

SELECT from Nobel Tutorial

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| nobel | | |
|-------|------------|-----------------------------|
| yr | subject | winner |
| 1960 | Chemistry | Willard F. Libby |
| 1960 | Literature | Saint-John Perse |
| 1960 | Medicine | Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet |
| 1960 | Medicine | Peter Madawar |
| ... | | |

nobel Nobel Laureates

We continue practicing simple SQL queries on a single table.

This tutorial is concerned with a table of Nobel prize winners:

nobel(yr, subject, winner)

Using the SELECT statement.

Winners from 1950

1.

Change the query shown so that it displays Nobel prizes for 1950.

SELECT yr, subject, winner
FROM nobel
WHERE yr = 1950

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|------------|-------------------|
| 1950 | Chemistry | Kurt Alder |
| 1950 | Chemistry | Otto Diels |
| 1950 | Literature | Bertrand Russell |
| 1950 | Medicine | Philip S. Hench |
| 1950 | Medicine | Edward C. Kendall |
| 1950 | Medicine | Tadeus Reichstein |
| 1950 | Peace | Ralph Bunche |
| 1950 | Physics | Cecil Powell |

1962 Literature

2.

Show who won the 1962 prize for Literature.

```
SELECT winner
FROM nobel
WHERE yr = 1962
AND subject = 'Literature'
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| winner |
|----------------|
| John Steinbeck |

Albert Einstein

3.

Show the year and subject that won 'Albert Einstein' his prize.

```
SELECT yr, subject
FROM nobel
WHERE winner='Albert Einstein'
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject |
|------|---------|
| 1921 | Physics |

Recent Peace Prizes

4.

Give the name of the 'Peace' winners since the year 2000, including 2000.

```
SELECT winner
FROM nobel
WHERE subject='Peace' AND yr >=2000
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| winner |
|------------------------------------|
| Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet |
| Kailash Satyarthi |
| Malala Yousafzai |
| European Union |
| Ellen Johnson Sirleaf |
| Leymah Gbowee |
| Tawakel Karman |
| Liu Xiaobo |
| Barack Obama |

Literature in the 1980's

5.

Show all details (**yr**, **subject**, **winner**) of the Literature prize winners for 1980 to 1989 inclusive.

```
SELECT yr,subject,winner
FROM nobel
WHERE subject='Literature' AND yr>=1980 AND yr<=1989
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|------------|------------------------|
| 1989 | Literature | Camilo José Cela |
| 1988 | Literature | Naguib Mahfouz |
| 1987 | Literature | Joseph Brodsky |
| 1986 | Literature | Wole Soyinka |
| 1985 | Literature | Claude Simon |
| 1984 | Literature | Jaroslav Seifert |
| 1983 | Literature | William Golding |
| 1982 | Literature | Gabriel García Márquez |
| 1981 | Literature | Elias Canetti |

Only Presidents

6.

Show all details of the presidential winners:

- Theodore Roosevelt
- Woodrow Wilson
- Jimmy Carter
- Barack Obama

```
SELECT * FROM nobel
WHERE winner IN ('Theodore Roosevelt', 'Woodrow Wilson','Jimmy Carter', 'Barack Obama')
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|---------|--------------------|
| 2009 | Peace | Barack Obama |
| 2002 | Peace | Jimmy Carter |
| 1919 | Peace | Woodrow Wilson |
| 1906 | Peace | Theodore Roosevelt |

John

7.

Show the winners with first name John

```
SELECT winner
FROM nobel
WHERE winner LIKE 'John%'
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| winner |
|-----------------|
| John O'Keefe |
| John B. Gurdon |
| John C. Mather |
| John L. Hall |
| John B. Fenn |
| John E. Sulston |
| John Pople |
| John Hume |
| John E. Walker |

Chemistry and Physics from different years

8.

Show the year, subject, and name of Physics winners for 1980 together with the Chemistry winners for 1984.

```
SELECT *  
FROM nobel  
WHERE subject='Physics' AND yr=1980 OR subject='Chemistry' AND yr=1984
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|-----------|------------------|
| 1984 | Chemistry | Bruce Merrifield |
| 1980 | Physics | James Cronin |
| 1980 | Physics | Val Fitch |

Exclude Chemists and Medics

9.

Show the year, subject, and name of winners for 1980 excluding Chemistry and Medicine

```
SELECT *  
FROM nobel  
WHERE yr=1980 AND subject NOT IN ('Chemistry','Medicine')
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1980 | Economics | Lawrence R. Klein |
| 1980 | Literature | Czeslaw Milosz |
| 1980 | Peace | Adolfo Pérez Esquivel |
| 1980 | Physics | James Cronin |
| 1980 | Physics | Val Fitch |

Early Medicine, Late Literature

10.

Show year, subject, and name of people who won a 'Medicine' prize in an early year (before 1910, not including 1910) together with winners of a 'Literature' prize in a later year (after 2004, including 2004)

```
SELECT *
FROM nobel
WHERE subject='Medicine' AND yr<1910 OR subject='Literature' AND yr>=2004
```

Submit SQLRestore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|------------|------------------------------|
| 2015 | Literature | Svetlana Alexievich |
| 2014 | Literature | Patrick Modiano |
| 2013 | Literature | Alice Munro |
| 2012 | Literature | Mo Yan |
| 2011 | Literature | Tomas Tranströmer |
| 2010 | Literature | Mario Vargas Llosa |
| 2009 | Literature | Herta Müller |
| 2008 | Literature | Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio |
| 2007 | Literature | Doris Lessing |

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Harder Questions

Umlaut

11.

Find all details of the prize won by PETER GRÜNBERG

Non-ASCII characters

The u in his name has an **umlaut**. You may find this link useful <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%9C#Keyboarding>

```
SELECT *
FROM nobel
WHERE winner='PETER GRÜNBERG'
```

Submit SQLRestore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|---------|----------------|
| 2007 | Physics | Peter Grünberg |

Apostrophe

12.

Find all details of the prize won by EUGENE O'NEILL

Escaping single quotes

You can't put a single quote in a quote string directly. You can use two single quotes within a quoted string.

```
SELECT *
FROM nobel
WHERE winner='EUGENE O''NEILL'
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

Correct answer

| yr | subject | winner |
|------|------------|----------------|
| 1936 | Literature | Eugene O'Neill |

Knights of the realm

13.

Knights in order

**List the winners, year and subject where the winner starts with Sir.
Show the the most recent first, then by name order.**

```
SELECT winner, yr, subject
FROM nobel
WHERE winner LIKE 'Sir%'
ORDER BY yr DESC, winner
```

Submit SQL

Restore default

| winner | yr | subject |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|
| Sir Martin J. Evans | 2007 | Medicine |
| Sir Peter Mansfield | 2003 | Medicine |
| Sir Paul Nurse | 2001 | Medicine |
| Sir Harold Kroto | 1996 | Chemistry |
| Sir James W. Black | 1988 | Medicine |
| Sir Arthur Lewis | 1979 | Economics |
| Sir Nevill F. Mott | 1977 | Physics |
| Sir Bernard Katz | 1970 | Medicine |
| Sir John Eccles | 1963 | Medicine |
| Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet | 1960 | Medicine |
| Sir Cyril Hinshelwood | 1956 | Chemistry |
| Sir Robert Robinson | 1947 | Chemistry |
| Sir Alexander Fleming | 1945 | Medicine |

Chemistry and Physics last

14.

The expression **subject IN ('Chemistry','Physics')** can be used as a value - it will be **0** or **1**.

Show the 1984 winners and subject ordered by subject and winner name; but list Chemistry and Physics last.

```
SELECT winner, subject
FROM nobel
WHERE yr=1984
ORDER BY subject IN ('Physics','Chemistry'), subject,winner
```

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Correct answer

| winner | subject |
|---------------------|------------|
| Richard Stone | Economics |
| Jaroslav Seifert | Literature |
| César Milstein | Medicine |
| Georges J.F. Köhler | Medicine |
| Niels K. Jerne | Medicine |
| Desmond Tutu | Peace |
| Bruce Merrifield | Chemistry |
| Carlo Rubbia | Physics |
| Simon van der Meer | Physics |