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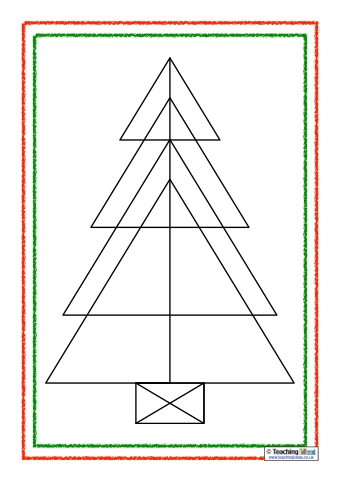
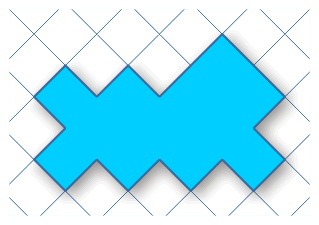
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# **SETUP**

* People will be randomly assigned to a team. More or less.
* Get them to volunteer a name.
* There will be 9 rounds (and an optional runoff round). Teams will initially be handed a fill-in / take your time round. These will alternate with normal question rounds.
* Equipment: blank paper and pencils, prizes.

# **ROUNDS**

## **Round 1: P**uzzles (handout, arrival)

1. Complete this sequence: D D P V C C D?  
   *B for Blitzen. They are Santa’s reindeer, from “Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer”, being Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid Donner and…*
2. How many triangles can you find in this Christmas tree?  
   *32: count at each level from the top: 6, 9, 6, 3 and 8 (box)*
3. There are 50 American states. Four begin with the letter ‘W’. What are they?  
   *Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming*
4. Using the numbers 2, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 25, and only addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, make the number 578.  
   *9 \* 6 = 54  
   54 + 2 = 56  
   56 \* 10 = 560  
   25 - 7 = 18  
   560 + 18 = 578*
5. Archimedes was playing with his boat in the bath. His boat sank. Did the water level in the bath go up, did it go down, or did it stay the same?  
   *Down. A floating boat displaces its own weight of water. A sunken boat displaces its own volume of water. It sank – so it is denser than water – so it now displaces less water.*
6. Make one cut and one cut only to divide this figure into two symmetrical parts:   
   *A “right pointing V” in the middle. It’s not a straight line.*
7. Name the five busiest airports in Europe (based on the total number of passengers each year). We’ll accept the airport name or the city.  
   *London (Heathrow), Paris (Charles de Gaulle), Frankfurt, Madrid (Barajas) and Amsterdam (Schiphol)*
8. Which 4-letter word could not be spoken in Biblical times? Hints: It does not begin with an F. It can be spelt several ways. It is still forbidden in some communities today.  
   *The “Tetragrammaton” YHWH or Yahweh. Hebrew, of course, is written without any vowels.*
9. What is the next term in this sequence: Thousand, Million, Trillion, ...?  
   *The terms have 3, 6 and 12 zeros respectively, doubling each time. Septillion is the next term, with 24 zeros.*
10. In your bedroom, you have a drawer with 2 red, 4 yellow, 6 purple, 8 brown, 10 white, 12 green, 14 black, 16 blue, 18 grey, and 20 orange socks. It is dark (because the electricity has been turned off, because you backed too many Kickstarters this month), so you cannot distinguish between the colors of the socks. How many socks do you need to take out of the drawer to be sure that you have at least three pairs of socks of the same color?  
    *In the worst case in which you did not take three pairs of socks of the same color, you took 2 red socks, 4 yellow socks, and 5 of each of the other colors. That gives a total of 46 socks. Then if you take one more sock, you are sure to have 6 socks of at least one color. Therefore, you have to take 47 socks from the drawer to be sure that you have at least three pairs of socks of the same color.*

## **Round 2:** Alpha-bullshit **(q&a)**

*Here are ten general knowledge questions, based on the first 10 letters of the alphabet:*

1. A: Which word did Neil Armstrong apparently forget when Apollo 11 landed on the the moon?  
   *“A” - he was supposed to say “that’s one small step for a man”*
2. B: Which city was a top 10 hit for Freddy Mercury in 1987?  
   *Barcelona*
3. C: The CCU in a hospital is which department?  
   *Coronary Care Unit*
4. D: Which TV character has been played by June Brown for more than 30 years?  
   *Dot Cotton in Eastenders*
5. E: Whose frozen body was found on Everest, 75 years after he tried to climb the mountain?  
   George Mallory
6. F: On what day of creation did God make the sun, the moon and the stars?  
   4th
7. G: In the Robin Hood stories, who was the Sheriff of Nottingham's chief henchman?  
   Guy of Gisburne
8. H: To a celestial body, what type of region is its Hill sphere?  
   *Region in which its satellites can be found*
9. I: What is Indiana Jones real first name?  
   *Henry*
10. J: what plant gives gin its distinctive flavour?  
    *Juniper*

## **Round 3: Know your Dick** (handout)

*It’s a picture round! Being LoBsters, you know all about dicks. Identify these dicks from a picture either of themselves or something associated with them.*

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| Philip K Dick | Dicky Bird | Richard “Tricky Dick” Nixon (Watergate hotel) |
| Dick Whittington (his cat) | Spotted Dick (desert) | Richard Scarry (children’s illustrator) |
| Richard Gere (gerbil) | Dick Grayson (Robin) | Dick Turpin (highwayman) |
| Anthony van Dyck (painter) |  |  |

## **Round 4: Pyramid (q&a)**

*In this round, we’ll give you ten questions. However, you have to arrange your answers in the form of a pyramid: 4 on the bottom, 3 on the next, 2 on the next and 1 at the top. All answers in a lower level must be correct to support the answers in a level above. Put another way, you have to put the answers you’re certain of on the bottom of the pyramid and your less certain ones on the top.*

1. What chemical element is the first (lowest value) in the periodic table whose name does not begin with the same letter as its formula?  
   *Sodium, which is Na*
2. What is the title of the march that became famous as the theme tune for “Monty Python’s Flying Circus”?  
   *“The Liberty Bell” (by John Philip Sousa)*
3. Which German festival takes place in September each year in Theresa’s meadow (Theresienwiese) to celebrate the 1810 marriage of crown prince Ludwig.  
   *Oktoberfest*
4. In which country did the Mau Mau uprising occur?  
   *Kenya*
5. In knitting, what is meant by the initials 'psso'?  
   *“pass slipped stitch over”*
6. Who was the youngest ever American President?  
   *Theodore Roosevelt*
7. What is the large triangular muscle covering the joint of the shoulder  
   *Deltoid*
8. ‘No man is an island.’ Who wrote these words?  
   *John Donne*
9. What is the French term for Shrove Tuesday?  
   *Mardi Gras*
10. The historical and archaeological city of Petra is in which country?  
    *Jordan*

## Round 5: Trading for Grain in the Mediterranean (handout)

*In this round, each team has been given a number of shares, in different colours. In 15 minutes, bring them back to your kwiz-masters. We will score you based on the sets of shares that you have assembled: a single ticket is 1 point, 2 tickets are 3 points, 3 tickets are 6 points and so on. You can trade with other teams with any terms or conditions that you want. One catch: each ticket has a flag on it that must be answered correctly.*

*You cannot steal, destroy or otherwise interfere with another team’s tickets.*

*[NOTE: each team gets 5 tickets in 5 different colours. There are 21 different flags. The distribution is setup Dobble-style so that every set has one in common with every other set]*

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| *C*  Poland | *Q*    Sweden | *A*    Greenland | *D*    *Syria* | *B*    *Pakistan* |
| *E*    Isle of Man | *G*    *Turkey* | *F*    Estonia | *H*    Ukraine | *Q*    Sweden |
| *Q*    Sweden | *J*    *Belgium* | *I*    Austria | *L*    Ivory coast | *K*    Malaysia |
| *P*    *Netherlands* | *O*  *Botswana* | *Q*    Sweden | *M*    Mozambique | *N*    *Mexico* |
| *F*    Estonia | *R*    New Zealand | *K*    Malaysia | *P*    *Netherlands or Luxembourg* | *A*    Greenland |
| *R*    New zealand | *J*    *Belgium* | *E*    Isle of Man | *D*    *Syria* | *O*  *Botswana* |
| *I*    Austria | *H*    Ukraine | *N*    *Mexico* | *R*    New zealand | *C*    Poland |
| *M*    Mozambique | *L*    Ivory coast | *G*    *Turkey* | *B*    *Pakistan* | *R*    New zealand |
| *J*    *Belgium* | *A*    Greenland | *S*    *Hungary* | *C*    Poland | *L*  Ivory coast |
| *P*    *Netherlands* | *S*    *Hungary* | *N*    *Mexico* | *G*    *Turkey* | *E*    Isle of Man |
| *B*    *Pakistan* | *D*    *Syria* | *I*    Austria | *K*    Malaysia | *S*    *Hungary* |
| *H*    Ukraine | *S*    *Hungary* | *F*    Estonia | *M*    Mozambique | *O*  *Botswana* |
| *K*    Malaysia | *N*    *Mexico* | *T*    *Cuba* | *H*    Ukraine | *A*    Greenland |
| *B*    *Pakistan* | *E*    Isle of Man | *O*  *Botswana* | *T*    *Cuba* | *L*    Ivory coast |
| *F*    Estonia | *T*    *Cuba* | *C*    Poland | *P*    *Netherlands* | *I*    Austria |
| *T*    *Cuba* | *J*    *Belgium* | *D*    *Syria* | *M*    Mozambique | *G*    *Turkey* |
| *I*    Austria | *U*    *Italy* | *M*    Mozambique | *E*    Isle of Man | *A*    Greenland |
| *U*    *Italy* | *B*    *Pakistan* | *N*    *Mexico* | *J*    *Belgium* | *F*    Estonia |
| *K*    Malaysia | *C*    Poland | *G*    *Turkey* | *U*    *Italy* | *O*  *Botswana* |
| *D*    *Syria* | *H*    Ukraine | *U*    *Italy* | *L*    Ivory coast | *P*    *Netherlands* |
| *S*    *Hungary* | *R*    New zealand | *T*    *Cuba* | *Q*    Sweden | *U*    *Italy* |

## **Round 6:** Bullshit games / Zero sum (q&a)

*Yes, it’s another bullshit game round, but with a twist. You can choose not to answer a question. Why? Because if you give any incorrect answers this round, you score zero regardless of which other questions you get right ...*

1. What is the only property on the Uk monopoly which contains all of the letters in the word 'monopoly' in its name?  
   *Electric Company*
2. How many eyes are there on a pack of 52 cards?  
   *42*
3. What is the national game of the Basques?  
   *Pelota (a form of tennis using racket or hand with a net or against a wall)*
4. In the game of Cluedo, which of the rooms would come last alphabetically?  
   *Study*
5. How many ways are there to win an untimed chess game: 2, 3 or 4?  
   *Three: An untimed game of chess can end with a checkmate, with a resignation by either player, or in a draw.*
6. Snakes and Ladders was invented in India and dates back to the 16th Century. In the modern version, how many ladders are there relative to snakes: more, the same, fewer?  
   *It's more. In the original Indian game snakes outnumbered ladders, according to The Guide to Traditional Games. When it became popular in Victorian Britain they were made equal. The modern-day version is a lot easier because the ladders outnumber the snakes*.
7. In what decade was the first modern Olympic Games held? (A decade starting with a 0 year and going to 9, for you pendants.)  
   *The 1890s (1896 to be exact).*
8. In snooker, a player makes a break potting green, brown, red and pink. How many points does he score?  
   *12. To be a legal break, the first green must have been a free ball, scoring as a red (1). The others score 4, 1 and 6*
9. If you add up all the numbers on a roulette wheel, what do you get?  
   666
10. In Risk, what colour is Europe?  
    Blue

## Round 7: It’s not a co-op (q&a)

*This round is simple - the teams provide the questions. Earlier in the evening, each team provides a question along with an answer. These will be used for the questions for this round. Each team does not answer their own question - instead they score a number of points equal to how many other teams got their question right or wrong, whichever is less.*

*No attempt will be made to fact-check these questions.*

## Round 8: Crossword (handout)

*It’s a crossword*

1. The Butut is the monetary unit of which country?  
   Gambia
2. Who composed The Wedding March?  
   (Felix) Mendelsshon
3. What is an otter's home called?  
   Holt
4. Gymnophobia is the fear of what?  
   Nudity
5. What can be ‘monopole’, ‘dipole’ or ‘helical’?  
   Antenna (or aerial)
6. The Kariba Dam is on which river?  
   Zambezi (or Zambesi)
7. What is the fastest fish in the Ocean?  
   Sailfish
8. What is the only sea on Earth with no coastline?  
   Sargasso
9. Which artist is credited with developing linear perspective?  
   Brunelleschi
10. What are the flat treeless plains of Argentina called?  
    Pampas
11. King Zog ruled which country?  
    Albania
12. Who is the last name of Britains first Prime Minster?  
    (Robert) Walpole
13. What is a corrida?  
    Bullfight
14. What is the name of the main protagonist in the Legend of Zelda series of video games?  
    Link
15. The desire to eat strange things that are non-nutritive is known as what?  
    Pica
16. How many oscars did Alfred Hitchcock win?  
    None

## **Round 9: Speed (q&a)**

*I will repeat every question twice, then move on to the next question. Then I will repeat them one last time. Then you have 30 seconds to get your answers in.*

1. What does a yellow flag with red stripes mean in motor racing?  
   Track is slippery
2. Who is the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated?  
   *Spencer Percival*
3. Which country won the 2015 Eurovision song contest? Note: 2015 not 2016.  
   *Sweden*
4. What is the nearest planet to Earth?  
   *Venus*
5. Name a European country beginning with ‘V’ *Vatican City*
6. By what name is the symbol of Rolls Royce cars known?  
   *Spirit of Ecstasy*
7. What was the name of Taylor Swift's first album? *Taylor Swift*
8. Which city uses the ‘N’ postcode?  
   *London*
9. In Greek mythology who was Apollo's twin sister?  
   *Artemis*
10. What was founded in 1994 by Jerry Yang and David Filo at Stanford University?  
    *Yahoo*

## **Optional round 10: Run-off** / Fictional games

The Iain M Banks “Azad” memorial round: In this round, we will give you the names of fictional games or activities. You need to tell us where these games came from - what movie, tv show, book, book series or otherwise.

1. Jiggery-Pokery  
   Dr Who: The Ninth Doctor claims to have come first place in the game.
2. Marshgammon  
   How I met Your Mother
3. Mazes and Monsters  
   Mazes and Monsters (film)
4. Lab Rats  
   Episode of CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
5. Escalator Squash  
   Brave New World
6. Eschaton  
   The novel Infinite Jest by David Foster Wallace
7. HackMaster  
   Knights of the Dinner Table
8. Jiggly Ball  
   Scrubs
9. Whackbat  
   The Fantastic Mr Fox
10. Research Lab  
    The Big Bang Theory

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