

(1) Which king was on the throne in 1200: John, Stephen or Henry II?

**John.**

(2) Which comedy duo presented the BBC radio comedy 'The Now Show'?

**Punt and Dennis.**

(3) Which of these American states does NOT have a coastline: Connecticut, Delaware or Vermont?

**Vermont.**

(4) The name of what French newspaper means 'the world'?

**Le Monde.**

(5) Which of these seasons appears in the title of a Shakespeare play: spring, autumn or winter?

**Winter.**

(6) The Loop is a downtown area of which US city?

**Chicago.**

(7) The constellation the Plough is also known by which of these names: Charles's Wain, Henry's Wagon or Robert's Wheel?

**Charles's Wain.**

(8) On what island is the 'Tennyson Trail' footpath?

**Isle of Wight.**

(9) The rich dark fruit cake called 'black bun' is traditionally eaten in Scotland at what time of year: Burn's Night, Halloween or New Year's Eve?

**New Year's Eve.**

(10) In pre-decimal currency, how many half-crowns made a pound?

**Eight.**

- (11) James I of England, Queen Anne and Edward VII all married people from which country: Denmark, Netherlands or Germany?  
**Denmark.**
- (12) Which Russian Tsar sold Alaska to the USA?  
**Alexander II.**
- (13) What nerve is also known as the second cranial nerve: optic, facial or vagus?  
**Optic nerve.**
- (14) What was the diminutive nickname of the British businessman Roland Rowland?  
**Tiny.**
- (15) What musical term is used for an instrumental piece that suggests a dreamy state: impromptu, prelude or reverie?  
**Reverie.**
- (16) Which former English Dynasty actress who died in 2014 played Patsy Stone's sister Jackie in 'Absolutely Fabulous'?  
**Kate O'Mara.**
- (17) The Queen's birthplace in Bruton Street Mayfair is now (2015) used as what: Chinese restaurant, minicab office or strip club?  
**Chinese restaurant.**
- (18) In what country does the Douro River flow into the Atlantic?  
**Portugal.**
- (19) The website Twitch.tv is a live-streaming video platform where users watch other people doing what: cleaning, birdwatching or playing video games?  
**Playing video games.**
- (20) Name the ten longest motorways in Britain? (Not including the M74 in Scotland, as southern part of it is the A74M)  
**M6, M1, M4, M5, M25, M62, M40, M3, M8 & M11.**

(21) What is the more common term for a 'graphospasm'?

**Writer's cramp.**

(22) On a ship what objects usually hang from the davits?

**Lifeboats.**

(23) Loup Garou is the French name for which monster?

**Werewolf.**

(24) When it was first televised, which sport was nicknamed 'Coronation Street with balls'?

**Snooker.**

(25) What phrase, coined by Lewis Carroll, means a pleasant thing that is often promised, but never actually appears?

**Jam tomorrow.**

(26) Prison reformer Elizabeth Fry was a preacher in what religious group?

**Quakers.**

(27) The Ibex 35 is a stock index in what country?

**Spain.**

(28) What membrane surrounds the human heart?

**Pericardium.**

(29) The Bofors gun was named after a town in what country?

**Sweden.**

(30) What name is given to the day in 1992 when Britain pulled out of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism?

**Black Wednesday.**

- (31) Great Britain fought in which of these wars: Seven Years' War, Thirty Years' War or Hundred Years' War?  
**Seven Years' War.**
- (32) The name of what Egyptian goddess means 'throne'?  
**Isis.**
- (33) In 'A Grand Day Out', Wallace and Gromit travel to the Moon because they are desperate for "a nice bit" of which cheese: Emmental, Roquefort or Gorgonzola?  
**Gorgonzola.**
- (34) A courting cake traditionally contains what fruit?  
**Strawberries.**
- (35) In Norse mythology, what tree is referred to as the 'Tree of Life': Ash, Hazel or Sycamore?  
**Ash.**
- (36) In 1957, who became the first actress to advertise a perfume product?  
**Audrey Hepburn.**
- (37) What is the most reactive chemical element: fluorine, boron or vanadium?  
**Fluorine.**
- (38) What kind of stringed instrument is a 'clarsach'?  
**Harp.**
- (39) Which of the characters that Alice meets in Wonderland is always sobbing: The Mock Turtle, The Mad Hatter or The Cheshire Cat?  
**The Mock Turtle.**
- (40) Name the ten one-word 2016 Summer Olympic sports with names ending in 'G' or 'O'? (Cycling not acceptable as split into 4 different sports, nor is wrestling as split into Roman & Greco)  
**Boxing, diving, fencing, judo, rowing, sailing, shooting, swimming, taekwondo & weightlifting.**