

Lancaster Quiz League: 13th October 2025

Set by George and Dragon B. Required answers in capitals and underlined. Surnames only required.

Round 1: Happy Birthday British Passenger Railways

A round to mark the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton to Darlington railway on 27th September 1825.

1A	Which UK city is served by Temple Meads station?	<u>BRISTOL</u>
1B	Which UK city is served by Waverley station?	<u>EDINBURGH</u>
2A	Who was the engineer who built the Royal Albert Bridge over the river Tamar between Plymouth and Saltash which opened in 1859?	Isambard Kingdom <u>BRUNEL</u>
2B	Who was the engineer who built the Britannia bridge which carried the railway over the Menai Strait, linking Anglesey to the rest of Wales, which opened in 1850?	Robert <u>STEPHENSON</u>
3A	Which London station is the terminus of the Great Western main line serving the West Country and South Wales?	<u>PADDINGTON</u>
3B	Which London station is the terminus of the East Coast main line where trains from Edinburgh arrive?	<u>KINGS CROSS</u>
4A	Which currently used station is on the line between Carnforth and Bentham stations?	<u>WENNINGTON</u>
4B	Which currently used station is on the line between Grange over Sands and Cark and Cartmel?	<u>KENTS BANK</u>
Spare	Which railway bridge, over a river estuary, collapsed during a storm in 1879, killing at least 59 people.	<u>TAY BRIDGE</u>

Round 2: Murder most foul?

1A	"Murder most foul, as in the best it is, But this most foul, strange and unnatural." comes from which Shakespear play?	<u>HAMLET</u>
1B	'Murder most Foul' is a song about the death of John F Kennedy written and recorded by which American singer/songwriter?	Bob <u>DYLAN</u>
2A	'The Killings at Badger's Drift' is the first in a seven-book series which served as the inspiration for which long-running British TV detective series?	<u>MIDSOMER MURDERS</u>
2B	'Last Bus to Woodstock' is the first in an eleven-book series which served as the basis for which long-running British TV detective series and later sequel and prequel series'?	<u>MORSE</u>
3A	Which English king (name and regnal number) was kept in the Tower of London by his uncle Richard of York and is presumed to have been murdered on his orders?	<u>EDWARD V</u>
3B	Which English king (name and regnal number) was killed when shot by an arrow on a hunting trip in the New Forest in what may have been an assassination ordered by his successor?	<u>WILLIAM II</u>
4A	'Let Him Have it' is a 1991 British film based around the murder of PC Sidney Miles by Christopher Craig during a robbery. What was the name of Craig's accomplice who was subsequently convicted of murder under joint enterprise and hung in 1953?	Derek <u>BENTLEY</u>
4B	What was the name of the Conservative MP and shadow cabinet minister who was assassinated as he drove his car out of the House of Common's car park on 30 th March 1979? The assignation was claimed by the INLA?	Airey <u>NEAVE</u>
Spare	According to the nursery rhyme, who killed Cock Robin?	<u>SPARROW</u>

Round 3: Collective nouns

Given the collective noun, to what animal does it apply?

1A	Parliament?	<u>OWLS</u>
1B	Murder?	<u>CROWS</u>
2A	Clowder?	<u>CATS</u>
2B	Convocation?	<u>EAGLES</u>

3A	Skulk?	<u>FOXES</u>
3B	Cete?	<u>BADGERS</u>
4A	Ostentation?	<u>PEACOCKS</u>
4B	Tower?	<u>GIRAFFES</u>
Spare	Crash	<u>RHINOCEROS</u>

Round 4: Numbers

1A	In which year was Cumbria created from the merger of Cumberland, Westmorland and the Furness peninsula of Lancashire? (1 year either way)	<u>1974</u>
1B	In what year did America declare independence from Britain? (1 year either way)	<u>1776</u>
2A	To 1 decimal place, how many kilometres are there in 1 mile?	<u>1.6</u>
2B	In the imperial system, how many chains are there in 1 mile?	<u>80</u>
3A	According to the book of Exodus how many plagues did God visit on the Egyptians to persuade them to release the Israelites?	<u>10</u>
3B	In Judaism how many candles are there on a menorah for the festival of Hanukkah?	<u>9</u>
4A	What number was 'The Prisoner' in the 60s TV series of the same name?	<u>6</u>
4B	How many rings were gifted to the dwarves by Sauron in the 'Lord of the Rings'?	<u>7</u>
Spare	At what number Festive Road does Mr Benn live?	<u>52</u>

Round 5: Endangered and extinct animals

1A	What is the name of the endangered animal which is believed to be the only scaled mammal?	<u>PANGOLIN</u>
1B	There are only approximately 150 Chinese alligators left in the wild. Which river is this animal's home?	<u>YANGTZE</u> river
2A	Which species of animal was declared extinct in 2015 after the last remaining male, affectionately known as Lonesome George, died in 2012.	Pinta Island <u>TORTOISE</u>
2B	Which extinct flightless bird, possibly the largest that ever lived and looked like an oversized ostrich was native to Madagascar?	<u>ELEPHANT</u> bird
3A	What was the name of the group of large extinct flightless birds native to New Zealand?	<u>MOA</u>
3B	Which species of animal was the now (probably) extinct Saint Croix racer?	<u>SNAKE</u>
4A	In 1852 the last known Great Auk was spotted in Newfoundland Canada. It has not been seen since. What type of animal was a Great Auk.	<u>BIRD</u>
4B	The last specimen of which marsupial, native to Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea, died in Hobart Zoo in 1936?	<u>THYLACINE</u> (accept <u>TASMANIAN TIGER</u> or <u>TASMANIAN WOLF</u>)
Spare	Which organization maintains the global Red List of endangered species?	The <u>INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN)</u>

Round 6: Board games

1A	In the original 1981 Genus edition of Trivial Pursuit what subject does the BLUE wedge represent?	<u>GEOGRAPHY</u>
1B	What was the original name for the board game "Scrabble"?	<u>CRISS-CROSSWORDS</u>
2A	Which popular board game takes its name from the Latin word meaning "I play"?	<u>LUDO</u>
2B	'Fool's Mate' is the fastest checkmate in chess. How many moves does it take?	<u>2</u>
3A	Prior to 1999, what was the surname of the mascot of the Monopoly board game, now known simple as 'Mr Monopoly'?	<u>PENNYBAGS</u>
3B	In the UK edition of Cluedo, who is the murder victim?	<u>DR BLACK</u>

4A	One of the most popular collaborative games of the 21 st century involves players working together to defeat a worldwide outbreak of four deadly diseases. What is its name?	<u>PANDEMIC</u>
4B	One the most popular board games in recent years (selling 18 000 000 copies to date) involves players collecting cards to allow them to building railway tracks between various cities. What is it called?	<u>TICKET TO RIDE</u>
Spare	Played on a 19 x 19 grid with black and white stones with the aim to fence off more territory that your opponent, what Is the name of what is believed to be the world's oldest continuously played game (more than 2500 years)?	<u>GO</u>

Round 7: Smells Good to Me!

Which brands are the following perfumes/eau de colognes?

1A	One Million?	<u>PACO RABANNE</u>
1B	Cool Water?	<u>DAVIDOFF</u>
2A	Acqua Di Gio?	<u>GIORGIO ARMANI</u>
2B	L'Eau D'Issey?	<u>ISSEY MIYAKE</u>
3A	Obsession?	<u>CALVIN KLEIN</u>
3B	Black Opium?	<u>YVES SAINT LAURENT</u>
4A	Daisy?	<u>MARC JACOBS</u>
4B	J'Adore?	<u>DIOR</u>
Spare	Devotion?	<u>DOLCE & GABBANA</u>

Round 8: General

1A	In May 2025, the Financial Times journalist Robert Armstrong coined the acronym TACO to describe how many investors responded to Donald Trump's tariffs. What does TACO stand for?	<u>TRUMP ALWAYS CHICKENS OUT</u>
1B	In the first 6 months of 2025 Donald Trump terminated 83% of USAID funding. What do the AID initials stand for?	<u>AGENCY for INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</u>
2A	In which Lake District valley will you find remains of a Neolithic axe factory which was responsible for the production of nearly 30% of all such axes found in the UK?	<u>LANGDALE</u>
2B	What is the name of the Neolithic 3.7m monolith and surrounding stone circle consisting of more than 60 stones near Little Salkeld, Penrith?	<u>LONG MEG AND HER DAUGHTERS</u>
3A	Which Netflix animated film released in June 2025 became the most streamed film ever on the platform (266 million views and counting) and included the number one UK Official Chart song 'Golden'?	<u>KPOP DEMON HUNTERS</u>
3B	Season 2 of which Netflix supernatural black comedy starring Jenna Ortega and based on characters from a cartoon series appearing in the New Yorker magazine starting in 1938, was released in August and September 2025?	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
4A	On 2 nd October 1925 the first successful transmission of grey scale television picture was achieved by which Scottish inventor?	John Logie <u>BAIRD</u>
4B	The 16 th October 1925 saw the birth of the actor who went on to star in the film 'Bedknobs and Broomsticks' and the TV series 'Murder She Wrote'. Name her.	Angela <u>LANSBURY</u>
Spare	By what name is the singer, songwriter and actress born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta known professionally?	<u>LADY GAGA</u>

And finally ...

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