

(1) Which of these soft drinks was created first: Coca-Cola, Pepsi or Dr Pepper?

Dr Pepper.

(2) Rwanda and Burundi became independent from what country?

Belgium.

(3) A cowrie is what sort of marine creature: turtle, shrimp or mollusc?

Mollusc.

(4) The name of which ballroom dance translates from Spanish as 'double step'?

Paso Doble.

(5) Which of these Italian cities does NOT stand on the River Arno: Bologna, Florence or Pisa?

Bologna.

(6) What country borders Guinea-Bissau to the east and south?

Guinea.

(7) What was the former name of the country now known as Vanuatu: New Hebrides, New Orkneys or New Scillies?

New Hebrides.

(8) How is the Volkswagen Kafer car known in the UK?

Beatle.

(9) In what decade did Ronald McDonald become the mascot for McDonald's: 1950s, 1960s or 1980s?

1960s.

(10) How old was Marilyn Monroe when she died?

36.

- (11) Which of these is a term for a formal letter: admonition, missive or precept?
Missive.
- (12) In Greek mythology, what tree gave the people of Athens fruit, oil and wood?
Olive tree.
- (13) What is the name of Australia's largest natural freshwater lake: Big Lake, Great Lake or Huge Lake?
Great Lake.
- (14) In a children's book, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' hatched on which day of the week?
Sunday.
- (15) Which of these is an alternative name for the material 'lucite': Perspex, nylon or velcro?
Perspex.
- (16) A muricidal poison kills what creatures?
Mouse.
- (17) What part of the country was the setting for the sitcom 'Keeping Up Appearances': North London, East Anglia or West Midlands?
West Midlands.
- (18) What was the largest of Brunel's three ships?
SS Great Eastern.
- (19) Spinach is not a good source of calcium as it contains what acid that reduces absorption: oxalic acid formic acid or nitric acid?
Oxalic acid.
- (20) Name the last ten chemical element names alphabetically that have eight or fewer letters?
Thorium, thulium, tin, titanium, tungsten, uranium, vanadium, xenon, yttrium & zinc.

(21) What whale is the largest toothed predator in the world?

Sperm whale.

(22) Fraser Island is part of what Australian state?

Queensland.

(23) Which Batman villain has the real name Oswald Cobblepot?

The Penguin.

(24) Melitology is the study of what flying creatures?

Bees.

(25) The Pentagon in Virginia was built in what decade?

1940s.

(26) What colour is something described as verdant?

Green.

(27) In Greek mythology, how many of the three Gorgons were immortal?

Two.

(28) A Lusitanian comes from what European country?

Portugal.

(29) In darts, which finishing double is known as the 'madhouse'?

Double one.

(30) What Stephen King novel was the first to be filmed?

Carrie.

- (31) As well as beaches, what can be awarded a Blue Flag for cleanliness: canals, rivers or marinas?
Marinas.
- (32) Who directed the films 'Sully' and 'Unforgiven'?
Clint Eastwood.
- (33) Which of these detectives appeared on TV the earliest: Lacey, Lewis or Lynley?
Lacey.
- (34) What is the five-letter word derived from Persian for a bed that has a base and a mattress but no headboard or footboard?
Divan.
- (35) Which Soviet spacecraft had a name meaning 'peace' or 'world': Soyuz, Mir or Vostok?
Mir.
- (36) Which Welsh-born fashion designer co-founded a boutique called 'Clobber' on the King's Road in London in 1964, and the High Street chain 'Warehouse' in the late 1970s?
Jeff Banks.
- (37) In the children's TV series 'Chorlton and the Wheelies', what type of creature was Chorlton: dragon, gnome or troll?
Dragon.
- (38) Which car manufacture has two versions of its emblem, one called 'the leaper' and the other 'the growler'?
Jaguar.
- (39) In what year did Great Britain win its first ever Winter Olympic gold medal: 1924, 1976 or 1984?
1924.
- (40) Name the ten countries that border Austria or Hungary, or both with populations of over one million? (not inc. Austria or Hungary)
Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland & Ukraine.