanied Robert Louis Stevenson on a journey through the Cevennes in southern France? | MODESTINE |
| 3A | In the works of Beatrix Potter what sort of animal is Jeremy Fisher? | FROG |
| 3B | In a book by Michael Morpurgo what sort of animal is Joey? | War HORSE |
| 4A | What is the only animal in the title of a Shakespeare play? | SHREW |
| 4B | A heron called Old Nog is a recurring character in which book by Henry Williamson? | TARKA THE OTTER |
| <i>Spare:</i> | In which book does a dog called Montmorency accompany a group of people on a journey from Kingston-on-Thames to Oxford and back? | 3 MEN IN A BOAT |

ROUND FIVE: A SPORTING MISCELLANY

- 1A On winning the 2025 US Masters golf tournament, Rory McIlroy became one of only six men to have achieved a career Grand Slam. Name three of the other five (one point for each, three required for a pass).
Gene **SARAZEN**, Gary **PLAYER**, Ben **HOGAN**
Jack **NICKLAUS**
Tiger **WOODS**
- 1B Only eight male tennis players have won a career Grand Slam. The three most recent are Novac Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. Name three of the other five (one point for each, three required for a pass).
Fred **PERRY**, Donald **BUDGE**, Rod **LAVER**
Roy **EMERSON**
André **AGASSI**
- 2A In the opening game of the 2025 County Cricket Championship, Tom Banton scored a record-breaking 371 runs for which county?
SOMERSET
- 2B What is the name of the ground shared by the Italian football giants AC Milan and Internazionale?
SAN SIRO stadium
- 3A The only swimmer to hold the British, Commonwealth, European, World and Olympic titles at the same time, David Wilkie won his Olympic gold medal in 1976 at Montreal in which event?
200 METRES
BREASTSTROKE
- 3B In which sport did Gail Emms and Nathan Robertson together win gold medals at the 2004 European Championships and the 2006 World Championships?
BADMINTON
- 4A At which racecourse is France's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe run?
LONGCHAMP
- 4B In 2027 the Grand Départ of the Tour de France will be from which British city?
EDINBURGH
- Spare:* Name the local motorcyclist, nicknamed 'The Morecambe Missile', who is the third most successful TT rider of all time.
John **McGUINNESS**

ROUND SIX: BRITISH POLITICS

- 1A How many people served as British Prime Minister during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II?
15
- 1B Only twice in the 20th century have there been two General Elections in the same year – in 1910 and in which other year?
1974
- 2A In 1981 four disaffected Labour politicians founded the Social Democratic Party. Shirley Williams and Roy Jenkins were two of the 'Gang of Four' as they were dubbed. Name either of the other two.
DAVID OWEN
BILL RODGERS
- 2B To whom was Denis Healey referring when he said that to be attacked by him was 'like being savaged by a dead sheep'?
GEOFFREY HOWE
- 3A Which Oxfordshire parliamentary constituency was represented by David Cameron between 2000 and 2016?
WITNEY
- 3B When Harold Wilson was elevated to the peerage he took the name of which abbey in the north of his native Yorkshire?
RIEVAULX
- 4A The Reform party candidate Sarah Pochin won which constituency from Labour in a by-election on 1st May?
RUNCORN AND
HELSBY
- 4B In the Local Elections held on 1st May which former Conservative minister was elected for the Reform party as Mayor of Lincolnshire?
ANDREA JENKINS

Spare: Which Labour politician was nicknamed ‘The Prince of Darkness’?

PETER MANDELSON

ROUND SEVEN: COLOURS

1A Published in 1970, *The Bluest Eye* was the first novel by which US author?

TONI MORRISON

1B *Yellow Submarine* was a song by the Beatles but which submersible imploded in June 2023 while viewing the Titanic?

TITAN

2A Who composed the theme tune for the 1963 film *The Pink Panther*?

HENRY MANCINI

2B Elizabeth Woodville, also known as the White Queen, was married to which king?

EDWARD IV

3A Edward of Woodstock, also known as the Black Prince, was the father of which king?

RICHARD II

3B Which singer had a Number One hit in 1984 with *99 Red Balloons*?

NENA

4A What sort of creature is a Purple Emperor?

BUTTERFLY

4B Burpless Tasty Green is a variety of which vegetable?

CUCUMBER

Spare: What was incorporated in the gold, silver and bronze medals won by competitors at the 2024 Paris Olympics?

**METAL FROM THE
EIFFEL TOWER**

ROUND EIGHT: SPACED OUT

People in Space – real and fictitious.

1A Which US astronaut went into space in 1962 and again in 1998?

JOHN GLENN

1B What was the name of the capsule in which Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space in 1961?

VOSTOK (1)

2A First appearing in the *Eagle* comic in 1950, who was ‘The Pilot of the Future’?

DAN DARE

2B Who was the pilot and commanding officer of Fireball XL5 in the children’s TV series of that name?

STEVE ZODIAC

3A Name either of the two astronauts stranded on the International Space Station for nine months, only returning to Earth in March 2025.

Suni **WILLIAMS**
Butch **WILMORE**

3B Who was the first British astronaut, visiting the Mir Space Station in 1991?

HELEN SHARMAN

4A In the 2015 film *The Martian* who played the stranded astronaut Mark Watney?

MATT DAMON

4B As well as Eugene Cernan, which other astronaut from Apollo 17 also walked on the Moon’s surface in 1972?

Harrison **SCHMITT**

Spare: In a 1901 novel by which author were narrator/ businessman Mr Bedford and eccentric scientist Mr Cavor *The First Men in the Moon*?

H.G. WELLS