

Round 1 - Warmup

- 1. What's that?
- A BlackBerry.
- A PalmPilot.
- A Kindle.
- A StarTAC.



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- 2. Which British monarch reigned the longest?
- Queen Victoria.
- King George III.
- Queen Elizabeth II.
- King Edward VIII.
- 3. What's Wordle?
- A dictionary app.
- A viral online wordplay game.
- An anonymous messaging app.
- A board game.
- 4. In the US, what is the landmark Roe v. Wade decision?
- A Supreme Court case that legalized abortion nationwide.
- A Supreme Court case that legalized gun sales nationwide.
- A California Supreme Court case that legalized cannabis sales statewide.
- A California Supreme Court case that legalized homosexuality statewide.
- 5. Which leader had the shortest tenure of any British prime minister?
- George Canning.
- Liz Truss.
- Boris Johnson.
- Gordon Brown.

Round 2 - World News

- 1. What was the Russian cruiser Moskva?
- A six-passenger monoplane.
- A type of tank.
- A long-distance sailing yacht.
- A guided-missile cruiser.
- 2. Which country elected Bongbong as its leader?
- Myanmar.
- The Philippines.
- Malaysia.
- North Korea.
- 3. K-Pop stars BTS visited the White House to discuss what with US President Joe Biden?
- The war in Ukraine.
- Hate crimes targeting Asian Americans.
- The global climate crisis.
- Human rights in China.
- 4. Boris Johnson quoted which famous '90s movie series at the end of his final "Prime Minister's Questions" in the British parliament?
- □ Die Hard.
- Terminator.
- Mission: Impossible.
- Rambo.
- 5. Historically, what was the euro's lowest rate against the dollar?
- 82 cents in 2000.
- 98 cents in 2022.
- 99 cents in 2002.
- □ \$1.18 in 1999



Round 3 - Woke Politics

- 1. Why does Grammy-winning artist India Arie want to #DeleteSpotify?
- Because of Joe Rogan's Covid-19 misinformation.
- Because Joe Rogan rarely interviews women.
- Because of Joe Rogan's racial slurs.
- Because of Joe Rogan's salary.
- 2. Where is Stolichnaya (Stoli) vodka produced?
- Russia.
- Ukraine.
- Belarus.
- Latvia.
- 3. Which 1990 song opens with "Follow the Moskva / Down to Gorky Park"?
- Wind of Change.
- The Final Countdown.
- I Want to Break Free.
- Dust in the Wind.
- 4. The monkeypox outbreaks in Europe and North America are concentrated among who?
- Men who have sex with men.
- People who visited Africa.
- Women with long COVID.
- People who work with animals.
- 5. What's spastic diplegia?
- A chronic metabolic condition.
- A chronic mental condition.
- A dance move.
- A chronic neuromuscular condition.

Round 4 - Big Money

- Which company owns Candy Crush and Call of Duty?
- Electronic Arts.
- Microsoft.
- Sony.
- Tencent.
- 2. As of Feb. 16, 2022, what's ViacomCBS's new name?
- Paramount.
- Viacom.
- CBS+.
- □ Peacock.
- 3. Elon Musk offered to buy Twitter. For how much?
- \$440 billion.
- \$44 billion.
- \$4 billion.
- \$440 million.
- 4. What does the Apple Pay Later service allow?
- Four equal payments spread over six weeks.
- Two equal payments spread over two weeks.
- A four-week extension to fully pay for any purchase.
- An eight-week extension to fully pay for apple products.
- 5. What's the world's largest toymaker?
- Mattel.
- Lego.
- Bandai Namco.
- Hasbro.



Round 5 - Big Records

- 1. What's the longest-running children's animated series on American television?
- Adventure Time.
- SpongeBob SquarePants.
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.
- □ Arthur.
- 2. Who Are Silk Sonic?
- Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak.
- Kanye West and Kid Cudi.
- Thom Yorke and Jonny Greenwood.
- Mark Ronson and Diplo.
- 3. What's Europe's largest street party?
- The Venice Carnival.
- Spain's Carnival of Santa Cruz de Tenerife.
- Germany's Cologne Carnival.
- London's Notting Hill Carnival.
- 4. What is the world's oldest surviving book printed with movable metal type?
- The Codex Sinaiticus.
- The Dead Sea scrolls.
- The Gutenberg Bible.
- ☐ The Jikji collection of Confucian teachings.
- 5. How many pages are there in "the longest book in existence"?
- **2**.145.
- **1** 21.450.
- **1** 214,500.
- **2**,145,000.

Round 6 - Big Tech

- 1. What are hypersonic missiles?
- Missiles that launch from submarines.
- Missiles that issue electronic commands.
- Missiles that fly at about 800 kilometers per hour (500 mph).
- Missiles that fly at least 5 times the speed of sound.
- 2. Facebook owner Meta Platforms has its first physical store. What does it sell?
- Virtual reality equipment.
- Webcasting equipment.
- Quantum computing equipment.
- □ 3D printers.
- 3. Which government is estimated to own more than half of the world's surveillance cameras?
- The United Kingdom.
- North Korea.
- Russia.
- □ China.
- 4. Google is the most popular domain in the world. What's the second most popular domain?
- Facebook.
- TikTok.
- Microsoft.
- Apple.
- 5. What did Tesla nickname its humanoid AI robot?
- Optimus.
- Megatron.
- Nemesis.
- Galvatron.



Round 7 - Name the Celebrity

- 1. Who's the actress portraying Pamela Anderson in this picture?
- Lily Collins.
- Lily-Rose Depp.
- Lily James.
- Lily Tomlin.



- 2. Which American late-night TV show spawned Apple TV's Carpool Karaoke?
- The Late Show With Stephen Colbert.
- Jimmy Kimmel Live!
- The Late Late Show With James Corden.
- ☐ The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon.
- 3. Who is currently third in line to the British throne?
- □ Lilibet Diana Mountbatten-Windsor.
- Princess Beatrice.
- Princess Eugenie.
- Princess Charlotte.
- Which Hollywood actor is behind this heavy



Leonard Bernstein makeup?

- Robert De Niro.
- □ Christian Bale.
- Brad Pitt.

■Bradley Cooper.

- 5. Who holds the record for most consecutive weeks at No. 1 in the ATP Rankings?
- Novak Djokovic.
- Pete Sampras.
- Roger Federer.
- Jimmy Connors.

Round 8 - Big Music

- 1. In the Brits' first-ever genderless awards, who won more prizes?
- Nonbinary artists won two-thirds of the awards.
- ☐ The awards were split 50:50 between male and female artists.
- Female artists won two-thirds of the awards
- Male artists won two-thirds of the awards.
- 2. How many Grammy nominations did Kanye West receive in 2022?
- **5**.
- **3**.
- 1.
- None.
- 3. Whose image did Billie Eilish have on her T-shirt during her performance at the 2022 Grammys?
- Kanye West.
- Volodymyr Zelenskyy.
- John Lennon.
- Taylor Hawkins.
- 4. Which 90s house anthem was prominently sampled in Beyoncé's 2022 single "Break My Soul"?
- ☐ Show Me Love by Robin S.
- Luv 4 Luv by Robin S.
- ☐ Show Me Love by Robyn.
- Rhythm is a Dancer by Snap!
- 5. Taylor Swift describes what as "the story of 13 sleepless nights"?
- Her repeated award wins.
- Her romance with Jake Gyllenhaal.
- Her 10th studio album, "Midnights."
- Her project "All Too Well: The Short Film.



Round 9 - Big Movies and TV

- 1. Where does the HBO period drama "The Gilded Age" take place?
- ☐ In 1880's New York.
- ☐ In 1780's Boston.
- □ In 1980's London.
- □ In 1920's Berlin.
- 2. Which '80s TV soap featured Jason Donovan and Kylie Minogue?
- Neighbours.
- Home and Away.
- Eastenders.
- The Bold and the Beautiful.
- 3. What's Minions 2's official title?
- □ Despicable Me: Minions 2.
- □ Despicable Me: The Rise of Gru.
- Minions: The Rise of Dru.
- Minions: The Rise of Gru.
- 4. Why do Black Adam and Shazam wear the same lightning bolt symbol?
- Both were struck by lightning.
- They are the same person.
- The wizard Shazam drafted both.
- Both worked for Opel.
- 5. What was George Clooney's and Julia Roberts's first movie together?
- Confessions of a Dangerous Mind.
- Money Monster.
- Ticket to Paradise.
- Ocean's Eleven.

Round 10 - Final Round

- 1. What did Whoopi Goldberg say on The View that got her suspended in 2022?
- ☐ The Holocaust was "not about genocide."
- ☐ The Holocaust was "not about man's inhumanity to other men."
- ☐ The Holocaust was "not about race."
- ☐ The Holocaust was "not about Jews."
- 2. Why was WNBA player Brittney Griner arrested and detained in Russia?
- □ Customs Service found hashish oil in her luggage.
- ☐ She twitted anti-war slogans.
- She was working for the CIA.
- She tested positive for illegal substances while competing.
- 3. What's Florida's Don't Say Gay bill?
- A bill that limits discussion of gender identity in schools.
- A bill that prohibits the use of the term gay as a slur.
- A bill that forbids asking about gender identity in job interviews.
- A bill that replaces the term gay with LGBTQ+ in official papers.
- 4. How old is the dress Kim Kardashian wore to the 2022 Met Gala?
- **4**0.
- **6**0.
- **a** 80.
- **1**00.
- 5. According to Kanye West, who's "controlled by shadowy, powerful Jewish people"?
- Sean "Diddy" Combs.
- Joe Biden.
- Tucker Carlson.
- Kim Kardashian



Big Quiz of the Year – ANSWERS

Round 1 - Warmup

1. Which British monarch reigned the longest? Queen Elizabeth II.

On Feb. 6, 2022, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to reign for seven decades. Festivities marking the anniversary will peek in a four-day weekend beginning on Thursday, June 2, with the annual military parade that marks the queen's 70th coronation anniversary, also known as her "official birthday." The queen celebrated her 96th birthday.

2. Which leader had the shortest tenure of any British prime minister?

Liz Truss.

Britain's Prime Minister, Liz Truss, began her tenure by <u>speaking with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy</u> on Sept. 6, 2022, <u>in her first call with a foreign leader</u>. 45 Days later, on Oct. 20, 2022, she quit and <u>broke the record for the shortest tenure of any British prime minister</u>. The <u>Conservative Party will elect Britain's fifth prime minister in six years by Oct. 28</u>.

3. In the US, what is the landmark Roe v. Wade decision? A Supreme Court case that legalized abortion nationwide.

Roe v. Wade was a 1973 US Supreme Court case that legalized abortion nationwide. On June 24, 2022, the US Supreme Court overruled the decision, which the majority opinion described as "egregiously wrong" because "the US Constitution does not refer to abortion."

4. What's Wordle?

A viral online wordplay game.

Launched in Oct. 2021, <u>Wordle is a viral wordplay game that allows players six guesses to determine a five-letter word that changes every day</u>. The daily puzzle <u>was quickly attracting millions of players</u>. The New York Times announced, on Jan. 31, 2022, <u>it has acquired Wordle for an undisclosed sevenfigure sum</u>.

5. What's that?

A BlackBerry.

You're looking at a <u>BlackBerry Bold 9000 smartphone</u>, <u>launched in 2008</u>. Boasting a physical keyboard and instant messaging, BlackBerry was in the first decade of the 2000s the device of choice by white-collar professionals and then-President Barack Obama. On Jan. 4, 2022, the company <u>discontinued service on its classic smartphones</u>.



Round 2 - World News

1. K-Pop stars BTS visited the White House to discuss what with US President Joe Biden?

Hate crimes targeting Asian Americans.

South Korean boy band <u>BTS met with President Joe Biden at the White House on May 31, 2022</u>, calling for <u>a halt to crimes targeting Asian Americans</u>. Attacks against people of Asian descent <u>have escalated after former President Donald Trump repeatedly referred to the coronavirus as "Kung flu" or "China virus."</u>

2. What was the Russian cruiser Moskva? A guided-missile cruiser.

The Russian Navy's Moskva was a guided-missile cruiser. She led the Russian naval invasion of Ukraine in 2022 and sank 100 km off the coast of Odesa on Apr. 14, 2022. According to Ukrainian officials and the US Department of Defense, Ukraine fired two anti-ship missiles at the cruiser. The Russian Ministry of Defense claimed a fire triggered a munitions explosion that sank the ship. A Ukrainian fighter holding up his middle finger in front of the vessel appears on one million stamps released by Ukraine's national postal service shortly before the Moskva was sunk.

3. Boris Johnson quoted which famous '90s movie series at the end of his final "Prime Minister's Questions" in the British parliament? Terminator.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed off his final "Prime Minister's Questions" parliamentary appearance on July 20, 2022, with the line "hasta la vista, baby," made famous by Arnold Schwarzenegger in the 1991 movie "Terminator 2: Judgment Day." The line roughly translates as "see you later."

4. Which country elected Bongbong as its leader? The Philippines.

On May 9, 2022, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr, the son of the late dictator of the Philippines, won a landslide victory in the presidential election. Marcos Jr. received nearly 30 million votes, more than double that of his closest rival. Marcos Jr., aged 64, took office on 30 June for a single six-year term. The first Marcos regime resulted in thousands of political tortures, arrests, and disappearances, and the family stole as much as \$10bn (£8bn) from their country's treasury. 1986 marked the Marcos family's flight into exile.

5. Historically, what was the euro's lowest rate against the dollar? 82 cents in 2000.

Euro <u>fell below 99 US Cents for the first time in two decades</u> on Aug. 9, 2022. The <u>euro's all-time high of \$1.18 was achieved shortly after its launch in Jan. 1999</u>, but it then <u>fell to a record low of 82.30 cents in October 2000</u>. The last time the euro was valued below \$1 was in July 2002. Russian energy supplier <u>Gazprom shut down its gas pipeline to Germany on Sept. 2</u>, raising fear about rising energy prices and pushing the euro below parity against the US dollar.



Round 3 - Woke Politics

1. The monkeypox outbreaks in Europe and North America are concentrated among who?

Men who have sex with men.

In Africa, monkeypox mainly spread to people by infected wild animals in limited outbreaks. In Europe and America, 99% of all monkeypox cases were in men. Of those, 98% involved men who have sex with men. The World Health Organization chief said on July 23, 2022, that the monkeypox outbreak in over 70 countries is an "extraordinary" situation that qualifies as a global emergency. He called for the world to "act together in solidarity" regarding the distribution of treatments, tests, and vaccines for monkeypox.

2. What's spastic diplegia?

A chronic neuromuscular condition.

Spastic diplegia is a form of cerebral palsy (CP) – <u>a chronic neuromuscular condition</u>. It usually involves a <u>constant stiffness in the muscles of the legs</u>. The word "spaz" is considered a derogatory reference to the medical term spastic diplegia. Weeks after rapper Lizzo changed the lyrics of her song "Grrrls" to remove the offensive word, <u>Beyoncé retracted her song "Heated" from her 2022 album "Renaissance" to replace the same term.</u>

3. Where is Stolichnaya (Stoli) vodka produced?

Stolichnaya (Stoli) vodka has long been marketed as Russian vodka, but <u>its production facilities have</u> been in Latvia since 2000, when its founder, Russian-born billionaire Yuri Shefler, was exiled because of his opposition to Putin. On March 4, 2022, <u>the maker of Stolichnaya vodka announced a major rebrand – it will no longer be marketed as Russian and will be renamed Stoli</u>. Stoli Group is a unit of Luxembourg-based SPI Group.

4. Which 1990 song opens with the lyrics "Follow the Moskva / Down to Gorky Park"?

Wind of Change.

The Scorpions' "Wind Of Change" <u>used to open with the lyrics "Follow the Moskva / Down to Gorky Park,"</u> but the band decided to make some changes. "<u>It simply isn't right to romanticize Russia</u>," lead singer Klaus Meine told Die Zeit on May 29, 2022. Instead, the revised lyrics say: "<u>Now listen to my heart / It says Ukrainia / Waiting for the wind to change</u>." The band is <u>currently on an ongoing US and European tour, which opened in Las Vegas on March 26.</u>

5. Why does Grammy-winning artist India Arie want to #DeleteSpotify?

Because of Joe Rogan's racial slurs.

Grammy-winning artist India. Arie posted the hashtag #DeleteSpotify on her Instagram account after a video emerged showing Rogan repeatedly using the N-word. Rogan apologized on Feb. 5, 2022, saying that the slurs were the "most regretful and shameful thing" he has ever had to address and that he hasn't used the N-word in years.



 Which company owns Candy Crush and Call of Duty? Microsoft.

Microsoft announced on Jan. 18, 2022, it is <u>buying "Call of Duty" and "Candy Crush" maker Activision</u>
<u>Blizzard for \$68.7 billion – the biggest gaming industry deal in history</u>. The purchase <u>pushes</u>
<u>Microsoft past Nintendo as the third-largest video game company by global revenue, behind Sony and Chinese tech giant Tencent</u>.

2. As of Feb. 16, 2022, what's ViacomCBS's new name? Paramount.

ViacomCBS Inc announced <u>it's changing its name to Paramount</u>. The media conglomerate that <u>owns CBS, Showtime, MTV, Comedy Central, BET, Nickelodeon, Smithsonian, Paramount Pictures, Paramount+, Pluto TV, and more announced the change during a presentation of its streaming strategy on Feb. 15, 2022.</u>

3. What does the Apple Pay Later service allow? Four equal payments spread over six weeks.

Apple Pay Later, built into the Apple Wallet in IOS 16, <u>allows users in the US to split the cost of an Apple Pay purchase into four equal payments spread over six weeks</u>, with no interest and fees. <u>Apple Pay Later is available everywhere Apple Pay is accepted – online or in-app</u>. The service, which will work over the MasterCard network, <u>puts Apple in direct competition with payment providers like</u> Affirm and PayPal. IOS 16 will be available this fall as a free software update for iPhone 8 and later.

4. What's the world's largest toymaker? Lego.

Lego is <u>the world's largest toymaker</u>. The Danish toymaker halted deliveries to Russia in March 2022 after the invasion of Ukraine. On July 12, <u>the company announced it's ceasing all operations in Russia "indefinitely."</u>

5. Elon Musk bought Twitter. For how much? \$44 billion.

In a deal valued at \$44 billion, Twitter announced on Apr. 25, 2022, that it had entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by Elon Musk. The transaction was finalized in Oct. 2022, when Twitter became a privately owned company.



Round 5 - Big Records

1. What's the longest-running children's animated series on American television?

Arthur.

Arthur – the longest-running children's animated series on American television – ended its 25 years and more than 250 episodes run on PBS on Feb. 21, 2022. The series's final episode provides viewers a glimpse of what Arthur and his friends grow up to be. The Arthur characters will live on in a new podcast, games, and digital shorts, while reruns of the series will continue on PBS Kids.

2. What's Europe's largest street party? London's Notting Hill Carnival.

With more than 1 million people participating, the annual Notting Hill Carnival is Europe's largest street party. During the Coronavirus pandemic, the carnival, which celebrates Caribbean culture every August, had to be held online and finally returned to the streets of London on Aug. 27, 2022.

3. How many pages are there in "the longest book in existence"? 21,450.

Long-running manga One Piece's limited-edition single volume has been dubbed <a href="the longest book" the longest book" the longest book" the existence." Due to its 21,450 pages, it can't be read, making it more of a sculpture than a book. The book is priced at €1,900 (£1,640), designed by multidisciplinary artist Ilan Manouach. A limited edition run of 50 copies was sold out within days of the release on Sept. 7, 2022, according to its French publisher, JBE. The Guinness Book of Records lists Eiichiro Oda's original One Piece manga as having the most copies published by a single author, with more than 416m copies printed.

4. What is the world's oldest surviving book printed with movable metal type?

The Jikji collection of Confucian teachings.

Jikji, a collection of Confucian teachings, was printed by a group of Korean monks in the ancient city of Cheongju in 1377. Jikji is the world's oldest surviving book printed with movable metal type, predating the earliest Gutenberg Bible by 78 years. The only known copy of Jikji is in France, after being purchased in 1877 and eventually donated to France's national library. It has not been on display for over 50 years.

5. Who are Silk Sonic? Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak.

Silk Sonic is the retro soul-funk project of Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak (born Brandon Paak Anderson). The group won song of the year for "Leave the Door Open" at the 2022 Grammys. The song, a tribute to smooth '70s soul, also won the record of the year trophy and the best R&B song award. Silk Sonic tied Jazmine Sullivan for best R&B performance. The wins in both major categories make Mars the only artist, along with Paul Simon, to win record of the year three times. He also tied the record for most Song of the Year wins with two – an achievement shared with Henry Mancini, U2, and Adele.



Round 6 - Big Tech

What are hypersonic missiles?
 Missiles that fly at least 5 times the speed of sound.

Hypersonic missiles, by definition, <u>fly at least 5 times the speed of sound (Mach 5)</u>, can <u>fly at up to 10 times the speed of sound</u>, and can maneuver in <u>mid-flight</u>, <u>making it harder for air-defense systems to intercept</u>. Russia has said it has <u>twice deployed its newest Kinzhal (Dagger) hypersonic missile in Ukraine</u>, claiming on March 20, 2022, to have destroyed a fuel depot near Mykolaiv and an underground ammunition storage site in the west.

2. Which government is estimated to own more than half of the world's surveillance cameras?

China.

Industry researcher IHS Markit estimates that <u>more than half of the world's nearly one billion</u> <u>surveillance cameras are in China</u>. The New York Times analysis found that <u>the police strategically chose locations</u>, such as residential buildings, karaoke lounges, and hotels to maximize the amount <u>of data their facial recognition cameras could collect</u>.

3. Google is the most popular domain in the world. What's the second most popular domain?

TikTok.

As of mid-Sept. 2022, TikTok <u>is the second most popular domain in the world</u>, after Google, according to online performance and security company Cloudflare. As <u>reported by NewsGuard on Sept. 14, 2022</u>, nearly <u>one in five videos that TikTok automatically suggests when searching for videos related to prominent news topics contained misinformation</u>. TikTok's official community guidelines prohibit harmful misinformation. <u>Chinese company ByteDance</u> owns the app.

4. Facebook owner Meta Platforms has its first physical store. What does it sell?

Virtual reality equipment.

Meta Platforms Inc, the owner of Facebook, <u>plans to open its first physical store on May 9, 2022</u>. The store will sell <u>virtual reality headsets and video conferencing devices, including Ray-Ban smart glasses</u>, <u>Portal video-calling devices</u>, <u>and Oculus VR headsets</u>. The store can be found <u>in the Silicon Valley town of Burlingame</u>, at the main campus of <u>Meta's Reality Labs division</u>.

5. What did Tesla nickname its humanoid AI robot? Optimus.

Tesla is developing Optimus – a humanoid robot capable of performing unsafe, repetitive, or boring tasks. The robot's introduction is on the 2022 Tesla Al day, Sept. 30, 2022. And yes, it takes its name from the Transformers' Optimus Prime.



Round 7 - Name the Celebrity

1. Who holds the record for most consecutive weeks at No. 1 in the ATP Rankings?

Roger Federer.

Despite Novak Djokovic spending the most weeks as world no. 1, Roger Federer has the record for most consecutive weeks at the top of the ATP rankings – 237. After 25 years on tour, Federer, 41, announced his retirement. The Swiss star decided to play his final match alongside Rafael Nadal after facing him on the tennis court 40 times over the years. Federer's appearance in the 2022 Laver Cup with Team Europe against Team World in doubles on Sept. 23, 2022, marks his final tour-level match.

2. Who is currently third in line to the British throne? Princess Charlotte.

The Great-granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth, <u>Princess Charlotte</u>, is currently third in line to the <u>British throne</u>, behind her grandfather, King Charles, father, William, and elder brother George. Prince William and his wife Kate <u>published three photos of Charlotte</u>, the Royal couple's daughter, taken by Kate in Norfolk, eastern England, one day before Charlotte turned 7, on May 2, 2022.

3. Who's the actress portraying Pamela Anderson in this picture? Lily James.

Former Downton Abbey's Lady Rose, English actress and model Lily James, transformed into Pamela Anderson in the new HULU eight-part biopic series, Pam & Tommy. The series also stars Sebastian Stan as Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee and Seth Rogen and Parks and Recreation's Nick Offerman as the men who stole their famous sex tape. The actual Pamela Anderson hasn't been involved in Pam & Tommy, which streams on Hulu in the US and Disney+ in the UK from Feb. 2, 2022.

4. Which American late-night TV show spawned Apple TV's Carpool Karaoke?

The Late Late Show With James Corden.

Apple TV's Carpool Karaoke is based on the recurring segment from The Late Late Show with James Corden. In Aug. 2021, Apple renewed the series for a fifth season. James Corden, who has hosted The Late Show on CBS since 2015, is set to end his tenure as host in 2023 after eight years. Corden announced the decision during a taping of his Apr. 28, 2022, episode in Los Angeles.

5. Which Hollywood actor is behind this heavy Leonard Bernstein makeup?

Bradley Cooper.

Bradley Cooper has <u>transformed into Broadway composer Leonard Bernstein</u> in the <u>Netflix biographical drama</u> "Maestro." The film marks Cooper's directorial follow-up to the Oscar-winning "A Star Is Born." "Maestro," which <u>also stars Carey Mulligan as Bernstein's wife</u>, started production in May 2022 and should be released in 2023.



Round 8 - Big Music

1. Which 90s house anthem was prominently sampled in Beyoncé's 2022 single "Break My Soul"?

Show Me Love by Robin S.

The 90s crossover house anthem "Show Me Love" by Robin S. was prominently sampled in Beyoncé's "Break My Soul," the first single from her upcoming album "Renaissance," out July 29, 2022. Beyoncé's "formation" holds the title of the singer's highest-debuting single of her career, opening at No. 10 in May 2016. "Break My Soul" "debuted at No. 15 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart during the week of June 27, after just three days of tracking. It marks Beyoncé's seventh-highest debut on this chart.

2. In the Brits' first-ever genderless awards, who won more prizes? Female artists won two-thirds of the awards.

The Brits' first-ever genderless award show was on Feb. 8, 2022 – with more women nominated than at any time in the past decade and <u>female artists or female-fronted bands winning two-thirds of the awards</u>. Adele won <u>three out of the four main prizes in the ceremony, including the first-ever gender-neutral Artist of the Year award</u>.

3. Whose image did Billie Eilish have on her T-shirt during her performance at the 2022 Grammys?

Taylor Hawkins.

Billie Eilish paid homage to late Foo Fighters drummer Taylor Hawkins during her performance at the 2022 Grammys by sporting a black T-shirt with his image. She performed the title track from her album "Happier Than Ever."

4. Taylor Swift describes what as "the story of 13 sleepless nights"? Her 10th studio album, "Midnights."

Taylor Swift <u>announced her 10th studio album, "Midnights,"</u> to be released on Oct. 21 at the 2022 MTV Video Music Awards. She described the album an hour later on social media as <u>"the story of 13 sleepless nights scattered throughout my life."</u> Swift's "All Too Well: The Short Film" — from her "Red" rerecorded album — <u>won three awards, including video of the year</u>.

5. How many Grammy nominations did Kanye West receive in 2022?

Ye was nominated for five Grammys this year: Album of the year and best rap album for Donda, best rap song for "Jail," best melodic rap performance for "Hurricane," and another Album of the Year nomination as producer and songwriter on Lil Nas X's Montero. On March 18, 2022, about two weeks before the 64th annual Grammy Awards ceremony, producers told West's team that he would not be allowed to perform. According to a representative of the rapper, the organizers cited West's troubling public behavior in recent weeks. That includes releasing an animated music video that portrayed the kidnapping and burial of a figure who looked a lot like Pete Davidson — the comedian who has been dating Kim Kardashian, West's former wife.



Round 9 - Big Movies and TV

1. What's Minions 2's official title?

Minions: The Rise of Gru.

"Minions: The Rise of Gru" is the title of the 2022 addition to the Despicable Me franchise. The movie made an estimated \$125 million domestically for its four-day opening weekend – the biggest opening ever over the July 4th holiday weekend. Minions 2 surpassed the previous biggest opener over the July 4th weekend, "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," which made \$115 million in 2011.

A TikTok trend featuring large groups of teenage boys dressed in suits disrupting Minions

2 screenings became viral during the movie's opening weekend. As a result, some UK cinemas ban young people wearing suits from attending Minions 2 screenings.

2. Why do Black Adam and Shazam wear the same lightning bolt symbol?

The wizard Shazam drafted both.

In the DC Universe, Shazam is the ancient wizard who gave Billy Batson (the other Shazam) and Black Adam their powers. 2022's "Black Adam," set to release in November starring Dwayne Johnson, is a spin-off on 2019's "Shazam!." The sequel "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" is set for Dec. 21, 2022.

3. What was George Clooney's and Julia Roberts's first movie together?

Ocean's Eleven.

George Clooney's and Julia Roberts's first movie together was 2001's Ocean's Eleven. However, they both appear in 1998's Murphy Brown's last episode – Him in a nod to his role in ER, and her as one of the characters' love-interest. Clooney and Roberts pair up in 2022's Ticket to Paradise, released on Oct. 21. Watch the trailer.

4. Where does the HBO period drama "The Gilded Age" take place? In 1880's New York.

HBO's <u>The Gilded Age is set in New York in 1882</u>. The series, created by Downton Abbey's Julian Fellowes, premiered on Jan. 24, 2022.

5. Which '80s TV soap featured Jason Donovan and Kylie Minogue? Neighbours.

Jason Donovan and Kylie Minogue were <u>TV's Scott Robinson and Charlene Mitchell on the Australian soap opera "Neighbours"</u> from its debut in 1985 until their departures in 1989 and 1988. <u>Their wedding episode was watched by more than 2 million Australian viewers when it first aired in 1987 and later pulled in an audience of almost 20 million when it was shown in the UK in 1988, becoming one of the most-watched TV moments of the decade. Minogue and Donovan, 53, <u>returned to the show "to play a very special part in our series finale," according to "Neighbours"'s producers, before it ceased production in June 2022</u>, ending a 37-year run.</u>



Round 10 - Final Round

1. What's Florida's Don't Say Gay bill?

A bill that limits discussion of homosexuality and gender identity in schools.

On March 8, 2022, Florida lawmakers passed a Republican-backed bill that would very much <u>limit</u> <u>classroom discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity</u>. Under the law, parents would be allowed to sue school districts they believe violate it. <u>High school students across Florida have staged</u> walkouts to protest the bill. Russia and Hungary passed similar anti-LGBT legislation in recent years.

2. Why was WNBA player Brittney Griner arrested and detained in Russia?

Customs Service found hashish oil in her luggage.

WNBA player and two-time Olympic gold medalist <u>Brittney Griner was arrested and detained in Russia in late Feb. 2022</u>, upon arriving from New York. Russian Customs Service found vape <u>cartridges with hashish oil in her luggage</u>. Griner plays overseas in the offseason like many other <u>WNBA players</u>, where salaries can be much higher. She has been <u>playing offseason with Russian club UMMC Ekaterinburg since 2015</u>.

3. What did Whoopi Goldberg say on The View that got her suspended in Feb. 2022?

She said the Holocaust was "not about race."

On Jan. 31, 2022, Whoopi Goldberg, co-host of "The View," commented during a discussion about a Tennessee school board's banning of the Pulitzer winning Holocaust graphic novel "Maus" that the Holocaust was "not about race ... it's about man's inhumanity to other men." As a result, she was suspended for two weeks starting Feb.2, 2022. Goldberg expressed remorse over her remarks, saying she realized that they were misinformed and that she had misspoken. On her Jan. 31 "The Late Show" appearance, Goldberg explained that, as a Black person, she thinks of racism as being based on skin color but that she realized not everyone sees it that way. On Feb. 1's The View, she said she had learned from the experience. "It is indeed about race because Hitler and the Nazis considered Jews to be an inferior race," she said. "I stand corrected. I also stand with the Jewish people, as they know, and y'all know because I've always done that."

4. According to Kanye West's Oct. 2022 Instagram post, who is "controlled by shadowy, powerful Jewish people"?

Sean "Diddy" Combs.

<u>Instagram moderators restricted Kanye West's account</u> after the rapper posted a screenshot of a message he had sent Sean "Diddy" Combs, which <u>implied that Combs was "controlled by shadowy, powerful Jewish people.</u>" Shortly after Instagram took the post down, Ye tweeted: "I'm<u>a bit sleepy tonight, but when I wake up, I'm going to death con 3 On JEWISH PEOPLE." Twitter removed the antisemitic tweet on Oct. 8, 2022, for violating their policies.</u>

5. How old is the dress Kim Kardashian wore to the 2022 Met Gala?

Kim Kardashian appeared at the Met Gala red carpet on May 2, 2022, <u>in a gold-beaded dress Marilyn Monroe wore when she sexily sang happy birthday to President John F. Kennedy 60 years earlier, on May 19, 1962, at a Madison Square Garden fundraiser.</u> In 2016, <u>Ripley's Believe or Not! Museum in Orlando</u>, Florida, bought the dress, designed by Jean Louis for \$4.81 million.