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Which 1999 sci-fi movie popularised the cinematic bullet-time visual effect?

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What was the name of Ross Geller's pet white-headed capuchin monkey on 'Friends'?

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Which toy introduced in 1996 triggered nationwide holiday riots across US department stores?

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Which games console, launched in 1994, became the first in history to sell over 100 million units?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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In 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air', in which city was Will born and raised, according to the theme song?

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Which 1997 film about an ocean liner became the highest-grossing movie of all time on its release?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Tickle Me Elmo

Originally retailing for $28.99, secondary black-market resales reached over $1,500 that winter.

CORRECT ANSWER

Marcel

Marcel famously swallowed a Scrabble tile and loved the song 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Matrix

Directed by the Wachowskis, it used a green-screen ring of 120 cameras firing in micro-second succession.

CORRECT ANSWER

Titanic

James Cameron's Titanic held the all-time box-office record until his own Avatar passed it in 2009.

CORRECT ANSWER

West Philadelphia

The famous theme opens: 'In West Philadelphia, born and raised…'

CORRECT ANSWER

The Sony PlayStation

The original PlayStation passed 100 million sales in 2003 — a first for any games console.

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What does 'www' stand for in a web address?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which boy band released the hit 'I Want It That Way' in 1999?

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In the Pokémon anime, what was Ash Ketchum's very first Pokémon?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which handheld virtual-pet craze hatched from Japan in 1996?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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The coffee house Central Perk is the hangout in which sitcom?

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Which 2001 film opened the screen trilogy of 'The Lord of the Rings'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Pikachu

Ash overslept on his first day; Pikachu was the only starter Pokémon left.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Backstreet Boys

The song appears on 'Millennium', one of the best-selling albums of all time.

CORRECT ANSWER

World Wide Web

The Web was invented by Tim Berners-Lee at CERN between 1989 and 1991.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Fellowship of the Ring

All three films were shot back-to-back in New Zealand under director Peter Jackson.

CORRECT ANSWER

Friends

Set in Manhattan, the series ran for ten seasons from 1994 to 2004.

CORRECT ANSWER

Tamagotchi

Bandai's egg-shaped keychain pet sold tens of millions of units worldwide.

POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which 1990 film stars Macaulay Culkin as a boy left behind at Christmas who defends his house with booby traps?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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What does the 'S' stand for in the console abbreviation 'SNES'?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which British girl group urged the world to 'spice up your life' in the 1990s?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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In 'The Lion King' (1994), what is the name of Simba's father?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which 1990 song by Los del Rio became a worldwide wedding-party dance craze?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which actor played the Terminator in 'Terminator 2: Judgment Day' (1991)?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Spice Girls

Their 1996 debut single 'Wannabe' topped charts in 37 countries.

CORRECT ANSWER

Super (Super Nintendo Entertainment System)

The SNES launched in Japan in 1990 as the Super Famicom.

CORRECT ANSWER

Home Alone

It became one of the highest-grossing comedies of all time and made Culkin a superstar at age ten.

CORRECT ANSWER

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Schwarzenegger reportedly earned about $15 million for roughly 700 words of dialogue.

CORRECT ANSWER

Macarena

The song spent 14 weeks at number one in the US in 1996.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mufasa

Mufasa was voiced by James Earl Jones — who returned for the 2019 remake.

POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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The Walkman and Discman portable music players were made by which company?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which cartoon family lives in the fictional town of Springfield?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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What was the name of Nintendo's handheld console released in 1989?

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Which 1996 film ends with Will Smith punching an alien and saying 'Welcome to Earth'?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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In 'Toy Story' (1995), what is the name of the cowboy doll voiced by Tom Hanks?

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Which early-90s TV series followed Agent Dale Cooper investigating the murder of Laura Palmer?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Game Boy

Its killer app was Tetris, bundled with the console in most markets.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Simpsons

The show never officially confirms which US state its Springfield is in.

CORRECT ANSWER

Sony

The original Walkman launched in Japan in 1979 and changed how the world listened to music.

CORRECT ANSWER

Twin Peaks

David Lynch's eerie series ran 1990-91 and returned for a revival in 2017.

CORRECT ANSWER

Woody

Woody's full name is Woody Pride, though it is never said in the first films.

CORRECT ANSWER

Independence Day

It was the highest-grossing film of 1996 worldwide.

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What did the letters 'MTV' originally stand for when the channel launched in 1981?

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Which Canadian singer released the 1995 album 'Jagged Little Pill'?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Beanie Babies, the 1990s plush craze, were filled with what instead of stuffing?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which 1992 Disney film features a genie voiced by Robin Williams?

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The catchphrase 'Did I do that?' belongs to which nerdy 1990s sitcom character?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which search giant was founded in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Plastic pellets (beans)

Creator Ty Warner deliberately under-stuffed them so they felt floppy and lifelike.

CORRECT ANSWER

Alanis Morissette

The album sold over 33 million copies, one of the best sellers ever by a female artist.

CORRECT ANSWER

Music Television

The first video aired was 'Video Killed the Radio Star' by The Buggles.

CORRECT ANSWER

Google

The name is a playful spelling of 'googol', the number 1 followed by 100 zeros.

CORRECT ANSWER

Steve Urkel (Family Matters)

Urkel was meant to appear in a single episode — he became the show's breakout star.

CORRECT ANSWER

Aladdin

Williams improvised so much dialogue that hours of unused material were recorded.

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Which 1999 horror hit was marketed as real found footage of three missing student filmmakers?

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In 'Jurassic Park' (1993), the fictional Isla Nublar lies off the coast of which country?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which boy band featured Justin Timberlake before his solo career?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which furry robotic toy, launched in 1998, appeared to learn language as it 'grew up'?

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The line 'Show me the money!' comes from which 1996 Tom Cruise film?

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Which actress played the title role in TV's 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' from 1997?

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CORRECT ANSWER

NSYNC

The band's name came from the last letters of the five members' first names.

CORRECT ANSWER

Costa Rica

The island's name is Spanish for 'clouded island', for the mist around its peaks.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Blair Witch Project

Made for roughly $60,000, it went on to gross nearly $250 million worldwide.

CORRECT ANSWER

Sarah Michelle Gellar

Gellar did most of Buffy's taekwondo-based fight training herself.

CORRECT ANSWER

Jerry Maguire

The line was shouted by Cuba Gooding Jr.'s character, footballer Rod Tidwell.

CORRECT ANSWER

Furby

Furby spoke its own language, 'Furbish', and slowly mixed in English words.

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Which 1989 Disney film, starring a mermaid named Ariel, revived the studio's animation fortunes?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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Which grunge band released 'Nevermind' in 1991, fronted by Kurt Cobain?

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Which video game plumber made his arcade debut in 1981's 'Donkey Kong'?

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The 1994 film 'Pulp Fiction' was directed by whom?

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Which Saturday-morning cartoon featured four turtles named after Renaissance artists?

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Which internet provider famously flooded mailboxes with free trial CDs throughout the 1990s?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Mario

He was originally called 'Jumpman' and worked as a carpenter, not a plumber.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nirvana

'Nevermind' knocked Michael Jackson off the top of the US album chart in January 1992.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Little Mermaid

It kicked off the decade-long 'Disney Renaissance' of animated hits.

CORRECT ANSWER

AOL (America Online)

AOL later claimed about half of all CDs produced worldwide in the mid-90s carried its logo.

CORRECT ANSWER

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael began in a gritty 1984 indie comic.

CORRECT ANSWER

Quentin Tarantino

Tarantino wrote the diner scenes while working in a video rental store years earlier.

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Which handheld console did Nintendo release in 2001 as the Game Boy line's successor?

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Who sang the 1995 hit 'Gangsta's Paradise', featured in the film 'Dangerous Minds'?

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The catchphrase 'As if!' belongs to Cher in which 1995 teen film?

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POP CULTURE & 90S/2000S NOSTALGIA
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In 'Mrs. Doubtfire' (1993), Robin Williams disguises himself as what so he can see his children?

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Which MTV countdown show, hosted by Carson Daly from Times Square from 1998, defined after-school TV?

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The 1996 film 'Space Jam' paired Michael Jordan with which cartoon characters?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Clueless

The film is a loose modern retelling of Jane Austen's novel 'Emma'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Coolio

The song samples Stevie Wonder's 1976 track 'Pastime Paradise'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Game Boy Advance

The Advance was backwards-compatible with the entire Game Boy library.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Looney Tunes

Bugs Bunny and company recruited Jordan to save them from the Monstars.

CORRECT ANSWER

TRL (Total Request Live)

At its peak, fans crowded Times Square hoping to glimpse pop stars through the studio windows.

CORRECT ANSWER

A Scottish nanny and housekeeper

Williams's full prosthetic makeup took about four hours to apply each day.

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Which 2000 reality TV show stranded contestants on an island to 'outwit, outplay, outlast'?

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The letters 'DVD' are most commonly expanded to what?

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Which doll, launched in 1959, got her first Dreamhouse in 1962 and a blockbuster film in 2023?

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In 1971, which notorious hijacker parachuted out of a Boeing 727 with $200,000 and was never found?

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What famous poison leaves a distinct bitter almond scent in autopsy investigations?

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In the 'Dancing Plague' of 1518 in Strasbourg, hundreds of people were struck by an urge to do what, for days on end?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Barbie

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from the Mattel founders' daughter.

CORRECT ANSWER

Digital Versatile Disc

It was also originally read as 'Digital Video Disc' — the Versatile name won out officially.

CORRECT ANSWER

Survivor

The US version was based on a Swedish format called 'Expedition Robinson'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Dance

Victims danced for weeks without resting; some reportedly died from exhaustion and heart attacks.

CORRECT ANSWER

Cyanide

Only roughly 40-50% of the population genetically possesses the ability to smell the almond odor.

CORRECT ANSWER

D.B. Cooper

The FAA subsequently mandated the installation of the aerodynamic 'Cooper Vane' on all 727s.

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Which US president survived a 1912 assassination attempt partly because a folded speech and a steel glasses case in his breast pocket slowed the bullet?

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The 'Great Emu War' of 1932 — a military operation against some 20,000 birds — took place in which country?

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The wreck of which famous liner was finally located in 1985, 73 years after she sank?

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In 1962, Frank Morris and the Anglin brothers escaped from which island prison — and were never found?

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The Great Pyramid of Giza — the only Ancient Wonder still standing — was built by which civilisation?

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In 19th-century Britain, wealthy hosts held 'unwrapping parties' to unwrap what imported curiosity?

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CORRECT ANSWER

RMS Titanic

Robert Ballard's team found her about 370 miles off Newfoundland, nearly 3,800 metres down.

CORRECT ANSWER

Australia

Soldiers were deployed in Western Australia; the emus evaded them so well the operation was abandoned.

CORRECT ANSWER

Theodore Roosevelt

Shot in Milwaukee, Roosevelt insisted on delivering his campaign speech before going to hospital.

CORRECT ANSWER

Egyptian mummies

Mummies were shipped to Europe and unwrapped as society entertainment — and even ground into paint pigment.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ancient Egypt

It was already ancient when the other six wonders were built, and it outlasted them all.

CORRECT ANSWER

Alcatraz

They fled on a raft made from raincoats. Whether they survived the bay remains unknown.

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Outlaw Jesse James was shot dead in 1882 by which former associate, hoping to collect the reward?

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The 1908 Tunguska event flattened around 2,000 square kilometres of forest in which country?

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Which legendary con artist 'sold' the Eiffel Tower to scrap dealers — twice — in the 1920s?

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Which Roman emperor is said to have planned to make his favourite horse, Incitatus, a senator?

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In 1726, English hoaxer Mary Toft fooled doctors into believing she had given birth to what animals?

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The crew of which ship vanished in 1872, leaving the vessel drifting in the Atlantic with its cargo intact?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Victor Lustig

Posing as a government official, Lustig convinced dealers the tower was being sold for scrap metal.

CORRECT ANSWER

Russia

The Siberian blast is believed to have been an asteroid or comet exploding in mid-air — no crater was found.

CORRECT ANSWER

Robert Ford

Ford shot James in his own home in St. Joseph, Missouri — and was later branded a coward for it.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Mary Celeste

The ship was found near the Azores with a lifeboat missing — and no one was ever found.

CORRECT ANSWER

Rabbits

Toft confessed after a porter was caught smuggling a rabbit into her room.

CORRECT ANSWER

Caligula

Historians suspect the story was exaggerated by hostile writers — but the horse did get a marble stall.

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During the 1904 St. Louis Olympic marathon, runner Thomas Hicks was dosed mid-race with brandy, egg white and what dangerous poison?

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Which French monarch, builder of Versailles, was known as the Sun King?

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The 'mystery cloud' that dimmed the sun and caused crop failures around 536 AD is now blamed on what?

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Which unidentified murderer terrorised London's Whitechapel district in 1888?

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In 1928, which Scotsman discovered penicillin by accident from a mould growing in his lab?

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The Voynich manuscript, a centuries-old book nobody can read, is written in what?

VIRAL PUB TRIVIA

CORRECT ANSWER

A massive volcanic eruption

Ice-core evidence points to a huge eruption whose ash veil cooled the Northern Hemisphere for years.

CORRECT ANSWER

Louis XIV

His 72-year reign is the longest of any verified monarch in European history.

CORRECT ANSWER

Strychnine

Strychnine was then believed to be a stimulant in tiny doses. Hicks won — and nearly died.

CORRECT ANSWER

An unknown, undeciphered script

Carbon dating puts the vellum in the early 1400s; every codebreaker since has failed.

CORRECT ANSWER

Alexander Fleming

The mould was Penicillium — its juice killed the bacteria on Fleming's culture plates.

CORRECT ANSWER

Jack the Ripper

Five victims are generally attributed to the Ripper — the case remains officially unsolved.

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Which US state was an independent republic with its own president, Sam Houston, before joining the Union in 1845?

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In 1977, Ohio State's Big Ear telescope received a famous 72-second radio burst known by what name?

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BIZARRE HISTORY & TRUE CRIME FACTS
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Which queen of ancient Egypt was the last active ruler of the Ptolemaic Kingdom?

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The 1883 eruption of which Indonesian volcano produced the loudest sound in recorded history?

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The Salem witch trials of 1692-93 took place in what is now which US state?

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Which British king abdicated in 1936 in order to marry Wallis Simpson?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Cleopatra VII

Cleopatra spoke nine languages and was the only Ptolemaic ruler who learned Egyptian.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Wow! signal

Astronomer Jerry Ehman circled the printout and wrote 'Wow!' beside it — the source is still unknown.

CORRECT ANSWER

Texas

The Republic of Texas existed from 1836 to 1845, with its own currency and navy.

CORRECT ANSWER

Edward VIII

He reigned just 326 days — one of the shortest reigns in British history.

CORRECT ANSWER

Massachusetts

Twenty people were executed; Massachusetts formally apologised for the trials in 1957.

CORRECT ANSWER

Krakatoa

The blast was heard nearly 4,800 km away, and its ash lowered global temperatures for years.

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The 'Piltdown Man', exposed as a fraud in 1953, was a faked specimen of what?

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In 1961, which Soviet cosmonaut became the first human in space?

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Which civilisation built the mountain citadel of Machu Picchu?

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The Great Fire of London in 1666 started in a bakery on which street?

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Which 19th-century US president is the only one to have served two non-consecutive terms?

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In 1919, a flood of what food substance killed 21 people in Boston?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Inca

The site was never found by the Spanish and stayed unknown to the outside world until 1911.

CORRECT ANSWER

Yuri Gagarin

His single orbit of Earth aboard Vostok 1 lasted 108 minutes.

CORRECT ANSWER

A fossil human ancestor (a human skull combined with an orangutan's jaw)

The hoax fooled much of the scientific establishment for over forty years.

CORRECT ANSWER

Molasses (the Great Molasses Disaster)

A storage tank burst and sent a wave of molasses up to 7.6 metres high through the streets.

CORRECT ANSWER

Grover Cleveland

Cleveland was both the 22nd and the 24th president.

CORRECT ANSWER

Pudding Lane

The fire raged for four days and destroyed more than 13,000 houses.

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The lost Roanoke Colony was planted on an island off the coast of which modern US state?

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Which pharaoh's tomb did Howard Carter discover nearly intact in 1922?

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Julius Caesar was assassinated on the Ides of which month in 44 BC?

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At the bizarre 'Cadaver Synod' of 897 AD, the corpse of which church leader was put on trial?

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Which British ocean liner, sunk by a U-boat in 1915, helped push the US toward entering World War I?

VIRAL PUB TRIVIA

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In 1519, which Spanish conquistador marched into the Aztec capital Tenochtitlan?

VIRAL PUB TRIVIA

CORRECT ANSWER

March

The Ides of March — the 15th — became a byword for betrayal and doom.

CORRECT ANSWER

Tutankhamun

The boy king's tomb held over 5,000 artefacts, including his famous gold mask.

CORRECT ANSWER

North Carolina

The only clue left behind was the word 'CROATOAN' carved into a post.

CORRECT ANSWER

Hernan Cortes

Within two years the Aztec Empire had fallen to Cortes and his Indigenous allies.

CORRECT ANSWER

RMS Lusitania

Nearly 1,200 people died, including 128 Americans, when she sank in just 18 minutes.

CORRECT ANSWER

Pope Formosus

His body was exhumed, dressed in papal robes and propped on a throne to answer charges.

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What was the name of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to Massachusetts in 1620?

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The Berlin Airlift of 1948-49 supplied which half of the divided city?

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Which Viking explorer is credited with reaching North America around the year 1000?

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Outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were killed by police in which year?

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The Rosetta Stone, the key to deciphering hieroglyphs, was found in which country?

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Which Chinese dynasty built most of the Great Wall that still stands today?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Leif Erikson

His settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland was confirmed by archaeologists in the 1960s.

CORRECT ANSWER

West Berlin

Allied planes landed up to every 30 seconds at the peak, delivering food and coal.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Mayflower

The ship carried 102 passengers and about 30 crew across the Atlantic in 66 days.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Ming dynasty

The Ming rebuilt the wall in stone and brick during the 1300s-1600s.

CORRECT ANSWER

Egypt

French soldiers rebuilding a fort near Rosetta uncovered it in 1799.

CORRECT ANSWER

1934

Their ambush in Louisiana ended a two-year crime spree across the American Midwest and South.

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In 1867, the United States purchased Alaska from which country?

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The first successful powered aeroplane flight in 1903 was made by which brothers?

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Which Chicago gangster was finally jailed in 1931 — not for murder, but for tax evasion?

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The ancient Olympic Games were held in honour of which Greek god?

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In 1974, farmers digging a well near Xi'an, China, accidentally uncovered what famous army?

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In 1811-12, the most powerful earthquakes in recorded US history struck near New Madrid in which state?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Al Capone

The FBI's accountants built the case that sent 'Scarface' to Alcatraz.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Wright brothers

Orville won the coin toss and flew first: 12 seconds and 36.5 metres at Kitty Hawk.

CORRECT ANSWER

Russia

Critics mocked the $7.2 million deal as 'Seward's Folly' — until gold and oil were found.

CORRECT ANSWER

Missouri

The quakes were so strong they reportedly made the Mississippi River appear to run backwards.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Terracotta Army

Thousands of life-size clay soldiers guard the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang.

CORRECT ANSWER

Zeus

A colossal gold-and-ivory statue of Zeus at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders.

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Which actor played both Jack Dawson in 'Titanic' and Howard Hughes in 'The Aviator'?

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Wakanda, the fictional high-tech African nation, is the homeland of which Marvel hero?

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The Iron Throne is fought over by the houses of which TV series?

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Who directed 'Jaws', 'E.T.' and 'Schindler's List'?

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In the 1939 film 'The Wizard of Oz', Dorothy's magical slippers are what colour? (They were silver in the book!)

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Which Netflix series opens its deadly contest with a game of 'Red Light, Green Light'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Game of Thrones

The throne is said to be forged from a thousand swords of surrendered enemies.

CORRECT ANSWER

Black Panther

Wakanda's wealth comes from vibranium, a fictional metal from a meteorite.

CORRECT ANSWER

Leonardo DiCaprio

DiCaprio finally won his first Oscar for 'The Revenant' in 2016.

CORRECT ANSWER

Squid Game

The South Korean series became Netflix's most-watched launch of its time in 2021.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ruby red

The filmmakers changed them to ruby to show off the new Technicolor process.

CORRECT ANSWER

Steven Spielberg

Spielberg co-founded DreamWorks and is the highest-grossing director of all time.

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In what year was the very first 'Star Wars' film released in cinemas?

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Which actress played Hermione Granger in the 'Harry Potter' films?

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In 'Breaking Bad', by what name is Walter White known in the criminal underworld?

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Olaf the snowman sings 'In Summer' in which animated film?

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Which film is the highest-grossing of all time worldwide, not adjusted for inflation?

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The sitcom 'Parks and Recreation' is set in the fictional town of Pawnee — in which US state?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Heisenberg

He named himself after physicist Werner Heisenberg — of uncertainty-principle fame.

CORRECT ANSWER

Emma Watson

Watson was cast at age nine, in her first professional acting role.

CORRECT ANSWER

1977

It was re-titled 'Episode IV — A New Hope' only in later re-releases.

CORRECT ANSWER

Indiana

Pawnee's fierce rival town in the show is the much wealthier Eagleton.

CORRECT ANSWER

Avatar (2009)

Re-releases have pushed James Cameron's Avatar to roughly $2.9 billion worldwide.

CORRECT ANSWER

Frozen

The song is a joke: Olaf dreams of the one season that would melt him.

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Which actor played Forrest Gump in the 1994 film?

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The US version of 'The Office' is set in which fictional paper company?

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Which 1972 film about the Corleone family is routinely ranked among the greatest movies ever made?

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In 'The Shawshank Redemption', what was Andy Dufresne's profession before prison?

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Which Netflix series features the alternate dimension called the Upside Down and a girl named Eleven?

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Who played the Joker in 'The Dark Knight' (2008) and won a posthumous Oscar for it?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Godfather

Marlon Brando stuffed his cheeks with cotton wool for the audition to get Don Corleone's bulldog jowls.

CORRECT ANSWER

Dunder Mifflin

The show is set in Scranton, Pennsylvania — which embraced its fictional fame with real fan conventions.

CORRECT ANSWER

Tom Hanks

Hanks won back-to-back Best Actor Oscars in 1994 and 1995 — for 'Philadelphia' and 'Forrest Gump'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Heath Ledger

Ledger kept a character diary and locked himself away for weeks to build the Joker's voice.

CORRECT ANSWER

Stranger Things

The show premiered in 2016 and turned Dungeons & Dragons into a mainstream craze again.

CORRECT ANSWER

Banker

Andy uses his banking skills to launder the warden's money — and to plot his escape.

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As a full series, 'The Simpsons' first aired in which year?

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Which film won the very first Academy Award for Best Picture in 1929?

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In 'Friends', what is Joey Tribbiani's famous pick-up line?

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Who directed 'Psycho', 'Vertigo' and 'Rear Window'?

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The adventurer Indiana Jones is famously afraid of which animals?

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Which 2019 South Korean film became the first non-English-language winner of the Best Picture Oscar?

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CORRECT ANSWER

'How you doin'?'

Matt LeBlanc improvised the line's swagger — it became Joey's signature across ten seasons.

CORRECT ANSWER

Wings

The silent WWI epic is the only fully silent film ever to win the top Oscar.

CORRECT ANSWER

1989

The family began as short cartoons on 'The Tracey Ullman Show' two years earlier.

CORRECT ANSWER

Parasite

Bong Joon Ho's thriller also won Best Director, Original Screenplay and International Feature.

CORRECT ANSWER

Snakes

'Snakes. Why did it have to be snakes?' — the phobia was written into the character from the first film.

CORRECT ANSWER

Alfred Hitchcock

Hitchcock was nominated for Best Director five times but never won a competitive Oscar.

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Which creature bites off Frodo's finger at Mount Doom in 'The Return of the King'?

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The sitcom 'Seinfeld' is famously described as a show about what?

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Which actress played Katniss Everdeen in 'The Hunger Games' films?

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In 'Back to the Future', what speed must the DeLorean reach to travel through time?

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Which HBO series about a New Jersey mob boss is often credited with starting TV's golden age?

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The line 'May the Force be with you' comes from which film franchise?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Jennifer Lawrence

Lawrence did her own archery training and performed most of Katniss's stunts.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nothing

The pitch George makes inside the show — a show about nothing — mirrored the real series.

CORRECT ANSWER

Gollum

Gollum then falls into the fire with the Ring — destroying it by accident, not heroism.

CORRECT ANSWER

Star Wars

The phrase was first delivered by General Dodonna before the Death Star assault.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Sopranos

James Gandolfini's Tony Soprano redefined what a TV protagonist could be — a villain you root for.

CORRECT ANSWER

88 miles per hour

The speed was chosen simply because it looked good on the digital speedometer prop.

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Which film series follows spy Ethan Hunt and his Impossible Missions Force team?

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In 'Harry Potter', what is the name of the school of witchcraft and wizardry?

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Which 1999 film's twist ending reveals that Bruce Willis's character has been dead all along?

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Which actor played the liquid-metal T-1000 in 'Terminator 2: Judgment Day'?

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The Netflix series 'Wednesday' centres on a member of which fictional family?

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Which war film opens with the Normandy landings and a mission to find one paratrooper?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Sixth Sense

M. Night Shyamalan hid the clues in plain sight — Willis's character is never seen touching anything.

CORRECT ANSWER

Hogwarts

Its full name: Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, hidden somewhere in Scotland.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mission: Impossible

Tom Cruise famously performs many of the franchise's most dangerous stunts himself.

CORRECT ANSWER

Saving Private Ryan

Veterans praised its opening 24 minutes as the most realistic battle footage ever filmed.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Addams Family

Jenna Ortega learned cello and fencing for the role — and choreographed the famous dance herself.

CORRECT ANSWER

Robert Patrick

Patrick trained to run at full sprint without breathing through his mouth, to look less human.

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In 'The Lion King', what does the phrase 'Hakuna Matata' mean?

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Which actress starred as Elle Woods in 'Legally Blonde'?

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In 'Doctor Who', the Doctor's time machine is called the what?

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Which 2008 Marvel film launched the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

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In 'E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial', what does E.T. famously want to do?

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Which film features Tyler Durden and an unnamed narrator who start an underground club?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The TARDIS

TARDIS stands for Time And Relative Dimension In Space — and it is famously bigger on the inside.

CORRECT ANSWER

Reese Witherspoon

Witherspoon kept Elle's entire wardrobe after filming — all 77 costume changes.

CORRECT ANSWER

No worries

The Swahili phrase became one of Disney's most famous songs, written by Elton John and Tim Rice.

CORRECT ANSWER

Fight Club

The first rule of Fight Club is famous — the film flopped in cinemas, then became a cult phenomenon on DVD.

CORRECT ANSWER

Phone home

The line 'E.T. phone home' ranks among the most quoted in cinema history.

CORRECT ANSWER

Iron Man

Robert Downey Jr. improvised the final line — 'I am Iron Man' — changing Marvel's plans on the spot.

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Which director made 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' and 'Moonrise Kingdom'?

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In 'The Wizard of Oz', what is Dorothy's little dog called?

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Which TV series follows the Shelby crime family in post-WWI Birmingham?

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Which 2024 Pixar sequel became the highest-grossing animated film of all time?

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In 'Jaws', what is the name of the grizzled shark hunter played by Robert Shaw?

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Which sitcom centres on physicists Sheldon, Leonard and their neighbour Penny?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Peaky Blinders

Cillian Murphy's Tommy Shelby made flat caps fashionable again a century later.

CORRECT ANSWER

Toto

Toto was played by a Cairn terrier named Terry, who appeared in 16 films.

CORRECT ANSWER

Wes Anderson

Anderson's perfectly symmetrical shots are so distinctive the style has its own name among film students.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Big Bang Theory

The show ran 12 seasons and made 'Bazinga!' a global catchphrase.

CORRECT ANSWER

Quint

Shaw ad-libbed much of Quint's legendary USS Indianapolis monologue.

CORRECT ANSWER

Inside Out 2

It passed the 2019 'Lion King' remake with roughly $1.7 billion at the worldwide box office.

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The 1976 boxing film 'Rocky' is set in which US city?

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Which actor played Captain Jack Sparrow in the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' films?

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In 'The Hunger Games', Katniss Everdeen volunteers from which district?

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How long does a photon take to travel from the center core of the Sun to its outer surface?

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Which creature has three hearts, blue hemocyanin blood, and doughnut-shaped brains?

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Olympus Mons, the largest volcano in the solar system, towers over which planet?

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CORRECT ANSWER

District 12

District 12 is Panem's impoverished coal-mining district, in the former Appalachians.

CORRECT ANSWER

Johnny Depp

Depp based Sparrow's swaying walk on Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards.

CORRECT ANSWER

Philadelphia

Sylvester Stallone wrote the script in three days and refused to sell it unless he could star.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mars

Olympus Mons is about 22 km high — roughly two and a half times the height of Mount Everest.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Octopus

Two hearts pump blood to the gills, while the third central heart stops beating when swimming.

CORRECT ANSWER

Approx. 100,000 to 170,000 Years

Dense plasma collisions force the light particle into a violent 'random walk' before it finally escapes.

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Which planet is tilted so far that it effectively rotates on its side, at about 98 degrees?

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What is the chemical symbol for gold?

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Which cells in your blood are responsible for carrying oxygen around the body?

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Who published the laws of motion and universal gravitation in the 1687 work 'Principia Mathematica'?

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Approximately how fast does light travel through a vacuum, in kilometres per second?

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Which organ of the human body produces the hormone insulin?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Red blood cells

They get their colour from haemoglobin, the iron-containing protein that binds oxygen.

CORRECT ANSWER

Au

The symbol comes from 'aurum', the Latin word for gold.

CORRECT ANSWER

Uranus

Astronomers believe an ancient collision with an Earth-sized body knocked Uranus sideways.

CORRECT ANSWER

The pancreas

Insulin is made by the beta cells in the pancreatic islets of Langerhans.

CORRECT ANSWER

About 300,000 km/s

The exact figure is 299,792 km/s — nothing with mass can reach it.

CORRECT ANSWER

Isaac Newton

The Principia is considered one of the most important scientific books ever written.

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What was the name of the first artificial satellite, launched into orbit in 1957?

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About 78% of Earth's atmosphere consists of which gas?

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Roughly how long does sunlight take to reach the Earth?

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Which planet's day is longer than its year, taking 243 Earth days to spin once?

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What is the chemical symbol for iron?

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What is H2O more commonly known as?

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CORRECT ANSWER

About 8 minutes

Eight minutes and twenty seconds on average — so we always see the Sun as it was, not as it is.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nitrogen

Oxygen makes up most of the rest, at about 21%.

CORRECT ANSWER

Sputnik 1

The Soviet satellite's simple 'beep-beep' signal could be picked up by radios around the world.

CORRECT ANSWER

Water

Two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom — the most familiar molecule on Earth.

CORRECT ANSWER

Fe

Fe comes from 'ferrum', the Latin word for iron.

CORRECT ANSWER

Venus

Venus rotates backwards and so slowly that one spin outlasts its 225-day trip around the Sun.

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Which gas do plants absorb from the air to power photosynthesis?

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What is the largest planet in our solar system?

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How many bones are there in the adult human body?

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Who proposed evolution by natural selection in 'On the Origin of Species' (1859)?

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What force keeps the planets in orbit around the Sun?

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Which metal is the most abundant in the Earth's crust?

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CORRECT ANSWER

206

Babies are born with around 300 bones; many fuse together as we grow.

CORRECT ANSWER

Jupiter

More than 1,300 Earths could fit inside Jupiter.

CORRECT ANSWER

Carbon dioxide

Plants trade it for oxygen — the gas exchange that keeps the air breathable.

CORRECT ANSWER

Aluminium

Aluminium makes up about 8% of the crust — yet was once costlier than gold.

CORRECT ANSWER

Gravity

The same force that drops your pen bends the path of entire planets.

CORRECT ANSWER

Charles Darwin

Darwin delayed publishing for years, gathering evidence after his voyage on HMS Beagle.

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Which blood cells are the soldiers of the immune system, fighting infection?

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The asteroid belt lies between the orbits of which two planets?

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What is the name of the galaxy that contains our solar system?

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Which element has the chemical symbol 'O'?

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Roughly how long does the International Space Station take to complete one orbit of Earth?

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What is the tallest land animal in the world?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Milky Way

It holds at least 100 billion stars — and probably more than 200 billion.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mars and Jupiter

Despite the movies, the belt is mostly empty space — its total mass is less than the Moon's.

CORRECT ANSWER

White blood cells

They make up only about 1% of your blood, but a high count signals your body is fighting something.

CORRECT ANSWER

The giraffe

A giraffe's heart weighs around 11 kilograms to pump blood up that long neck.

CORRECT ANSWER

About 90 minutes

Its crew sees about 16 sunrises and sunsets every single day.

CORRECT ANSWER

Oxygen

Oxygen is the third most abundant element in the universe, after hydrogen and helium.

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Which organ of the human body is the largest?

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What do you call an animal that eats only plants?

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Which planet is famous for its rings of ice and rock?

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What was the name of the first space station, launched into orbit in 1971?

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Which subatomic particle carries a negative electric charge?

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What is the chemical formula for common table salt?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Saturn

The rings are billions of ice chunks — some as small as grains of sugar, some as big as houses.

CORRECT ANSWER

A herbivore

Cows, horses and giant pandas are all herbivores — though pandas belong to the bear family.

CORRECT ANSWER

The skin

An adult's skin weighs roughly 3.6 kilograms and covers about 2 square metres.

CORRECT ANSWER

NaCl (sodium chloride)

One sodium atom and one chlorine atom — two dangerous elements that make a kitchen essential.

CORRECT ANSWER

The electron

Electrons weigh about 1/1836th of a proton — they are almost pure nothing, yet run all of chemistry.

CORRECT ANSWER

Salyut 1

The Soviet station hosted one crew for 23 days before its tragic return flight.

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Which bird is the fastest animal on Earth in a hunting dive?

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How many legs does a spider have?

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What is the main gas that makes up the Sun?

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Which human sense is most strongly wired to memory, which is why smells trigger nostalgia?

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Approximately how fast does sound travel through air at sea level?

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Which scientist's equation E = mc2 links energy and mass?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Hydrogen

The Sun converts about 600 million tonnes of hydrogen into helium every second.

CORRECT ANSWER

Eight

All spiders are arachnids — if it has six legs, it is an insect, not a spider.

CORRECT ANSWER

The peregrine falcon

In a stoop it has been clocked at over 380 km/h — faster than a Formula 1 car.

CORRECT ANSWER

Albert Einstein

The equation appeared in 1905, Einstein's 'miracle year' of four revolutionary papers.

CORRECT ANSWER

About 343 metres per second

That is roughly 1,235 km/h — fast, but light beats it by a factor of nearly a million.

CORRECT ANSWER

Smell (olfaction)

Smell signals travel almost directly to the brain's memory and emotion centres.

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What do bees collect from flowers to make honey?

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Which is the only mammal capable of true powered flight?

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What is the name of the process by which plants make food from sunlight?

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How many chambers does the human heart have?

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Which dwarf planet was classed as the ninth planet until 2006?

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What is the hardest naturally occurring substance on Earth?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Photosynthesis

Nearly all life on Earth runs on energy captured by this one chemical trick.

CORRECT ANSWER

The bat

There are over 1,400 bat species — about one in five of all mammal species.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nectar

A single jar of honey requires nectar from roughly two million flower visits.

CORRECT ANSWER

Diamond

Diamonds are pure carbon squeezed under enormous pressure deep underground.

CORRECT ANSWER

Pluto

Pluto is smaller than Earth's Moon and takes 248 years to orbit the Sun once.

CORRECT ANSWER

Four

Two atria on top, two ventricles below — a double pump in a single organ.

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Which mammal can live for over 200 years, making it the longest-lived of all?

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What is the pH of a neutral solution?

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Which blood type is known as the universal donor type?

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The Great Red Spot is a centuries-old storm on which planet?

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How many eyes does a honeybee have?

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What is the dense centre of an atom called?

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CORRECT ANSWER

O negative

O-negative blood can be given to almost anyone in an emergency — its donors are always in demand.

CORRECT ANSWER

7

The scale runs 0 to 14: below 7 is acid, above 7 is alkaline.

CORRECT ANSWER

The bowhead whale

Some bowheads alive today may carry 19th-century harpoon points in their blubber.

CORRECT ANSWER

The nucleus

The nucleus holds over 99.97% of the atom's mass in a speck a hundred-thousandth of its width.

CORRECT ANSWER

Five

Two large compound eyes plus three tiny simple eyes, called ocelli, on top of its head.

CORRECT ANSWER

Jupiter

The storm is wider than Earth and has been raging for at least 190 years of observation.

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What is the only letter in the English alphabet that does NOT appear in any US state name?

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What is the capital city of Australia?

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According to the United Nations, which country became the most populous on Earth in 2023?

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The Danube flows through which capital city, famed as the home of the waltz?

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Which is the largest hot desert in the world?

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Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, stands in which country?

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CORRECT ANSWER

India

India overtook China in 2023, with a population passing 1.43 billion people.

CORRECT ANSWER

Canberra

Canberra was purpose-built as a compromise between rivals Sydney and Melbourne.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Letter 'Q'

Every other letter from A to Z appears at least once across all 50 states.

CORRECT ANSWER

Tanzania

Its highest point, Uhuru Peak, rises 5,895 metres above sea level.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Sahara

At about 9.2 million square kilometres, the Sahara is almost the size of the entire United States.

CORRECT ANSWER

Vienna

Vienna is one of four capitals on the Danube — the others are Bratislava, Budapest and Belgrade.

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Which country is also an entire continent by itself?

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What is the capital city of Canada?

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The Strait of Gibraltar separates southern Spain from which North African country?

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The Grand Canyon is carved into which US state?

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Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, belongs to which island nation?

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Which river is traditionally considered the longest in the world, at about 6,650 km?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Morocco

At its narrowest point the strait is only about 14 kilometres wide.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ottawa

Queen Victoria chose Ottawa in 1857, partly because it sat safely between Toronto and Montreal.

CORRECT ANSWER

Australia

Australia is the world's smallest continent and its sixth-largest country.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Nile

The Amazon carries far more water, but the Nile is usually measured as the longest.

CORRECT ANSWER

Iceland

Reykjavik runs almost entirely on geothermal and hydroelectric renewable energy.

CORRECT ANSWER

Arizona

The canyon is about 446 kilometres long and up to 1,857 metres deep.

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What is the capital of Japan?

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Which is the smallest country in the world?

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The Eiffel Tower stands in which city?

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Which river flows through the centre of London?

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Mount Everest lies on the border of Nepal and which other country?

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What is the capital of Brazil?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Paris

It was meant to be temporary, built for the 1889 World's Fair, and was nearly scrapped in 1909.

CORRECT ANSWER

Vatican City

At under half a square kilometre, it is smaller than many shopping malls — yet issues its own stamps and passports.

CORRECT ANSWER

Tokyo

Tokyo is the largest metropolitan economy in the world, home to over 37 million people in its metro area.

CORRECT ANSWER

Brasilia

Brasilia was built from scratch in just 41 months and inaugurated in 1960.

CORRECT ANSWER

China (Tibet)

Everest grows about 4 millimetres taller every year as tectonic plates keep colliding.

CORRECT ANSWER

The River Thames

The Thames is 346 km long and was once so polluted it was declared biologically dead in 1957.

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Which country has the largest land area in the world?

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The Panama Canal connects which two oceans?

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Which African country was formerly known as Abyssinia?

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What is the longest river in South America?

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Which US state is nicknamed the Sunshine State?

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The Great Barrier Reef lies off the coast of which Australian state?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Ethiopia

Ethiopia is the only African country never formally colonised, and uses its own calendar with 13 months.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Atlantic and the Pacific

Ships save a journey of some 13,000 km around South America by using the canal.

CORRECT ANSWER

Russia

Russia covers about one-eighth of the world's inhabited land and spans 11 time zones.

CORRECT ANSWER

Queensland

The reef is the largest living structure on Earth — big enough to be seen from space.

CORRECT ANSWER

Florida

Florida was given the nickname officially in 1970 — and earns it with some 230 sunny days a year.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Amazon

The Amazon discharges more water than the next seven largest rivers combined.

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What is the capital of Egypt?

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Kangaroos are native to which country?

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Which is the largest ocean on Earth?

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The city of Istanbul straddles which two continents?

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What is the capital of Spain?

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Which is the coldest continent on Earth?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Pacific Ocean

The Pacific covers more area than all of Earth's land combined.

CORRECT ANSWER

Australia

There are roughly twice as many kangaroos in Australia as there are people.

CORRECT ANSWER

Cairo

Cairo is the largest city of the Arab world and sits a short drive from the pyramids of Giza.

CORRECT ANSWER

Antarctica

It holds about 70% of the planet's fresh water, locked up as ice.

CORRECT ANSWER

Madrid

Madrid is Europe's highest capital city, sitting about 650 metres above sea level.

CORRECT ANSWER

Europe and Asia

The Bosphorus Strait splits the city in two — you can breakfast in Asia and lunch in Europe.

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Which capital city is home to the ancient Colosseum?

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Which country has more natural lakes than any other on Earth?

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What is the largest island in the world?

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Which US state is nicknamed the Lone Star State?

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Angel Falls, the world's tallest waterfall, is located in which country?

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What is the capital of Argentina?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Greenland

Australia is bigger, but it counts as a continent — Greenland takes the island title.

CORRECT ANSWER

Canada

Estimates suggest Canada holds over 60% of the world's lakes.

CORRECT ANSWER

Rome

The Colosseum could hold around 50,000 spectators — and was sometimes flooded to stage sea battles.

CORRECT ANSWER

Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires has more bookshops per person than any other city in the world.

CORRECT ANSWER

Venezuela

The falls drop 979 metres — so high that much of the water evaporates before reaching the bottom.

CORRECT ANSWER

Texas

The lone star recalls Texas's decade as an independent republic, 1836 to 1845.

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Which European country is famously shaped like a boot?

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Mount Fuji is the highest mountain of which country?

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The Strait of Malacca separates Malaysia from which large Indonesian island?

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What is the smallest US state by land area?

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The Victoria Falls lie on which African river?

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Cape Town is a major city of which country?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Sumatra

It is one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, carrying about a quarter of global traded goods.

CORRECT ANSWER

Japan

Fuji last erupted in 1707 and is still classified as an active volcano.

CORRECT ANSWER

Italy

The 'boot' kicks the triangular 'ball' of Sicily across the Mediterranean.

CORRECT ANSWER

South Africa

South Africa has three capitals: Cape Town (legislative), Pretoria (executive) and Bloemfontein (judicial).

CORRECT ANSWER

The Zambezi

The falls form the largest sheet of falling water in the world, over 1.7 km wide.

CORRECT ANSWER

Rhode Island

You could fit Rhode Island inside Alaska more than 400 times over.

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Which country has the longest coastline in the world?

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What is the capital of New Zealand?

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Which sea separates Europe from Africa?

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The Atacama, one of the driest deserts on Earth, lies mainly in which country?

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Which island nation off Africa's southeast coast is famous for its lemurs?

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What is the capital of South Korea?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Mediterranean Sea

Its name comes from Latin for 'sea in the middle of the land'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Wellington

Wellington is the world's southernmost capital city — and one of the windiest.

CORRECT ANSWER

Canada

Counting its Arctic islands, Canada's coastline runs over 200,000 kilometres.

CORRECT ANSWER

Seoul

Nearly half of South Korea's population lives in the Seoul metropolitan area.

CORRECT ANSWER

Madagascar

About 90% of Madagascar's wildlife exists nowhere else on Earth.

CORRECT ANSWER

Chile

Some parts of the Atacama went roughly 400 years without recorded rain.

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Which mountain range separates France from Spain?

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Lake Baikal, the deepest lake in the world, is in which country?

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Which country's flag features a red maple leaf?

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Which band released the album 'Abbey Road' in 1969?

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How many keys are there on a standard modern piano?

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Which deaf-in-old-age composer wrote the famous 'Moonlight Sonata'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Canada

The flag was adopted in 1965 after a famous nationwide design debate.

CORRECT ANSWER

Russia

Baikal holds about a fifth of the world's fresh surface water — more than all the US Great Lakes combined.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Pyrenees

The tiny country of Andorra sits entirely within the Pyrenees.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ludwig van Beethoven

Beethoven never called it that — the nickname came from a critic writing after his death.

CORRECT ANSWER

88

52 white keys and 36 black keys — a range of just over seven octaves.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Beatles

The cover photo of the zebra crossing was taken in about ten minutes outside EMI Studios.

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A 'luthier' is a craftsman who builds and repairs which instruments?

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Which singer is universally known as the 'Queen of Pop'?

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In 4/4 time, a whole note (semibreve) is held for how many beats?

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Chart-topping quartet ABBA came from which country?

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What was Elvis Presley's famous Memphis mansion called?

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Rapper Eminem performs his angrier alter ego under what name?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Four beats

A whole note fills the entire bar in 4/4 — hence the name.

CORRECT ANSWER

Madonna

Madonna is the best-selling female recording artist of all time.

CORRECT ANSWER

Stringed instruments (violins, guitars and their family)

The word comes from 'luth', French for lute.

CORRECT ANSWER

Slim Shady

'The Slim Shady LP' of 1999 made Eminem a superstar — and thoroughly infamous.

CORRECT ANSWER

Graceland

Graceland is one of the most visited houses in America, second only to the White House.

CORRECT ANSWER

Sweden

ABBA won Eurovision in 1974 with 'Waterloo', launching their global career.

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How many strings does a standard acoustic or electric guitar have?

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The tune of 'Happy Birthday' was first published in 1893 under what title?

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Before a concert, which orchestral instrument traditionally plays the note A for everyone to tune to?

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How many symphonies did Beethoven compose?

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Which instrument has 47 strings and seven pedals in its full concert form?

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Who is universally known as the 'King of Rock and Roll'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The oboe

The oboe's piercing tone cuts through the whole orchestra, making it easy to hear.

CORRECT ANSWER

'Good Morning to All'

Sisters Patty and Mildred Hill wrote it as a classroom greeting song.

CORRECT ANSWER

Six

The standard tuning, low to high, is E–A–D–G–B–E.

CORRECT ANSWER

Elvis Presley

Presley had 18 US number-one singles and starred in 31 films.

CORRECT ANSWER

The harp

Each pedal has three positions, letting one harp play in any key.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nine

His Ninth, premiered when he was almost completely deaf, gave us the 'Ode to Joy'.

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Which singer released the album 'Thriller' in 1982?

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What is the lowest-pitched instrument in a standard string quartet?

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The song 'Bohemian Rhapsody' is by which band?

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Which Italian composer wrote the violin concertos known as 'The Four Seasons'?

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In 4/4 time, a half note (minim) lasts for how many beats?

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The tango originated in the working-class districts of which capital city?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Queen

Record executives said the nearly six-minute song would never get radio play. It topped the charts twice.

CORRECT ANSWER

The cello

A string quartet is two violins, a viola and one cello.

CORRECT ANSWER

Michael Jackson

'Thriller' remains the best-selling album of all time, with over 70 million copies sold.

CORRECT ANSWER

Buenos Aires (Argentina)

UNESCO lists the tango as part of the world's Intangible Cultural Heritage.

CORRECT ANSWER

Two beats

Exactly half of a whole note — the name gives it away.

CORRECT ANSWER

Antonio Vivaldi

Vivaldi wrote the concertos around 1720 and published them with matching sonnets about each season.

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Which band recorded the 1973 album 'The Dark Side of the Moon'?

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What is a group of exactly eight musicians called?

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Which pop superstar is known to her fans as 'Queen Bey'?

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The finale of Rossini's 'William Tell Overture' became famous as the theme of which TV hero?

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How many strings does a standard violin have?

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Which German composer wrote the epic opera cycle 'The Ring of the Nibelung'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Beyonce

Beyonce is the most awarded artist in Grammy history, with over 30 wins.

CORRECT ANSWER

An octet

Four is a quartet, five a quintet — Latin counting runs through chamber music.

CORRECT ANSWER

Pink Floyd

The album spent a record 900-plus weeks on the Billboard 200 chart.

CORRECT ANSWER

Richard Wagner

The full Ring cycle runs about 15 hours across four operas.

CORRECT ANSWER

Four

They are tuned in fifths: G, D, A and E.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Lone Ranger

The galloping finale has signalled heroic horseback rides in cartoons ever since.

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What does 'a cappella' mean in music?

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Which jazz trumpeter and singer was nicknamed 'Satchmo'?

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The Beatles were formed in which English city?

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Which instrument is traditionally nicknamed the 'king of instruments'?

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Who composed the ballet 'The Nutcracker'?

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What word describes the words of a song, as opposed to its melody?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Liverpool

Before settling on The Beatles, the band played as The Quarrymen and The Silver Beetles.

CORRECT ANSWER

Louis Armstrong

The nickname came from 'Satchel Mouth', shortened over his early career.

CORRECT ANSWER

Singing without instrumental accompaniment

The Italian phrase means 'in the manner of the chapel'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Lyrics

The word comes from the lyre, the instrument that accompanied sung poetry in ancient Greece.

CORRECT ANSWER

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Tchaikovsky disliked the score at first; it is now the most performed ballet in the world.

CORRECT ANSWER

The organ (pipe organ)

Mozart himself used the title — the largest pipe organs have over 30,000 pipes.

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Which singer's fanbase call themselves 'Swifties'?

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Which brass instrument changes pitch with a slide instead of valves?

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The opera 'Carmen' was written by which French composer?

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Hip hop was born in the 1970s in which New York City borough?

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What do we call a slow, sentimental song, often about love?

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Which Mozart opera features the Queen of the Night and her famously high aria?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Georges Bizet

Bizet died three months after the premiere, never knowing 'Carmen' would conquer the world.

CORRECT ANSWER

The trombone

'Trombone' is Italian for 'large trumpet' — its slide gives it seven basic positions.

CORRECT ANSWER

Taylor Swift

Swift's Eras Tour became the highest-grossing concert tour of all time.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Magic Flute

The Queen's aria reaches one of the highest notes in all opera — a top F.

CORRECT ANSWER

A ballad

Ballads began as narrative folk songs sung for centuries before they were ever written down.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Bronx

DJ Kool Herc's 1973 back-to-school party in the Bronx is widely counted as hip hop's birthplace.

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How many musicians perform in a string quartet?

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Which American band sang the 1977 classic 'Hotel California'?

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The tempo marking 'allegro' instructs musicians to play how?

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Which Caribbean country gave the world reggae and Bob Marley?

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A 'duet' is a piece performed by how many musicians?

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Which Polish-French composer is celebrated as the 'poet of the piano'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Fast and brightly

Allegro is Italian for 'cheerful' — the opposite end of the scale from the slow 'adagio'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Eagles

'Hotel California' won the Grammy for Record of the Year in 1978.

CORRECT ANSWER

Four

Two violinists, one violist and one cellist — Haydn effectively invented the format.

CORRECT ANSWER

Frederic Chopin

Chopin wrote almost exclusively for the piano — and transformed what the instrument could express.

CORRECT ANSWER

Two

Duet for two performers; a piece for two pianists at one piano is a special favourite of the form.

CORRECT ANSWER

Jamaica

Reggae was added to UNESCO's cultural heritage list in 2018.

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Which large tuned drums, also called kettledrums, anchor the orchestra's percussion section?

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The 1985 charity supergroup USA for Africa recorded which single?

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Roughly how many symphonies did Mozart compose?

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The saxophone was invented in the 1840s by Adolphe Sax, a maker from which country?

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What genre of music is most associated with Nashville and Johnny Cash?

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Which note value, also called a crotchet in British terms, gets one beat in 4/4?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Over 40 (41 are numbered)

Mozart wrote his first symphony at eight years old and his last, the 'Jupiter', at 32.

CORRECT ANSWER

We Are the World

Written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, it raised over $60 million for famine relief.

CORRECT ANSWER

Timpani

A timpanist tunes each drum with a pedal, mid-performance, by ear.

CORRECT ANSWER

The quarter note

Four quarter notes fill a 4/4 bar — hence the name.

CORRECT ANSWER

Country music

Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, founded in 1925, is the longest-running radio show in US history.

CORRECT ANSWER

Belgium

Sax patented the saxophone in Paris in 1846, aiming to bridge brass and woodwind.

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How often are the Summer Olympic Games held?

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Which national team has won the FIFA World Cup the most times?

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In tennis scoring, what is a score of zero points called?

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How many players from one basketball team are on the court at the same time?

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Which heavyweight champion, born Cassius Clay, called himself simply 'The Greatest'?

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In golf, a score of one stroke under par on a hole is called what?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Love

The term may come from the French 'l'oeuf' — the egg — describing the shape of a zero.

CORRECT ANSWER

Brazil

Brazil has five titles — 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002 — and has played in every World Cup.

CORRECT ANSWER

Every four years

The modern Games began in Athens in 1896; the four-year cycle is called an Olympiad.

CORRECT ANSWER

A birdie

Two under par is an eagle; one over par is a bogey.

CORRECT ANSWER

Muhammad Ali

Ali won the world heavyweight title three times across three different decades.

CORRECT ANSWER

Five

Five on court, with squads typically carrying up to twelve players on game day.

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Which swimmer is the most decorated Olympian in history, with 28 medals?

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The Super Bowl decides the champion of which American sports league?

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Excluding stoppage and extra time, a standard association football match lasts how long?

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The sport of badminton is played over a net with what feathered projectile?

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Usain Bolt's 100 metres world record, set in Berlin in 2009, stands at what time?

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Which bat-and-ball sport is played on a diamond with four bases?

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CORRECT ANSWER

90 minutes

Two halves of 45 minutes, with a 15-minute half-time break.

CORRECT ANSWER

The NFL (National Football League)

Super Bowl Sunday is one of the most-watched television events on Earth.

CORRECT ANSWER

Michael Phelps

Phelps won 23 golds — more than most countries have managed in total.

CORRECT ANSWER

Baseball

The four bases — home, first, second and third — form the diamond.

CORRECT ANSWER

9.58 seconds

Bolt's record has survived more than a decade and a half of challengers.

CORRECT ANSWER

A shuttlecock

A shuttlecock's feathers come traditionally from the left wing of a goose.

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How many rings appear on the Olympic flag?

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In which sport would a player perform a slam dunk?

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Which country is credited with inventing golf, centred on St Andrews?

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To the nearest whole number, how many kilometres long is a marathon?

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Which tennis tournament is played on grass at the All England Club?

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In American football, how many points is a touchdown worth?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Scotland

Golf was so popular that Scotland's parliament banned it in 1457 for distracting men from archery practice.

CORRECT ANSWER

Basketball

The dunk was banned in US college basketball from 1967 to 1976 — partly thanks to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's dominance.

CORRECT ANSWER

Five

The five rings represent the inhabited continents, and their colours appear in every national flag.

CORRECT ANSWER

Six points

Add the extra-point kick and a scoring drive usually yields seven.

CORRECT ANSWER

Wimbledon

Wimbledon began in 1877 and still insists on a strict all-white dress code for players.

CORRECT ANSWER

42 kilometres (42.195 km)

The odd distance was standardised at the 1908 London Olympics so the race could finish at the royal box.

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Which heavyweight boxer was nicknamed 'Iron Mike'?

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Which nation won the very first FIFA World Cup in 1930?

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How many holes are played in a standard round of golf?

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Which sport uses the terms 'strike' and 'spare'?

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In ice hockey, what is the small rubber disc called?

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Which gymnast, with multiple skills named after her, is widely considered the greatest of all time?

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CORRECT ANSWER

18

The 18-hole standard also comes from St Andrews, whose course settled at 18 holes in 1764.

CORRECT ANSWER

Uruguay

Uruguay hosted and won the tournament, beating Argentina 4-2 in the final.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mike Tyson

Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion in history at just 20 years old.

CORRECT ANSWER

Simone Biles

Biles has more World Championship medals than any gymnast in history, male or female.

CORRECT ANSWER

A puck

Game pucks are frozen before matches to stop them bouncing on the ice.

CORRECT ANSWER

Tenpin bowling

A perfect game of 12 straight strikes scores exactly 300.

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The Tour de France traditionally finishes in which city?

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How many players does a rugby union team field at once?

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Karate developed on the island of Okinawa, part of which country?

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In darts, what is the highest possible score with three darts?

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In an Olympic individual medley, which stroke is swum first?

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The Ashes is a historic cricket series between England and which country?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Japan

'Karate' means 'empty hand' — a fighting art built for the unarmed.

CORRECT ANSWER

15

Fifteen a side, from the loosehead prop (number 1) to the fullback (number 15).

CORRECT ANSWER

Paris (on the Champs-Elysees)

The final stage has ended on the Champs-Elysees every year since 1975.

CORRECT ANSWER

Australia

The rivalry began in 1882, named for a mock obituary of English cricket printed in a newspaper.

CORRECT ANSWER

Butterfly

The medley order is butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle.

CORRECT ANSWER

180

Three triple-twenties — the commentator's famous cry of 'One hundred and eighty!'

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In baseball, a batter who strikes out has accumulated how many strikes?

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Which two drivers share the record of seven Formula 1 world championships?

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Japan's national sport features wrestlers, called rikishi, grappling in a clay ring called a dohyo. What is it?

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How many players of one volleyball team are on the court at a time?

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Which chess piece is the only one that can jump over other pieces?

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The Stanley Cup is the championship trophy of which sport?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Sumo wrestling

Sumo's rituals — salt throwing, leg stomps — descend from ancient Shinto ceremonies.

CORRECT ANSWER

Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton

Schumacher set the mark in 2004; Hamilton equalled it in 2020.

CORRECT ANSWER

Three strikes

'Three strikes and you're out' passed from baseball into everyday language — and US law.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ice hockey (the NHL)

Donated in 1893, the Stanley Cup is the oldest trophy still contested in North American pro sport.

CORRECT ANSWER

The knight

The knight's L-shaped leap makes it the trickiest piece for beginners to track.

CORRECT ANSWER

Six

Teams rotate clockwise every time they win back the serve.

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How many events make up a decathlon?

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The Olympic motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' translates into English as what?

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In snooker, how many points is the black ball worth?

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What is the only sport to have been played on the Moon?

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In which sport do athletes perform the 'Fosbury Flop'?

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The America's Cup, first contested in 1851, is a trophy in which sport?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Seven

The black is the most valuable ball; a maximum break totals 147 points.

CORRECT ANSWER

Faster, Higher, Stronger

In 2021 the IOC added a fourth word: 'Communiter' — Together.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ten

Four runs, three jumps and three throws across two days decide the 'world's greatest athlete'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Sailing (yachting)

It is the oldest international trophy in world sport — older than the modern Olympics.

CORRECT ANSWER

High jump (athletics)

Dick Fosbury's backwards technique, mocked in 1968, won Olympic gold and replaced every older style.

CORRECT ANSWER

Golf

Apollo 14 astronaut Alan Shepard smuggled a club head aboard and hit two shots in 1971.

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Taekwondo originates from which country?

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What colour jersey does the overall leader wear in the Tour de France?

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How many players does a cricket team have on the field?

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Curling matches are played on what surface?

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In boxing, what does the abbreviation 'KO' stand for?

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Which Grand Slam tennis tournament is played on clay courts at Roland Garros?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Eleven

All eleven field, but only two bat at a time — cricket's enduring oddity.

CORRECT ANSWER

Yellow (the maillot jaune)

The yellow jersey was introduced in 1919 so crowds could spot the leader easily.

CORRECT ANSWER

Korea

Its name breaks down as 'the way of foot and fist'; it became an Olympic sport in 2000.

CORRECT ANSWER

The French Open

Rafael Nadal won the title a staggering 14 times, earning the nickname 'King of Clay'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Knockout

A technical knockout, TKO, is when the referee or corner stops the fight instead.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ice

Curlers sweep the ice to melt a microscopic layer, steering the 20-kilogram stone.

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A basketball hoop's rim has what diameter, in inches?

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Which country has won the most Olympic medals of all time?

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Of fencing's three weapons — foil, sabre and epee — which is the heaviest?

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Which European nation officially consumes the most beer per capita in the entire world?

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The world's most expensive spice, saffron, is harvested from which flower?

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What is the principal ingredient of a proper guacamole?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The epee

The epee is also the only weapon with no right-of-way rules: first light wins the point.

CORRECT ANSWER

The United States

The US total across Summer and Winter Games stands well beyond 2,900 medals.

CORRECT ANSWER

18 inches

Exactly twice the diameter of the ball — which is why perfect shots can still rattle out.

CORRECT ANSWER

Avocado

Traditional Mexican guacamole adds lime, salt, onion, chilli and coriander to mashed avocado.

CORRECT ANSWER

The crocus

Saffron threads are the dried stigmas of Crocus sativus — it takes about 150 flowers for one gram.

CORRECT ANSWER

Czech Republic (Czechia)

Consuming over 180 liters per person annually, holding the global #1 spot for over 30 years.

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Which country drinks the most coffee per person in the world?

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Tofu is made by curdling the milk of which bean?

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Green tea and black tea come from the same plant — what process makes black tea different?

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According to the proverb, eating one of which fruit 'a day' keeps the doctor away?

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The ancestor of the croissant, the kipferl, comes from which country — France's famous pastry is an import!

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True wasabi is a relative of which sharp-tasting Western condiment root?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Oxidation of the leaves

Both come from Camellia sinensis; black tea leaves are fully oxidised, green tea leaves are not.

CORRECT ANSWER

The soybean

Tofu originated in China over 2,000 years ago and spread across Asia with Buddhism.

CORRECT ANSWER

Finland

The average Finn drinks around four cups of coffee a day.

CORRECT ANSWER

Horseradish

Both are in the brassica family — most 'wasabi' outside Japan is actually dyed horseradish.

CORRECT ANSWER

Austria

Viennese bakers made the kipferl for centuries before it was refined in Paris as the croissant.

CORRECT ANSWER

An apple

The saying began in 19th-century Wales: 'Eat an apple on going to bed…'

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What is the maximum number of Michelin stars a single restaurant can hold?

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A classic Ferrero Rocher chocolate wraps its wafer around which nut?

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Which Italian city is credited as the birthplace of modern pizza?

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What is the main ingredient in hummus?

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Which famously pungent fruit is called the 'king of fruits' in Southeast Asia and banned in many hotels?

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Sushi originates from which country?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Naples

Neapolitan pizza is protected by UNESCO-listed traditional methods and an official association.

CORRECT ANSWER

A hazelnut

Each Rocher contains a whole roasted hazelnut inside its chocolate shell.

CORRECT ANSWER

Three

Michelin's own words: three stars mean 'exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Japan

Sushi began as a preservation method: fish fermented in rice, which was originally thrown away.

CORRECT ANSWER

Durian

Its smell has been described as almonds, onions and gym socks — airlines ban it from cabins.

CORRECT ANSWER

Chickpeas

Chickpeas, tahini, lemon and garlic — the Levant has argued over the perfect ratio for centuries.

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Eclairs and profiteroles are both made from which type of pastry?

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Which country typically produces the most wine in the world by volume, trading the lead with France?

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After water, what is the most widely consumed drink in the world?

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A 'sommelier' is a trained expert in what?

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Which nut is the base of marzipan?

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What gives black pudding its dark colour and much of its protein?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Tea

All true teas — black, green, oolong, white — come from one plant: Camellia sinensis.

CORRECT ANSWER

Italy

Italy and France swap first place depending on the harvest; Spain is usually third.

CORRECT ANSWER

Choux pastry

Choux relies on steam, not yeast, to puff its hollow shells.

CORRECT ANSWER

Blood (traditionally pig's blood)

Versions of blood sausage exist on every continent, from Spanish morcilla to Korean sundae.

CORRECT ANSWER

Almonds

Ground almonds and sugar — Lubeck and Toledo both claim to have perfected it.

CORRECT ANSWER

Wine

The word once meant the officer in charge of provisions and pack animals at a French court.

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Which spice was once so valuable it was nicknamed 'black gold' and accepted as payment for rent?

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The Caesar salad was invented in the 1920s in which country?

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What is the star ingredient of a traditional Swiss fondue?

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The jam layer of a traditional Bakewell tart is made from which berry?

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What does the Italian cooking term 'al dente' literally instruct?

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The Mojito cocktail originates from which Caribbean country?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Melted cheese

Gruyere and Emmental, melted with white wine and eaten with bread on long forks.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mexico (in Tijuana, by Caesar Cardini)

Italian immigrant Cardini improvised it on a busy 4th of July — it contains no anchovies in the original.

CORRECT ANSWER

Black pepper

Pepper was literally worth its weight in gold in medieval Europe — ransom demands were paid in it.

CORRECT ANSWER

Cuba

Havana's mint-and-rum highball was a favourite of Ernest Hemingway — or so the bars of Havana insist.

CORRECT ANSWER

'To the tooth' — pasta firm to the bite

Properly al dente pasta keeps a tiny white core of uncooked starch at its centre.

CORRECT ANSWER

Raspberry

The tart comes from Bakewell in Derbyshire — legend says it began as a cook's happy mistake.

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Kimchi, the spicy fermented vegetable dish, comes from which country?

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Sake, the Japanese rice wine, is brewed from which grain?

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As of recent records, which chilli pepper is officially the hottest in the world?

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A 'baker's dozen' is how many items?

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Cavendish and Lady Finger are varieties of which fruit?

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Miso soup is built on miso, a paste fermented from which bean?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Pepper X

Pepper X, certified in 2023, averages about 2.69 million Scoville units — hotter than police pepper spray.

CORRECT ANSWER

Rice

Sake rice is polished down — the finest grades mill away 50% or more of each grain.

CORRECT ANSWER

Korea

Traditional kimchi is buried in clay pots to ferment through the winter; there are over 200 varieties.

CORRECT ANSWER

Soybeans

Miso ferments for months to years; the oldest styles are aged like fine cheese.

CORRECT ANSWER

Banana

The Cavendish accounts for about half of all bananas grown on Earth.

CORRECT ANSWER

13

Medieval bakers added a thirteenth loaf to avoid punishment for selling short weight.

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Which country drinks the most tea per person in the world?

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Paella originates from which Spanish city and region?

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Sauerkraut is made by fermenting which vegetable?

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Tequila is distilled from which desert plant?

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A 'barista' crafts drinks in what kind of establishment?

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Which soft white cheese is traditional on a pizza Margherita?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Cabbage

Finely shredded cabbage plus salt: lactic fermentation does the rest over several weeks.

CORRECT ANSWER

Valencia

True Valenciana paella uses rabbit, chicken and green beans — never chorizo, Valencians insist.

CORRECT ANSWER

Turkey

The average Turk drinks over 1,300 cups a year, served in tulip-shaped glasses.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mozzarella

The Margherita's red, white and green mirror the Italian flag — tomato, mozzarella, basil.

CORRECT ANSWER

A coffee shop (espresso bar)

'Barista' is Italian for bartender — in Italy, they serve both coffee and alcohol.

CORRECT ANSWER

The blue agave

By law, tequila must be made in designated Mexican regions, chiefly Jalisco.

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What is the French term for a small appetiser, literally meaning 'outside the work'?

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Prunes are the dried form of which fruit?

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Kopi luwak, among the world's priciest coffees, is made from beans eaten and passed by which animal?

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Which herb is the essential green base of a classic pesto?

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Which country is the world's largest producer of bananas?

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Which spirit takes its signature flavour from juniper berries?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Asian palm civet

The beans ferment inside the civet, which producers claim mellows their bitterness.

CORRECT ANSWER

Plums

In 2000, US prunes were officially rebranded as 'dried plums' to shake off their stuffy image.

CORRECT ANSWER

Hors d'oeuvre

It was served to workers and guests outside the main body of the meal — hence the name.

CORRECT ANSWER

Gin

Juniper is the one botanical every gin must contain by law in most countries.

CORRECT ANSWER

India

India grows over 30 million tonnes a year — though most are eaten at home, not exported.

CORRECT ANSWER

Basil

Pesto alla Genovese is protected by tradition: basil, pine nuts, Parmesan, garlic and olive oil.

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Tempura, the light batter-frying technique, was introduced to Japan by traders from which country?

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What is the name of the Italian rice dish stirred slowly with stock until creamy?

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Which vitamin are citrus fruits most famous for providing?

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A traditional 'full English' breakfast features which cured pork, cut from the loin and back?

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Sourdough bread gets its tang from fermentation by which organisms?

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Which red grape is Bordeaux's most famous, blended classically with Merlot?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Vitamin C

British sailors were nicknamed 'limeys' for the citrus issued to prevent scurvy.

CORRECT ANSWER

Risotto

Carnaroli rice, 'the king of rices', is prized for risotto because it holds its bite.

CORRECT ANSWER

Portugal

Portuguese missionaries brought the technique in the 16th century — even the name echoes Latin 'tempora'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon is itself a natural cross of Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc.

CORRECT ANSWER

Lactic acid bacteria and wild yeast

A sourdough 'starter' is a living culture — some bakeries keep starters over a century old.

CORRECT ANSWER

Back bacon

Unlike streaky American bacon, back bacon includes a meaty loin eye.

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Who wrote the 1813 novel 'Pride and Prejudice'?

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In Greek myth, which Titan stole fire from the gods and gave it to humanity?

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The witches' chant 'Double, double, toil and trouble' opens Act IV of which Shakespeare play?

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A mythical creature with the torso of a human and the body of a horse is called what?

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In Norse mythology, the hammer Mjölnir belongs to which god of thunder?

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Which great American novel opens with the line 'Call me Ishmael'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Macbeth

Shakespeare's shortest tragedy is also surrounded by a real theatre superstition — 'the Scottish play'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Prometheus

His punishment: to be chained to a rock while an eagle ate his ever-regenerating liver.

CORRECT ANSWER

Jane Austen

Austen published anonymously in her lifetime — the title page simply said 'By a Lady'.

CORRECT ANSWER

Moby-Dick

Herman Melville's whaling epic of 1851 was a commercial flop in his lifetime.

CORRECT ANSWER

Thor

Mjölnir was forged by the dwarf brothers Sindri and Brokkr.

CORRECT ANSWER

A centaur

The wise centaur Chiron was tutor to Achilles and other Greek heroes.

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In Egyptian mythology, the god Anubis has the head of which animal?

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The epic poems 'The Iliad' and 'The Odyssey' are traditionally attributed to which ancient Greek poet?

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Which Gorgon of Greek myth had living snakes in place of hair?

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Detective Sherlock Holmes lives at which famous (fictional) London address?

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Which legendary bird cyclically rises, reborn, from its own ashes?

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Who wrote the landmark magical-realist novel 'One Hundred Years of Solitude'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Medusa

Looking directly at Medusa turned viewers to stone; Perseus killed her using a mirrored shield.

CORRECT ANSWER

Homer

Whether one man or many composed them is a mystery scholars still debate — the 'Homeric Question'.

CORRECT ANSWER

A jackal

Anubis presided over mummification and guided the dead to the afterlife.

CORRECT ANSWER

Gabriel García Márquez

The Colombian author's masterpiece helped win him the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982.

CORRECT ANSWER

The phoenix

In Greek tradition the phoenix lived for centuries before burning and renewing itself.

CORRECT ANSWER

221B Baker Street

The address did not exist when Conan Doyle wrote — the museum there now answers fan mail.

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Who wrote the tragedy 'Romeo and Juliet'?

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In Greek myth, who flew too close to the sun on wings of feathers and wax?

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Which Dickens novel opens: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'?

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What is the name of the great lion in C.S. Lewis's Narnia books?

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In Norse mythology, what is the name of the immense world tree that connects the realms?

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Who wrote the 'Harry Potter' series?

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CORRECT ANSWER

A Tale of Two Cities

Set in London and Paris during the French Revolution, it is among the best-selling novels ever.

CORRECT ANSWER

Icarus

His father Daedalus built the wings and warned him about both the sun and the sea spray.

CORRECT ANSWER

William Shakespeare

Shakespeare based it on an Italian tale — his lovers are just 13 and 17 years old in the play.

CORRECT ANSWER

J.K. Rowling

Rowling wrote the first book as a struggling single mother; twelve publishers rejected it.

CORRECT ANSWER

Yggdrasil

A dragon gnaws its roots while an eagle watches from its crown — the tree holds all worlds between.

CORRECT ANSWER

Aslan

'Aslan' is simply the Turkish word for lion.

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Which Greek hero slew the Minotaur inside the Labyrinth of Crete?

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The dystopian novel '1984', with its watcher Big Brother, was written by whom?

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In Egyptian myth, which goddess gathered and restored the body of her husband Osiris?

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Which author created the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot?

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What is the popular nickname of the creature said to inhabit Scotland's Loch Ness?

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In Greek mythology, who is the goddess of wisdom and warfare, born from Zeus's head?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Isis

Isis became the model of the devoted wife and mother across the ancient world.

CORRECT ANSWER

George Orwell

Orwell wrote it in 1948 — swapping the last two digits gave him his grim future date.

CORRECT ANSWER

Theseus

Ariadne's ball of thread let him retrace his steps out of the maze.

CORRECT ANSWER

Athena

Athens took her name after she won the city with the gift of the olive tree.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nessie (the Loch Ness Monster)

The loch is so deep and murky that all of England and Wales's lakes could fit inside it.

CORRECT ANSWER

Agatha Christie

Poirot appeared in 33 novels — Christie grew to dislike him but kept him for the readers.

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Which 1818 novel tells of Victor, a scientist, and the Creature he assembles?

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The Hindu epic 'Mahabharata' contains which sacred dialogue between Arjuna and Krishna?

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Who wrote 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'?

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The Roman god of war, Mars, corresponds to which Greek god?

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Which Bronte sister wrote 'Jane Eyre'?

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In 'Charlotte's Web', what kind of animal is Charlotte, who writes words to save a pig?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Lewis Carroll

Carroll — real name Charles Dodgson — was an Oxford mathematics lecturer.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Bhagavad Gita

The Gita's 700 verses are set on a battlefield, in the moments before the war begins.

CORRECT ANSWER

Frankenstein

Mary Shelley wrote it at 18, during a ghost-story contest with Lord Byron and her husband Percy.

CORRECT ANSWER

A spider

Her web-words — 'Some Pig', 'Terrific' — save Wilbur from the smokehouse.

CORRECT ANSWER

Charlotte Bronte

She published as 'Currer Bell' to hide that the author was a woman.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ares

The Greeks disliked chaotic Ares; Rome elevated Mars to father of Romulus and patron of soldiers.

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In the original Greek story, Pandora opened not a box but what container, releasing the world's evils?

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Who wrote 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings'?

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Which legendary British king is said to have wielded the sword Excalibur?

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In Japanese folklore, the shape-shifting kitsune takes the form of which animal?

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Which American poet wrote the gothic classic 'The Raven' (1845)?

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Aphrodite, Greek goddess of love, has which Roman counterpart?

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CORRECT ANSWER

King Arthur

In some tales Excalibur comes from the Lady of the Lake; in others, from the stone.

CORRECT ANSWER

J.R.R. Tolkien

Tolkien began with one line, scribbled on an exam paper: 'In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.'

CORRECT ANSWER

A jar (a pithos)

A mistranslation by Erasmus turned the jar into a box — and the box stuck for 500 years.

CORRECT ANSWER

Venus

The planet Venus keeps her Roman name, as do all the planets — a Roman sweep of the sky.

CORRECT ANSWER

Edgar Allan Poe

Poe was paid just $9 for the poem that made him famous overnight.

CORRECT ANSWER

A fox

Kitsune grow extra tails as they age — the wisest are said to have nine.

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In 'The Great Gatsby', who narrates the story of Jay Gatsby?

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A mythical creature that is half human and half fish is called what?

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Ray Bradbury's dystopia about book-burning is named for the temperature at which paper burns. What is it?

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In Norse myth, which shape-shifting trickster god is Thor's frequent companion?

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Which ancient Greek storyteller is credited with fables like 'The Tortoise and the Hare'?

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The 1897 novel 'Dracula' was written by whom?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Fahrenheit 451

Bradbury wrote the novel on a rented typewriter in a library basement, for $9.80 in dimes.

CORRECT ANSWER

A mermaid (or merman)

Sailors' mermaid sightings are now widely blamed on manatees and dugongs.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nick Carraway

Nick is both insider and outsider — Gatsby's neighbour, cousin to Daisy, and the reader's conscience.

CORRECT ANSWER

Bram Stoker

Stoker researched Transylvanian folklore for years — but never actually visited Romania.

CORRECT ANSWER

Aesop

Whether one man or a tradition, 'Aesop' has fronted talking-animal wisdom for 2,500 years.

CORRECT ANSWER

Loki

Loki is by turns the gods' cleverest helper and the architect of their doom at Ragnarok.

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In Egyptian mythology, the sun god travels the sky in a boat. What is his name?

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Which children's author wrote 'Matilda' and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'?

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What is the name of the one-eyed giant blinded by Odysseus and his men?

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Who wrote the epic poem 'Paradise Lost'?

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In Arthurian legend, who was King Arthur's queen?

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Which Russian author wrote the vast novel 'War and Peace'?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Polyphemus (the Cyclops)

Odysseus gave his name as 'Nobody' — so the giant's cries that 'Nobody' hurt him brought no help.

CORRECT ANSWER

Roald Dahl

Dahl wrote in a garden shed he called his 'Gipsy House hut', in pencil, on yellow legal pads.

CORRECT ANSWER

Ra

Each night Ra sailed the underworld and battled the serpent Apophis to rise again at dawn.

CORRECT ANSWER

Leo Tolstoy

Tolstoy's wife Sophia copied out the manuscript by hand at least seven times.

CORRECT ANSWER

Guinevere

Her love affair with Lancelot is the crack that eventually shatters Camelot.

CORRECT ANSWER

John Milton

Milton composed the entire epic blind, dictating verses to his daughters and assistants each morning.

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The mythical city of gold hunted by Spanish conquistadors across South America was called what?

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Who wrote 'The Picture of Dorian Gray', his only novel?

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In Greek myth, which hero was invulnerable everywhere except his heel?

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What is the smallest prime number of all?

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The chemical symbol 'W' stands for which metal?

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In which year did the Berlin Wall fall?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Achilles

His mother Thetis dipped him in the River Styx — holding him, fatally, by that heel.

CORRECT ANSWER

Oscar Wilde

Wilde's wittiest lines were used against him as evidence at his trial in 1895.

CORRECT ANSWER

El Dorado

The legend began with a real ritual: a Muisca king covered in gold dust, bathing in Lake Guatavita.

CORRECT ANSWER

1989

The wall fell on 9 November 1989, opening the way to German reunification the next year.

CORRECT ANSWER

Tungsten

The W comes from its German name, Wolfram — which is why the symbol confuses everyone.

CORRECT ANSWER

2

Two is also the only even prime number — every other even number divides by it.

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What is the official currency of Japan?

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Which post-impressionist painter famously severed part of his own ear in 1888?

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How many sides does a dodecagon have?

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In biology class terms, what organelle is nicknamed 'the powerhouse of the cell'?

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The mysterious Bermuda Triangle lies in which ocean?

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The abbreviation DNA stands for what?

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CORRECT ANSWER

12

A dodecagon: 'dodeca' means twelve in Greek.

CORRECT ANSWER

Vincent van Gogh

Van Gogh sold almost nothing in his lifetime and died at just 37.

CORRECT ANSWER

The yen

The yen was introduced in 1871 as part of Japan's Meiji-era modernisation.

CORRECT ANSWER

Deoxyribonucleic acid

Its double-helix structure was published by Watson and Crick in 1953, using Rosalind Franklin's data.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Atlantic Ocean

Its rough corners are Miami, Bermuda and Puerto Rico.

CORRECT ANSWER

The mitochondria

Mitochondria generate most of the cell's chemical energy, ATP.

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Which chess piece moves only along diagonals?

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What is the square root of 144?

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The vast majority of Brazil's 200+ million people speak which language?

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Three continents are crossed by the Equator. South America and Africa are two — which is the third?

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Which metal is liquid at ordinary room temperature?

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How many minutes are there in one full day?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Portuguese

Brazil is the largest Portuguese-speaking country in the world by far.

CORRECT ANSWER

12

12 × 12 = 144 — one of the neatest perfect squares.

CORRECT ANSWER

The bishop

Each bishop stays forever on the colour of square it started on.

CORRECT ANSWER

1,440

60 minutes x 24 hours. Spend them wisely — the lightning round is watching.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mercury

Mercury melts at -39 C — old thermometers used its steady expansion to measure heat.

CORRECT ANSWER

Asia

The Equator clips Indonesia and island nations of Oceania-Asia on its way around the planet.

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What is 15 percent of 200?

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Which gas makes up about 21% of the air you are breathing right now?

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Who painted the Mona Lisa?

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Including wisdom teeth, how many teeth does a typical adult human have?

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Which planet is known as the Red Planet?

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How many sides does a heptagon have?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo carried the portrait with him for years, refining it until his death in 1519.

CORRECT ANSWER

Oxygen

Nitrogen takes 78%; oxygen's 21% is the slice that keeps every fire and body burning.

CORRECT ANSWER

30

Ten percent is 20, five percent is 10 — add them for a fast pub-quiz calculation.

CORRECT ANSWER

7

From the Greek 'hepta', seven — one more than a hexagon, one fewer than an octagon.

CORRECT ANSWER

Mars

Its colour comes from iron oxide — literal rust — across its dusty surface.

CORRECT ANSWER

32

Eight incisors, four canines, eight premolars and twelve molars.

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In which year did World War II end?

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What is the chemical symbol for sodium?

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Which is the smallest and shallowest of the world's oceans?

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How many legs does an insect have?

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Which flightless bird is the largest bird in the world?

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What does the abbreviation 'USB' stand for?

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CORRECT ANSWER

The Arctic Ocean

Most of it sits under a floating cap of sea ice that grows and shrinks with the seasons.

CORRECT ANSWER

Na

Na comes from 'natrium', sodium's Latin name — the same root as the word natron.

CORRECT ANSWER

1945

The war in Europe ended that May; Japan's formal surrender followed in September.

CORRECT ANSWER

Universal Serial Bus

One of its designers joked the name was so dull it could only succeed on merit.

CORRECT ANSWER

The ostrich

An ostrich eye is bigger than its brain — and bigger than any other land animal's eye.

CORRECT ANSWER

Six

Six legs is the defining trait of insects — spiders, with eight, are not insects.

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How many colours are traditionally counted in a rainbow?

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The Great Wall, over 21,000 km of fortifications, was built across which country?

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How many grams are there in one kilogram?

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Who wrote the tragedy 'Hamlet'?

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What is the fastest land animal over short distances?

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Which element, symbol Ca, is essential for bones and teeth?

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CORRECT ANSWER

1,000

The kilogram was the last unit defined by a physical object — a platinum cylinder in Paris — until 2019.

CORRECT ANSWER

China

The wall is a network of many walls built by successive dynasties over 2,000 years.

CORRECT ANSWER

Seven

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet — Newton chose seven to match the musical scale.

CORRECT ANSWER

Calcium

Calcium is the most abundant metal in the human body — about a kilogram of it in each adult.

CORRECT ANSWER

The cheetah

A cheetah can hit about 60-70 km/h in seconds — but only for a few hundred metres.

CORRECT ANSWER

William Shakespeare

Hamlet's 'To be, or not to be' soliloquy may be the most quoted speech in English drama.

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What is the currency of the United Kingdom?

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Which instrument is used to measure temperature?

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The Gobi Desert spans the border of Mongolia and which other country?

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Which vitamin does the human body produce when skin is exposed to sunlight?

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Which river, at about 6,300 km, is the longest in Asia?

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How many strings does a standard cello have?

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CORRECT ANSWER

China

The Gobi is a rain-shadow desert — the Himalayas block the moist air that might water it.

CORRECT ANSWER

A thermometer

Galileo built an early version in the 1590s that measured air with floating glass bulbs.

CORRECT ANSWER

Pound sterling

The pound is the world's oldest currency still in use, dating back over 1,200 years.

CORRECT ANSWER

Four

Tuned C, G, D and A — exactly one octave below the viola.

CORRECT ANSWER

The Yangtze

A third of China's population lives in the Yangtze basin.

CORRECT ANSWER

Vitamin D

Just 10-30 minutes of midday sun can cover a day's needs in summer at mid-latitudes.

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H2SO4 is the formula of which powerful acid?

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Paper was invented in which ancient country?

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How many moons does the planet Mars have?

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In the air humans exhale, which gas is still the most abundant?

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What is the smallest unit of life, the building block of every organism?

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Which astronomer published the three laws of planetary motion in the early 1600s?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Two (Phobos and Deimos)

Both are lumpy, cratered little worlds — probably captured asteroids.

CORRECT ANSWER

China

Cai Lun standardised papermaking in 105 AD, using bark, rags and old fishing nets.

CORRECT ANSWER

Sulfuric acid

Known historically as 'oil of vitriol', it is among the most produced industrial chemicals on Earth.

CORRECT ANSWER

Johannes Kepler

Kepler derived his laws from Tycho Brahe's obsessively precise star charts.

CORRECT ANSWER

The cell

Your body holds roughly 37 trillion of them — and hosts about as many bacteria besides.

CORRECT ANSWER

Nitrogen

Exhaled air is still about 78% nitrogen — we only swap a little oxygen for carbon dioxide.

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How many time zones does Russia officially span today?

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The ancient city of Petra, carved into rose-red cliffs, is in which modern country?

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Which type of blood vessel carries blood away from the heart?

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How many Nobel Prize categories are awarded in a typical year?

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Which planet has the fastest winds in the solar system, gusting past 2,000 km/h?

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How many years are there in one millennium?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Arteries

Remember it with 'A for Away' — veins bring blood back to the heart.

CORRECT ANSWER

Jordan

Petra was the Nabataeans' capital and was 'lost' to the West until 1812.

CORRECT ANSWER

11

Russia shrank from 11 zones to 9 in 2010, then restored 11 in 2014.

CORRECT ANSWER

1,000

Ten centuries, one hundred decades — and roughly forty human generations.

CORRECT ANSWER

Neptune

Neptune radiates more heat than it receives from the Sun, powering its supersonic storms.

CORRECT ANSWER

Six

Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature, Peace — and Economics, added in 1968.

TIE-BREAKER

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How many hearts does an octopus have?

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In what year was the very first iPhone released?

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By the standard count used in most classrooms, how many continents are there on Earth?

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At sea level, water boils at what temperature in Fahrenheit?

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★ TIE-BREAK ★

How many players does a football (soccer) team field at one time?

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TIE-BREAKER

★ TIE-BREAK ★

Which planet is nicknamed the Morning Star?

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CORRECT ANSWER

Seven

Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe, North America, South America and Oceania/Australia.

CORRECT ANSWER

2007

Steve Jobs unveiled it in January 2007; it went on sale that June.

CORRECT ANSWER

Three

Two pump blood to the gills; the main heart serves the rest of the body.

CORRECT ANSWER

Venus

Venus shines so brightly near dawn and dusk that it earned the name in ancient times.

CORRECT ANSWER

Eleven

Ten outfield players plus one goalkeeper.

CORRECT ANSWER

212°F

That is 100°C — the two fixed points Anders Celsius built his scale around.

TIE-BREAKER

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How many minutes are there in one full week?

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TIE-BREAKER

★ TIE-BREAK ★

What is the largest mammal in the world?

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TIE-BREAKER

★ TIE-BREAK ★

In what year did humans first walk on the Moon?

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TIE-BREAKER

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How many letters are there in the English alphabet?

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CORRECT ANSWER

1969

Apollo 11 landed on 20 July 1969; Neil Armstrong stepped out first.

CORRECT ANSWER

The blue whale

A blue whale's heart alone can weigh as much as a small car.

CORRECT ANSWER

10,080

60 minutes × 24 hours × 7 days = 10,080 minutes.

CORRECT ANSWER

26

The shortest complete sentence using them all: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.'