This and That

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TRIVIA 1

1. A series of letters used in writing a language is the (Alphabet).

2. In the English alphabet there are how many letters? (26)

3. The largest mountain system in Europe is the (Alps).

4. The fastest way man can travel from place to place is by (Airplane).

5. The first airplane flight was made by Orville (Wright).

6. Charles Lindbergh thrilled the world in 1927 when he flew alone, nonstop, from New York to (Paris).

7. The branch of the United States military that uses airplanes is the (Air Force).

8. When an airplane sprays insecticides and weed-killing chemicals on farm fields it is called (Crop dusting).

9. The person who flies the airplane is called the (Pilot).

10. The area where the airplanes take off and land is called the (Runway).

11. WAVES, WACS, and WAFS were branches of military service for (Women).

12. The 14th Amendment granted full citizenship to (African Americans).

13. Many men and women who served during the war could go to college because the government paid their tuition under the (GI Bill).

14. The area of our country where our first colonies were located is called (New England).

15. How many rooms did most of the country schools have? (One)

16. A plan for spending a certain amount of money is called a (Budget).

17. A community located near a large city is called a (Suburb).

18. The five senses are smell, taste, (Hearing, sight, and touch).
MUSICAL QUIZ 1

1. Who was told to “Lay That Pistol Down”? (Pistol Packin’ Mama)

2. Name the title of the song which goes “Come and sit by my side if you love me; Do not hasten to bid me adieu”... (“Red River Valley”)

3. “You may search everywhere but none can compare,” with what? (“My Wild Irish Rose”)

4. What did Dinah blow? (Horn)

5. Where do the buffalo roam? (On the range)

6. For how many was the bicycle built? (Two)

7. Who was in the kitchen with Dinah? (Someone)

8. With whom did Casey waltz? (Strawberry blonde)

9. What color was “the bonnet with the blue ribbons on it”? (Grey)

10. What’s breaking up that old gang of mine? (Wedding bells)

11. How did the man on the flying trapeze float through the air? (With the greatest of ease)

12. “Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the (Lord).”

13. You’ll look sweet on what kind of seat? (A bicycle built for two)

14. What are you looking over that you’ve over looked before? (A four-leafed clover)

15. “Carry Me Back To Ole (Virginny).”

16. When she comes around the mountain what will she be driving? (Six white horses)
ANIMALS 1

1. An animal trained to guard your home and property is called a (Watchdog).

2. Specially trained dogs that lead blind people are called (Seeing Eye Dogs).

3. The dog that played Lassie is what breed of dog? (Collie)

4. A dog whose mother and father belong to the same breed is called a (Purebred).

5. A dog that picks up birds that have been shot and brings the birds back to the hunter is called a (Retriever).

6. A group of puppies born at one time is called a (Litter).

7. A dog of such mixed ancestry that no one breed can be recognized is called a (Mongrel).

8. What is the name of the wild animal that builds dams? (Beaver)

9. Male deer have solid branching horns that are called (Antlers).

10. Female deer are known as (Does).

11. Deer meat is called (Venison).

12. Another name for a burro is (Donkey).

13. A web-footed bird that usually lives near the water is a (Duck).

14. A large group of birds is called a (Flock).

15. The bird that is the official emblem of the United States is the (Bald Eagle).

16. A fish that is long and thin and looks like a snake and rhymes with peel is an (Eel).

17. The largest animal that walks on four legs is the (Elephant).
1. Basically, the earth is a great ball of (rock).

2. When hot, liquid rock comes out of the earth from a volcano we call it (Lava).

3. Old Faithful is a geyser in (Yellowstone National Park).

4. A snapping or breaking in the earth is called an (Earthquake).

5. The hardest of all minerals is a beautiful gem we call a (Diamond).

6. When we talk about the Atlantic and the Pacific, we are talking about bodies of water called (Oceans).

7. We don’t drink water from the ocean because it tastes (Salty).

8. An imaginary line that goes around the center of the earth is called the (Equator).


10. Water boils at (212) degrees Fahrenheit.

11. A wild windstorm that starts at sea is a (Hurricane).

12. A make-believe person that puts ice on the inside of your window on a cold night is (Jack Frost).

13. A flash of electricity in the air is (Lightning).

14. Small lumps of ice that sometimes fall to earth during thunderstorms is called (Hail).

15. All snowflakes are different but they all have the same number of sides. How many? (Six)

16. The sun shines 24 hours a day for six straight months at the (North Pole).

17. A storm on land with a funnel-shaped cloud is called a (Tornado).
AUTOMOBILES

1. The first automobiles were referred to as “horseless (Carriages)”.

2. Most of the automobiles built in the U.S. were made in the city of (Detroit).

3. One of the first cars built for the average citizen to own was built by Henry (Ford).

4. The first European car widely sold in the United States was the (Volkswagen).

5. The nickname of this car is the (Bug/Beetle).

6. A car with a top that folds down is a (Convertible).

7. A car with a single seat that would hold three people was called a (Coupe).

8. A large, luxurious automobile with an enclosed compartment for the passengers and the driver in front is called a (Limousine).

9. A car with low, sleek lines and great power is called a (Sports) car.

10. A passenger car used to transport people for pay is a (Taxicab).

11. A vehicle equipped with a bed, oxygen tanks, and emergency medical supplies is an (Ambulance).

12. An old car that has been souped up, or rebuilt for more power and speed is called a (Hot Rod).

13. Before taking a driving test you should study the Rules of the (Road).

14. The first car invented was powered by (Steam).

15. The next car invented was powered by (Electricity).

16. A very elegant and expensive touring car was the (Rolls-Royce).

17. An expensive German-made car was the (Mercedes-Benz).

18. A driver who does not stop after he hits something is called a (Hit-and-Run) driver.

19. Some colorful words used to describe some old cars are flivver, jalopy, and tin (Lizzie).

20. Two early model Ford cars still occasionally seen are the Model (A) and Model (T).
COMPLETE THESE SAYINGS 1

1. Birds of a feather (Flock together).
2. Ali Baba and the forty (Thieves).
3. Don’t look a gift horse in the (Mouth).
4. This hits the nail on the (Head).
5. The first 100 years are the (Hardest).
6. Too many cooks spoil the (Broth).
7. Never cry over (Spilled milk).
8. All things come to him who (Waits).
9. One for the money, two for the (Show).
10. Three to make ready, and (Four to go).
11. Time and tide wait for no (Man).
12. I escaped by the skin of my (Teeth).
13. Nothing ventured, nothing (Gained).
15. Come again another (Day).
16. I’ll do it by hook or (Crook).
17. A bird in the hand is worth (Two in the bush).
18. The pen is mightier than the (Sword).
19. God helps them who help (Themselves).
20. Every cloud has a (Silver lining).
21. But for the grace of God, there go (I).
HOLIDAYS

1. New Year’s Day is celebrated on the first day of what month? (January)

2. Religious services on New Year’s Eve lasting until midnight were called (Watch-night) services.

3. The Feast of the Epiphany, observed on January 6th, is a celebration of the visit of the (Wise Men) to the Infant Jesus.

4. A song tells us there are (12) days of Christmas.

5. The Mardi Gras celebration always takes place the Tuesday before the beginning of (Lent).

6. This takes place in the city of (New Orleans).

7. On February 12th, we celebrate (Abraham Lincoln’s) birthday.

8. The day of the year when friends and lovers express affection for one another is (St. Valentine’s Day).

9. This day is observed on the 14th day of what month? (February)

10. Two emblems are used frequently on Valentine cards. They are cupids and (Hearts).

11. Christian Churches call the 40 days prior to Easter Sunday (Lent).

12. Some churches celebrate Ash Wednesday by placing (Ashes) on their forehead.

13. George Washington’s birthday is February (22nd).

14. We sometimes celebrate Washington’s birthday by eating pie made from what kind of fruit? (Cherries)

15. The holiday we observe on March 17th is called (St. Patrick’s Day).

16. St. Patrick came from the country of (Ireland).

17. A popular story about St. Patrick claims he drove the (Snakes) out of Ireland.

18. What color do we wear on St. Patrick’s Day? (Green)
BASEBALL 2

1. Very young boys play baseball in a group called (Little League).

2. In the middle of the season the best players from each major league play in the (All-Star Game).

3. Some of the early “greats” were Ty (Cobb), Babe (Ruth), Lou (Gehrig), Rogers (Hornsby), and Joe (DiMaggio).

4. A famous manager of the New York Yankees was Casey (Stengel).

5. Two leading hitters in the ‘40s and ‘50s were Stan Musial and Ted (Williams).

6. At one time St. Louis had two major league teams; they were the St. Louis (Cardinals) and the St. Louis (Browns).

7. The initials RBI in a box score stand for (Runs batted in).

8. The man who rules the professional baseball world is called the baseball (Commissioner).

9. If we want to find yesterday’s scores what page do we turn to in the newspaper? (Sports)

10. A modified form of baseball using a bigger and softer ball is called (Softball).

11. There are two kinds of softball: fast-pitch and (Slow-pitch).

12. Noted baseball players are elected to the Baseball Hall of (Fame).

13. When young players are recruited, instead of going directly to the major leagues, they go to the (Minor Leagues).

14. The pitcher knows what kind of pitch to throw by getting a sign from the (Catcher).

15. If you get three strikes you are (Out).

16. A place at the edge of the field for team members to sit when not in action is the (Bench or dugout).

17. A home run with the bases loaded is a (Grand slam).

18. A pitch that curves in flight is called a (Curve).
FOOTBALL

1. In the game of football, how many players make up the team? (Eleven)

2. The player who calls out the play signal is the (Quarterback).

3. The spectators sit around the field on bleachers in the (Stadium).

4. The player who kicks the ball is the (Punter).

5. There are two teams within a team; one is the offensive team, the other the (Defensive team).

6. When a team scores a touchdown it receives how many points? (Six)

7. All football players wear something to protect their heads. It is called a (Helmet).

8. When one player grabs another player of the opposite team and knocks him down it is called (Tackling).

9. When a team violates the rules they receive a (Penalty).

10. The field is marked off with white lines called the (Gridiron).

11. Football was developed from a game played in England called (Rugby).

12. The band usually comes out and performs at (Halftime).

13. The game officially begins with the (Kickoff).

14. Another name for the football is the (Pigskin).

15. To get the first “down” the team must advance the ball how many yards? (Ten)

16. A very famous football player was Jim (Thorpe).
DOGS

1. What is the name of a popular long-haired dog who loves to control sheep? (Collie)

2. This dog is small enough to be in the house but loves to hunt rabbits. (Beagle)

3. This larger dog has wrinkles between his eyes, a black mask, neat tight coat, and cropped ears. (Boxer)

4. This house dog comes in three sizes — standard, miniature, and toy — and is called a (Poodle).

5. This short, stocky dog has a very wrinkled face with a flat nose. It is the (Bulldog).

6. This dog has a beautiful silky coat and big soulful eyes and is usually found in the house. It is a (Cocker Spaniel).

7. Many of these dogs are seeing eye dogs and originate from Germany. It is the (German Shepherd).

8. This dog looks like a bit of fluff with a mane, definitely a house dog, seemingly very fierce. It is a (Pekingese).

9. A larger dog, white with black spots all over it is a (Dalmatian).

10. A happy-go-lucky dog, black and white, used to track foxes to their dens is the (Fox Terrier).

11. There are several kinds of dogs who belong to the pointer family. The three long haired ones are English Setter, (Irish Setter, and Scotch/Gordon Setter).

12. The short-haired one is the Short-Haired (Pointer).

13. A sleek-haired dog that loves to retrieve is a (Labrador Retriever).

14. A large dog who is pictured with a cask of wine and food strapped to a harness is the (St. Bernard).

15. This good-natured terrier which came from Scotland is the (Scottish Terrier).

16. A short-legged, long dog often referred to as a “wiener dog” is called a (Dachshund).

17. This dog, used in a team in Alaska, is the Siberian (Husky).
FARM LIFE 1

1. Tasks done every day on the farm are called (Chores).

2. The chore of milking the cows is now done by (Milking machines).

3. The machines are attached to what part of the cow? (Udders)

4. Farm boys enjoyed two leisurely activities at the creek — (Fishing and swimming).

5. Breaking up the soil in spring and fall is called (Plowing).

6. Bringing the crops in from the field is called (Harvesting).

7. A round structure which looks like a tower close to the barn is called a (Silo).

8. Other buildings around the farm are (Barns, sheds, milkhouse).

9. Electricity used to be generated by a (Windmill).

10. Baby chicks are purchased from a place called (Hatcheries).

11. A popular ride in the fall of the year on a hay rack was a (Hay ride).

12. A helpful animal to have around to “drive” the cattle in is a (Dog).

13. Boys showed cattle and girls exhibited homemade clothing at the (County fair).

14. When the crops are brought in from the field it is called (Harvesting).

15. Some grains are hauled to nearby towns and stored in (Grain elevators).

16. Cotton is now picked by machinery but used to be picked by (Hand).

17. Cutting the wool off of sheep is done by a process called (Shearing).
BIBLE TRIVIA 3

1. Jesus was born in (Bethlehem).

2. What king sent the Wise Men to find the baby born in Bethlehem? (King Herod)

3. Jesus was raised in the town of (Nazareth).

4. The name of the Jewish church is called a (Synagogue).

5. One day when Jesus was preaching in a house, a sick man was brought to Jesus by lowering him through a (Roof).

6. The soldiers made fun of Jesus and on his head put a crown of (Thorns).

7. What was the name of the garden where Jesus prayed? (Garden of Gethsemane)

8. When Peter raised his sword to a soldier to stop them from taking Jesus away, what did he cut off? (Soldier’s ear)

9. Mary wrapped the baby Jesus in (Swaddling clothes).

10. Jesus told a story about a man who picked up a hurt man and took him to an innkeeper to be cared for. This is the story of the Good (Samaritan).

11. After God spoke to Saul on the Road to Damascus, what physical defect did he have? (He was blind).

12. God placed Adam in a beautiful garden. Its name was the (Garden of Eden).

13. What fruit did Eve tempt Adam to taste? (An apple)

14. Noah built a big houseboat called an (Ark).

15. While Noah was inside how many days and nights did it rain? (40)

16. What kind of bird did Noah send out to see if the water had dried up? (Dove)

17. God promised He would never flood the earth again by putting what in the sky? (Rainbow)

18. Some people tried to build a huge tower to try and reach up to heaven. It was called the Tower of (Babel).
1. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will (Come in to Him). Revelation 3:20

2. Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in (Heaven). Matthew 18:18

3. Thy face, Lord, will I (Seek). Psalm 27:8

4. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that (Weep). Romans 12:15

5. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall (Find It). Matthew 10:39

6. Follow me, and I will make you fishers of (Men). Matthew 4:19

7. For where your treasure is, there will your (Heart be also). Luke 6:21

8. But the fruit of the Spirit is (Love). Galatians 5:22

9. The heavens declare the glory of (God); and the firmament sheweth his (Handywork). Psalm 19:1

10. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be (Glad in it). Psalm 118:24

11. Bear ye one another’s (Burdens), and so fulfill the law of (Christ). Galatians 6:2

12. I will go before thee, and make the crooked places (Straight). Isaiah 45:2

13. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from (Above). James 1:17

14. And the peace of God, which passeth all (Understanding), shall keep your hearts and minds through (Christ Jesus). Philippians 4:7

15. By this shall all men know that ye are my (Disciples). John 15:13

16. God is love. We love him, because He first (Loved Us). 1 John 4:8,19

17. And God said, “Be fruitful, and (Multiply), and replenish the (Earth)”. Genesis 2:28

18. Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it (Unto me). Matthew 25:40
RIDDLES 2

Q. How can you always keep three jumps ahead of your wife?
   A. Play checkers with her.

Q. How can you stop a small child from spilling food at the table?
   A. Feed him on the floor.

Q. What’s worse than finding a worm in an apple?
   A. Finding half a worm.

Q. What nut reminds you of a sneeze?
   A. A cashew nut.

Q. What did the little boy say to the lollipop?
   A. “I can lick you any day.”

Q. What has a mouth and fork but never eats?
   A. A river.

Q. Name a product raised in countries where there is lots of rain.
   A. Umbrellas.

Q. What has four eyes and runs more than two thousand miles?
   A. The Mississippi.

Q. Why must a doctor keep his temper?
   A. He can’t afford to lose his patients.

Q. How can you keep from getting a sharp pain in your eye when you drink a cup of coffee?
   A. Take the spoon out of your cup.

Q. Is writing on an empty stomach harmful?
   A. No, but paper is better.

Q. What coat is made without sleeves and put on wet?
   A. A coat of paint.
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