



Infotex Christmas Quiz 2024

ROUND 1 - IN THE NEWS

1. Which computer game, invented by Alexey Pajitnov in 1985, was finally beaten by a 13 year old in January?
Tetris (Willis Gibson, aka Blue Scuti, made the game crash by getting to level 157)
2. What is the name of the 16 year-old prodigy who made it to the final of the World Darts Championship?
Luke Littler
3. Gladiators is back on TV but which of these is NOT the name of a new Gladiator:
 - a. Diamond
 - b. Fury
 - c. Jaquar
 - d. Sabre
4. In February Willy's Chocolate Experience hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons. In which city did it take place?
Glasgow
5. Also in February, Transport for London announced the new names for six overground train lines. Which of the following is NOT one of the new names:
 - a. Liberty
 - b. Mildmay
 - c. Ormond
 - d. Weaver
6. The RNLI celebrated 200 years in March. What does RNLI stand for?
Royal National Lifeboat Institution
7. Lenry Henry hosted his last Red Nose Day. Who did he co-found Comic Relief with in 1985?
Richard Curtis
8. Comedian Ed Gamble was forced to remove which food item from his tour poster, to comply with TfL rules on junk food advertising?
Hot dog - his tour was called Hog Diggity Dog



ROUND 2 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the name of the new Wallace & Gromit film, being broadcast on Christmas Day?
Vengeance Most Fowl
2. Which multi-time snooker world champion DJ's under the moniker Thunder Muscle ?
Steve Davis
3. The modern pentathlon is removing the horse riding element from the event. But which sport is replacing it?
 - a. Obstacle course racing
 - b. Rock climbing
 - c. An undisclosed e-sport
 - d. Padel
4. Which city would you be in if you were standing on the Spanish steps?
Rome
5. Which mode of transportation was Queen's Breakthru video filmed on?
Train - the so-called Miracle Express.
6. Which British film director directed the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics?
Danny Boyle
7. The term 'monkey' is slang for how much money?
£500
8. The tragus is located on which part of the human body?
Ear



ROUND 3 - IN THE NEWS

1. Why were Dali and Francis Scott Key in the news in March?
The Dali container ship that hit the Francis Scott Key bridge in Baltimore
2. What is the name of Manchester's newest indoor arena, which was beset by opening delays?
Co-op Live
3. Whose book, titled "Ten Years to Save the West", sold only 2,200 copies in its first week in April?
Liz Truss
4. Thorpe Park opened the UK's tallest and fastest roller coaster in May. What is it called?
Hyperia
5. The French post office issued a stamp to celebrate the baguette. What was its stand out feature
 - a. In the shape of a baguette and 10cm long
 - b. Scratch and sniff that smells of bread
 - c. Textured like a baguette crust
 - d. The packaging was edible, with the taste of a bread
6. June saw the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. What was the codename for the invasion of Normandy?
Operation Overlord (Operation Neptune was the codename for D-Day itself so ½ point for anyone with that).
7. Which actor played guitar with Coldplay during their headline Glastonbury set?
Michael J Fox
8. Why was Thomas Matthew Crooks in the news in July?
Tried to assassinate Donald Trump



ROUND 4 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which mode of transport's first passengers were a sheep, a duck, and a rooster?
Hot air balloon in 1783
2. Cl is the chemical symbol for which element?
Chlorine
3. Who recorded the 1976 album Songs in the Key of Life?
Stevie Wonder
4. Which sea is between Poland and Sweden?
Baltic sea
5. What type of puzzle first appeared in the New York World newspaper on December 21, 1913?
Crossword
6. Where is the longest pleasure pier in the World?
Southend on Sea (1.3 miles long)
7. The first Now That's What I Call Music album was released in November 1983. Which one of the following did not appear on it:
 - a. You Can't Hurry Love - Phil Collins
 - b. Red Red Wine - UB40
 - c. Temptation - Heaven 17
 - d. *Livin' On a Prayer - Bon Jovi (wasn't released till 1986)*
8. Which film contains the quote "On Wednesdays we wear pink"?
Mean Girls



ROUND 5 - IN THE NEWS

1. What was the name of the antivirus software that made millions of computers unusable in July?
CrowdStrike
2. Andy Murray played his last professional tennis match at Paris 2024. How many times did he win a Wimbledon singles title?
Twice
3. Australian breakdancer RayGun's moves were heavily criticised following her Olympic performance. But what is her real name?
Rachael Gunn <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4gl34v4r98o>
4. The Gallagher brothers announced a new tour for 2025. Which Oasis single went head to head with Blur's Country House for the number 1 spot in 1995?
Roll With It
5. Which rock star was praised in September for talking a woman off a bridge?
 - a. John Bonham
 - b. John Fogerty
 - c. John Paul Jones
 - d. Jon Bon Jovi
6. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May finished their long running collaborative partnership with the final episode of The Grand Tour in September. Which of the trio was not originally part of the rebooted Top Gear in 2002?
James May
7. Talking of cars, which northern European nation became the first country where electric cars outnumber petrol vehicles?
Norway
8. What was the name of Boris Johnson's book that was released in October?
Unleashed



ROUND 6 - 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

- 1) **Partridge in a Pear Tree** Name of Alan Partridge film?
 - a) *Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa*

- 2) **Two Turtle Doves** Alphabetically the names of the first 2 ninja turtles?
 - a) *Donatello*
 - b) *Leonardo*

- 3) **Three French Hens** - Anagrams of french poultry dishes
 - a) *GALA UNCORKED - Duck a l'orange*
 - b) *ART LOON - Ortolan - or Ortolan Bunting - is a songbird, drowned in brandy, eaten whole while covering one's head with a napkin to hide one's shame*
 - c) *ACE SERIFS - Fricassée*

- 4) **Four Calling Birds** - People on the phone
 - a) *Gillian Anderson*
 - b) *Christian Bale*
 - c) *Aaron Paul*
 - d) *Drew Barrymore*

- 5) **Five Gold Rings** - Colours on the olympic flag
 - a) *Black, Blue, Green, Red, Yellow,*

- 6) **Six Geese A-laying** - Translations of the word Egg
 - a) *Oeuf - French*
 - b) *Uovo - Italian*
 - c) *Ei - German*
 - d) *Muna - Finnish*
 - e) *Wy - Welsh*
 - f) *Huevo - Spanish*

- 7) **Seven Swans a Swimming** - Famous swimmers
 - a) *Rebecca Adlington*
 - b) *Ellie Simmonds*
 - c) *Ian Thorpe*
 - d) *Katie Ledecky*
 - e) *Michael Phelps*
 - f) *Ursula from The Little Mermaid*
 - g) *Pearl Krabs from Spongebob Squarepants*



8) Eight Maids a-Milking - Animal milk

- a) *Pule - Donkey*
- b) *Mozzarella - Buffalo*
- c) *Roquefort - Sheep*
- d) *Danish Blue - Cow*

9) Nine Ladies Dancing - Strictly contestants

- a) *Jodie Kidd*
- b) *Victoria Pendleton*
- c) *Felicity Kendall*
- d) *Susan Calman*

10) Ten Lords a-Leaping - Famous Lords

- a) *Main antagonist in Shrek - Lord Farquaad*
- b) *President of World Athletics - Lord Sebastian Coe*
- c) *Former MP who went to prison for perjury in 2001 - Jeffrey Archer*
- d) *Led the ill fated charge of the Light Brigade - Lord Cardigan*

11) Eleven Pipers Piping - Instruments with vowels removed

- a) *Harmonica*
- b) *Cor anglais*
- c) *Oboe*
- d) *Ocarina*

12) Twelve Drummers Drumming - Famous Drummers & their bands

- a) *Keith Moon - The Who*
- b) *Harry Judd - McFly*
- c) *Stewart Copeland - The Police*
- d) *Travis Barker - Blink 182*