

By any other name – who is, or is known as

1. Marion Robert Morrison
 - a. John Wayne
2. J.K. Rowling as author of “Strike” crime novels
 - a. Robert Galbraith
3. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson
 - a. Lewis Carole
4. Harry Roger Webb
 - a. Cliff Richard
5. Mary Westmacott
 - a. Agatha Christie
6. The Hulk
 - a. Bruce Banner (not Mark Ruffalo)
7. Sir Percy Blakeney
 - a. The Scarlet Pimpernel
8. David Bowie
 - a. David Robert Jones
9. WilliamHBonney
 - a. Billy the Kid
10. Sarah Caroline Sindair
 - a. Olivia Colman

Firsts

1. Who was first American to orbit the earth?
 - a. John Glen in 1962
2. In what US state did the Wright brothers complete the first powered flight?
 - a. North Carolina in 1903 in "The Wright Flyer"
3. What was the first movie with spoken dialogue in 1927?
 - a. The Jazz Singer with Al Johnson
4. Where was the first FA Cup final played?
 - a. Kennington Oval in 1872, (Wanderers vs Royal Engineers)
5. Where does the First Lord of the Treasury live?
 - a. 10 Downing Street, gifted to Robert Walpole by George II
6. What record-first is held by Birds Eye Frozen peas?
 - a. The 1st, colour TV ad in UK in 1969
7. Emil Jannings & Janet Gaynor were the first winners of what in 1928?
 - a. An Oscar
8. Who is credited with the first human flight in a hot air balloon?
 - a. The Montgolfier brothers in 1783
9. Which country was the first give women the vote?
 - a. New Zealand in 1893 (UK in 1928)
10. Who was the first man to swim the English Channel?
 - a. Cpt Matthew Webb in 1875

Where in the world

1. What city is known as The Big Easy?
a. **New Orleans**
2. What is the smallest country in the world, by size?
a. **Vatican City**
3. Which country is known as "Land of a Thousand Lakes"?
a. **Finland**
4. In which country is the Kalahari Desert predominately situated?
a. **Botswana** (having 70%)
5. In what country is the most westerly point in mainland Europe?
a. **Portugal** (Cabo da Roca)
6. How many great lakes are there?
a. **5** (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior)
7. Which city currently has the highest population in the world?
a. **Tokyo**
8. Name the states in Australia?
a. **NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, Tasmania, SA** (not Northern Territory)
9. In which country is Borobudur situated?
a. **Indonesia (Java)**
10. The Angel Falls in Venezuela are the tallest in the world, but what are the falls twice the width of Niagara Falls, separating Argentina & Brazil, called?
a. **Iguazu Falls**

Connections

1. What is superman's only known weakness?
a. Kryptonite
2. Snowy is the pet dog of which Belgian cartoon character?
a. TinTin
3. When emailing what does BCC stand for?
a. Blind Carbon Copy
4. Gert Frobe played the Bond villain in which 1964 film?
a. Goldfinger
5. What is a five-cent coin known as in the USA?
a. ANickel
6. Which slang term for a police officer comes from "someone who captures"?
a. ACopper
7. Which musician was born Frederick Bulsara?
a. Freddy Mercury
8. Who played Alfred the Butler alongside Ben Affleck in the Batman films?
a. Jeremy Irons
9. What was the Lone Ranger's horse called?
a. Silver
10. What is the connection in the answers?
a. They all contain names of chemical elements

I wish I said that

1. Who, in reply to the question "Why do you want to climb Everest?" replied, "Because it's there"
 - a. George Mallory
2. Whose epitaph is "I told you was ill"
 - a. Spike Milligan (only allowed in Gaelic)
3. "This wallpaper is killing me, one of us has to go"
 - a. Oscar Wilde (on his death bed)
4. "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have done" appears at the end of which Dickens novel?
 - a. A Tale of Two Cities
5. "I'm not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens"
 - a. Woody Allen
6. "I like children, if they're properly cooked"
 - a. WC Fields
7. "Everytime a bell rings an angel gets its wings" comes from which film?
 - a. It's a Wonderful Life
8. Who said "you're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off"
 - a. Michael Caine as Charlie Croker in "The Italian Job")
9. "I used to be Snow White, but I drifted"
 - a. Mae West
10. Who quipped "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it"
 - a. Groucho Marx

It's all in the past

1. Queen Elizabeth II was Britain's longest serving monarch, followed by Queen Victoria, but who was the third?
 - a. George III (after almost 60 years)
2. Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived; but who was Henry VIII's last wife?
 - a. Catherine Parr
3. What country is part of the United Kingdom but not of Great Britain?
 - a. Northern Ireland
4. Whose body was exhumed more than 2 years after his death to be executed for treason?
 - a. Oliver Cromwell
5. In which decade was the London Underground opened?
 - a. 1860's (1863)
6. Which British king's death precipitated events leading to the Battle of Hastings?
 - a. Edward the Confessor
7. Who is the only British prime minister to have been assassinated?
 - a. Spencer Perceval in 1812
8. England has only ever had one pope - what was his name?
 - a. Adrian IV (Nicholas Breakspeare)
9. What item of food did Samuel Pepys the diarist bury in his garden to save it from the Great Fire of London?
 - a. Cheese (Parmesan)
10. Where by the Thames was The Magna Carta signed in 1215?
 - a. Runnymede

Naturally speaking

1. What is a rhino tusk made of?
a. Keratin
2. What is a group of owls called?
a. A Parliament
3. What is the most venomous snake in the world?
a. Western Taipan
4. Why do sea otters hold hands in the water?
a. So they don't drift apart whilst sleeping
5. What is the only bird that can fly backwards?
a. Hummingbird
6. Which animal has cuboid poo?
a. Wombat
7. What sort of creatures does a herpetologist study?
a. Amphibians and Reptiles
8. What is the smallest British bird?
a. Goldcrest (not Wren)
9. What type of creature is a buralo?
a. A fish (Lizard Fish), salted and sun-dried, eaten as a Bombay Duck
10. What long-eared mammals attacked Napoleon and his men in 1806?
a. Domesticated rabbits

Awards, prizes and competitions

1. We all know the difficulty the English have winning the Ashes - Australia won a test at the Oval in 1882 and a newspaper article stated that "English cricket had died and the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia" but what is the Ashes trophy made of and what does it contain?
 - a. Terracotta Urn containing the ashes of a bail
2. Who are GB competing against in the America's Cup final?
 - a. New Zealand
3. Who might win a Dickin medal?
 - a. Animals in the Armed Forces
4. In which sport is a green jacket awarded?
 - a. Golf (US Masters)
5. To whom is the Venus Rosewater dish presented?
 - a. The Ladies singles winner at Wimbledon
6. Who competes for the Solheim Cup?
 - a. Europe and US (Women's Golf)
7. What are the six categories for which Nobel prizes are awarded?
 - a. Chemistry, Physics, Medicine/Physiology, Peace, Literature, and Economics (added in 1968)
8. What is the oldest order of chivalry in the UK dating back to Edward III?
 - a. Order of the Garter, 1348
9. What is an EGOT?
 - a. Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony
10. Which individual has won the most Olympic medals?
 - a. Michael Phelps (total 28, 23 Gold)