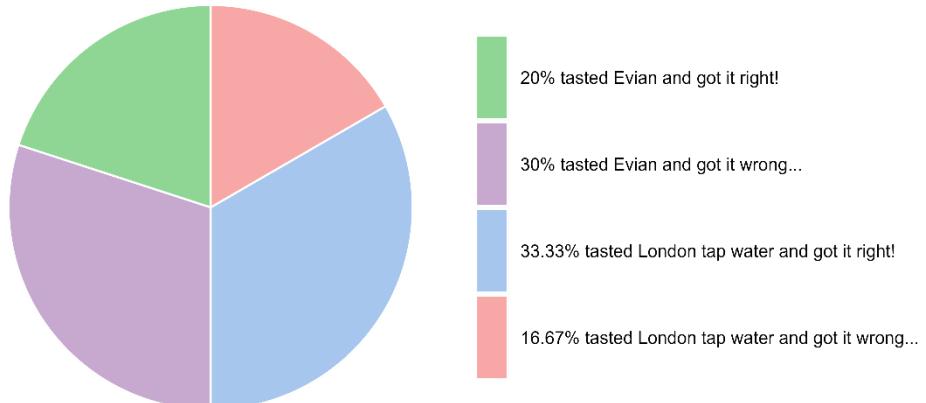


# The Thirsty Games: The Evian Round

Can trust your tongue? We have collected a humble number of samples to test your taste buds. In the first round we have tested Evian against London tap water, and by four different measures\* the average person's claim to have a refined taste has no leg to stand on 😞. The data collected so far tells us that the Evian group is 1.2 more likely than the London tap water group to guess Evian. The difference between the groups is statistically insignificant at the 95% level of confidence.

However, there are more waters to try and more methods to probe your palates. If all goes well and your taste for challenge does not flag, there are five more rounds to come. The winner wins the best water, so keep hydrated and may the odds be with you!



My humble apologies to all those whose name has been misspelled. I will be more than happy to correct my errors.

Thank you if you've taken part, and if you haven't, there will be more opportunities to get engaged.

I also thank Paul Taylor for telling me about water sommeliers. The vocabulary is never large enough.

\* The boring stuff – methods, calculations and results – is available on this link: [https://github.com/tros01/projects/tree/main/water\\_challenge](https://github.com/tros01/projects/tree/main/water_challenge)

Rank	Name	What did you taste?	How did you do?	Your accuracy score
1	Atikaran	London tap water	:)	1.00
2	George	Evian	:)	1.00
3	Brian	Evian	:)	1.00
4	Sanjay	London tap water	:)	1.00
5	Sue	Evian	:)	1.00
6	Mohdfaiz	Evian	:)	1.0
7	Dinesh	Evian	:)	0.99
8	Chris	London tap water	:)	0.99
9	Maria	Evian	:)	0.99
10	Ivana	London tap water	:)	0.96
11	Jackie	London tap water	:)	0.96
12	Fizz	London tap water	:)	0.94
13	Ellie	London tap water	:)	0.91
14	Nicol	London tap water	:)	0.84
15	Kevin	Evian	:("	0.75
16	Falguni	London tap water	:)	0.75
17	Nicola	London tap water	:("	0.75
18	Alexa	Evian	:("	0.75
19	Undraa	Evian	:("	0.75
20	Paul	Evian	:("	0.64
21	James	Evian	:("	0.51
22	John	London tap water	:("	0.44
23	Girish	London tap water	:("	0.36
24	Alex	London tap water	:("	0.36
25	Hazam	London tap water	:("	0.36
26	Ruchira	Evian	:("	0.02
27	Savi	Evian	:("	0.00
28	Anthony	Evian	:("	0.00

What is the accuracy score? It is the inverse adjusted **Brier score**. The formula takes into account whether you were right and how confident you were in your guess. The basic method was proposed by Glenn W. Brier in 1950 as a tool in training weather forecasters. It is also used in machine learning and Philip Tetlock's Good Judgement Project. Being confident but wrong does not pay!