

January Trivia

Round 1

1. "Red-yellow" was the English name for what fruit before it acquired the modern word in the 15th century? **Answer: Orange**
2. When a country's surface area is measured, it's always measured as if the country were lying on a smooth spheroid, without taking local topography into account. When you consider mountains and valleys, which country sees the greatest percentage change in its area? **Answer: Switzerland**
3. The theme music for which action movie franchise was inspired by the Morse code for the film's initials? **Answer: Mission Impossible (MI in Morse code is - -..)**
4. Name a 3-dimensional solid whose surface area is always four times larger than its shadow. **Answer: A sphere**
5. This year, acting couple Kirsten Dunst and Jesse Plemons both received Oscar nominations. Name another couple where both people were nominated for an Oscar in the same year. **Answer: Brangelina, Heath and Michelle, Greta and Noah, et al.**
6. Who is the only person to have received Best Director Oscar nominations in 6 different decades? **Answer: Steven Spielberg**
7. What is the longest word you can make composed only of letters in the musical scale? The word with the most letters gets 1 point, if you get the longest word possible, you get two points. The word must exist in a dictionary. **Answer: Cabbage is the longest word possible, with 7 letters**
8. When was the center of mass of humanity the furthest from the center of the Earth: At species origin in eastern Africa, or in 1969 when 3 people went to the moon? **Answer: Species origin**
9. Queen Elizabeth II is the longest-ruling English monarch. If you summed up the lengths of the reigns of her predecessors, how many previous monarchs would you have to include to get to the length of her current reign (without going over)? **Answer: 4: Father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather**

10. Written in lower case, which is the only 3-letter word that looks the same when spun upside down? **Answer: pod**

Round 2: PCTR (Alex)

1. Alex wasn't able to get a driver's license when he turned 16 (he still doesn't have one, but is working on it) due to having what neurological condition? **Answer: Epilepsy**
2. The last time I cried at a movie was last year, when I saw which 2016 film set on some Pacific islands? **Answer: Moana**
3. One of Alex's favorite cheeses is mimolette, whose bright color and bumpy rind give it an appearance similar to what fruit? **Answer: cantaloupe**
4. Despite having a name beginning with the letter 'a', Alex is not alphabetically superior to his brother. What is his brother's name? **Answer: Aaron**
5. My first favorite album is by a very famous band, and features a grid of 16 headshots on the cover. What was the band? Bonus: name album **Answer: The Beatles, Hard Day's Night**
6. WIC: How much does Alex weigh right now, with clothes, but no shoes?