



## **IRISH QUIZ LEAGUE**

**SEASON 4 MATCH 2**

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## RUNNING ORDER + INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

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### START OF QUIZ

Teams to toss a coin to determine A & B order

<u>Round 1 - Individual</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
<b>Q1a</b> (Team A Person 1)	Which planet in our solar system is named after the Roman messenger of the gods?	<u>Mercury</u>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team B Person 1)	The UK's most-watched TV show of the year so far, what four-part ITV drama depicts the real-life miscarriage of justice in which hundreds of sub-postmasters were wrongly prosecuted for fraud due to a faulty IT system?	<u>Mr Bates vs The Post Office</u>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team A Person 2)	<i>Guardians</i> and <i>Infinite</i> are two of the most recent entries in which best-selling series of video games, most of which are exclusive to Microsoft Xbox consoles?	<u>Halo</u>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team B Person 2)	The annual Ballon d'Or Féminin award recognises the world's best female soccer player. What Norwegian striker won the inaugural award in 2018? For most of her career she has played for Lyon, and was their top scorer each season when they won the Champions League five times in a row between 2016 and 2020.	Ada <u>Hegerberg</u>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team A Person 3)	"From the big red fridge" was the tagline of a long-running 80s ad campaign for what Irish ice cream brand, founded in Thurles [" <i>Thur-liss</i> "], County Tipperary in the early 1970s? The slogan referred to the red-coloured freezers from which this brand's products could be purchased in many shops.	<u>Valley</u> (accept <u>Suir</u> [" <i>shoor</i> "] <u>Valley</u> )
<b>Q3b</b> (Team B Person 3)	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in what city, the fourth-largest in Austria?	<u>Salzburg</u>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team A Person 4)	Only five authors have won the Booker Prize twice: one of them is Margaret Atwood, most recently in 2019 for <i>The Testaments</i> . Perhaps surprisingly, her first win was not for <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> , but instead for which 2000 novel, a work of historical fiction mainly set in 1930s and 40s Ontario?	The <u>Blind Assassin</u>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team B Person 4)	Founded in the 16th century and lasting until 1897 when it became a French protectorate, Bagirmi was an Islamic sultanate located in what modern African country? The sultanate's capital was Massenya, situated north of the Chari River and close to this country's present-day border with Cameroon.	<u>Chad</u>

## **Round 2 - Team**

Team **A** to pick a topic first

Team **B** to pick a topic second

## **Round 3 - Individual**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Q1a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>1</b> ) After the first four instalments were directed by an assortment of filmmakers including Alfonso Cuarón and Mike Newell, what Englishman took over as director of the <i>Harry Potter</i> movie series from <i>The Order of the Phoenix</i> onwards, including all three of the <i>Fantastic Beasts</i> films?	David <u>Yates</u>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>1</b> ) In 2016 it was announced that what woman would feature in the upcoming redesign of the US \$20 bill, which will make her the first woman in over a century to be depicted on a US banknote? This American abolitionist was a key figure in the so-called Underground Railroad, which helped tens of thousands of slaves escape to freedom in the first half of the 19th century.	Harriet <u>Tubman</u> (born Araminta <u>Ross</u> )
<b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> ) Due to the unique characteristics of its clay surface, many notable tennis players have never won a French Open. Among them is what male American, who won a then-record 14 Grand Slam singles titles between 1990 and 2002, including 7 at Wimbledon? Despite this, his best result at the French Open was a solitary semi-final appearance in 1996.	Pete <u>Sampras</u>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> ) Chinstrap and macaroni are two species of what bird?	<u>Penguin</u>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> ) Named "best Irish album of 2023" by the Irish Independent and recently nominated for the RTÉ Choice Music Prize, <i>Dream Big</i> is the second album by what Dublin-based band? Lead singer Faye O'Rourke is a brunette, despite what the band's name might suggest.	<u>Soda Blonde</u>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> ) From the Latin for "vacant goods", what two-word term refers to ownerless goods, such as the assets of someone who dies without a will? The British Crown has reportedly accrued over £60 million worth of land in the last decade due to an ancient law that awards such property to the monarch for those who die intestate in the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall.	<u>Bona vacantia</u>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> ) Louth is famously the smallest Irish county by area, but what other county -- also in Leinster -- is the second-smallest? At 897 square kilometres, it is only 9% larger than Louth.	<u>Carlow</u>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> ) Introduced in 1997, what four-letter initialism is an Irish secondary school subject broadly equivalent to the old subject of "civics"? Although it was abolished as a Junior Cert exam subject in 2019, it is still taught in schools to Junior Cycle students on a non-exam basis.	<u>CSPE</u> (Civic, Social and Political Education)

### **Round 4 - Team**

Team **B** to pick a topic first

Team **A** to pick a topic second

### **Round 5 - Individual**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Q1a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>1</b> ) Another iconic male tennis player who never won the French Open is which German, who became the youngest-ever male Wimbledon champion in 1985 aged 17 and winner of 6 Grand Slams in total, but who never got past the semi-finals in Roland Garros?	Boris <b><u>Becker</u></b>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>1</b> ) Bewick's and whooper are two species of what bird?	<b><u>Swan</u></b>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> ) Louth is the smallest Irish county, and now you know that Carlow is second-smallest, but what other county -- also in Leinster -- is the third-smallest? At 922 square kilometres, it is only 3% larger than Carlow.	<b><u>Dublin</u></b>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> ) What four-letter initialism is an Irish school subject focusing on personal development and wellbeing? It was introduced to primary schools in 1999 and secondary schools in 2016, however at secondary level it is a non-exam subject and only taught to Junior Cycle students.	<b><u>SPHE</u></b> (Social, Personal and Health Education)
<b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> ) Ludwig van Beethoven was born in what city, the former capital of West Germany prior to German reunification?	<b><u>Bonn</u></b>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> ) <i>A Crack In Time</i> and <i>Rift Apart</i> are two of the most recent entries in which best-selling series of video games, most of which are exclusive to Sony PlayStation consoles?	<b><u>Ratchet &amp; Clank</u></b>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> ) Soda Blonde was formed in 2019 by 4 out of the 5 members of what former Irish band, whose debut album <i>Absolute Zero</i> reached no. 1 in the Irish album charts in 2013? It is not known which band members owned the specific items of transportation mentioned in the band's name.	<b><u>Little Green Cars</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> ) Similar to the English tradition of <i>bona vacantia</i> , what single-word term from the Latin "to fall out" refers to the broader legal principle of transferring unclaimed assets to the state when a citizen dies without heirs? In Ireland, under this principle, assets are retained by the State for 15 years before being donated to charitable causes.	<b><u>Escheat / escheatment</u></b>

## **Round 6 - Team**

Team **A** to pick a topic first

Team **B** to pick a topic second

## **Round 7 - Individual**

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Q1a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>1</b> )	Which planet in our solar system is named after the Roman god of war?	<b><u>Mars</u></b>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>1</b> )	After the first four instalments were directed by an assortment of filmmakers including Brian De Palma and John Woo, name the American who took over as director of the <i>Mission: Impossible</i> movie series from <i>Rogue Nation</i> onwards, including the next film due for release in 2025?	Christopher <b><u>McQuarrie</u></b>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> )	The Robin Hood, the Eskimo and the Banquet were three of the products of what former Irish ice cream brand based in Kilrush, County Clare? A bow-tie-wearing penguin was this brand's mascot during much of the 1980s.	<b><u>Leadmore</u></b>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> )	What Spanish midfielder was the 2023 winner of the Ballon d'Or Féminin, succeeding her Barcelona teammate Alexia Putellas who had won the award the previous two years in a row?	Aitana <b><u>Bonmatí</u></b>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> )	Nicknamed the "Angel of Prisons", name the English reformer who was a major driving force behind early 19th century legislation to improve the treatment of prisoners? She was depicted on the Bank of England £5 note between 2002 and 2017, making her one of only three women (excluding monarchs) ever to feature on an English banknote.	<b><u>Elizabeth Fry</u></b> (born Elizabeth <b><u>Gurney</u></b> )
<b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> )	Perhaps best known for starring in the BBC sitcom <i>Detectorists</i> , what BAFTA-winning actor played the titular sub-postmaster Alan Bates in <i>Mr Bates vs The Post Office</i> ?	Toby <b><u>Jones</u></b>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> )	Hilary Mantel is another of the elite group of authors with two Booker Prizes: she first won for <i>Wolf Hall</i> in 2009 and again with what book three years later, the direct sequel to <i>Wolf Hall</i> and set during Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn?	<b><u>Bring Up The Bodies</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> )	First mentioned in historical records in the 6th century CE and lasting for over 800 years, Alodia (also known as Alwa) was a medieval African kingdom located in what present-day country? Its capital Soba was situated on the banks of the Blue Nile.	<b><u>Sudan</u></b>

## **Round 8 - Team**

Team **B** to pick a topic first

Team **A** to use last remaining topic

**END OF QUIZ**

**Spare questions  
(only use if necessary)**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
What character in Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i> shares her name with a brand of washing powder?	<b><u>Ariel</u></b>
In musical notation, what type of note is equal to half a crotchet?	<b><u>Quaver</u></b>
"Trypanophobia" is the fear of what objects, commonly used in medicine?	<b><u>Syringes</u></b> (accept <b><u>needles</u></b> )
Earlier this month, who won "Best Supporting Actress - Motion Picture" at the 2024 Golden Globes for her role as a grieving mother in <i>The Holdovers</i> ? TV viewers may also recognise her from her recurring role as police detective Donna Williams in <i>Only Murders in the Building</i> .	Da'Vine [ <i>"day-vine"</i> ] Joy <b><u>Randolph</u></b>

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## TEAM QUESTIONS

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### Odd One Out

<b>Q1</b> Who was the only member of the Spice Girls never to have a solo Number 1 in the UK singles charts? The closest she managed was the Number 2 hit <i>Out Of Your Mind</i> , a 2000 collaboration with True Steppers and Dane Bowers.	<b>Posh</b> Spice / <b>Victoria</b> / Victoria <b>Beckham</b> / Victoria <b>Adams</b>
<b>Q2</b> Of the fifteen Irish rebels executed for their part in the 1916 Easter Rising, fourteen were shot by firing squad in Dublin's Kilmainham Gaol [ <i>"kill-main-em jail"</i> ]. Who was the odd man out? Arrested three days before the Rising while trying to enlist German military aid, he was later hanged for treason in London's Pentonville Prison.	Roger <b>Casement</b>
<b>Q3</b> Who is the only US president that never married? While this man occupied the White House between 1857 and 1861, his niece Harriet Lane served as First Lady.	James <b>Buchanan</b>
<b>Q4</b> Nicknamed "The Red Lichties" and based at Gayfield Park, who are the only part-time football club currently playing in the Scottish Championship? Don't be tempted to answer "Queen's Park", as they voted to end their long-held amateur status in 2019.	<b>Arbroath</b>

### Lyricists

<b>Q1</b> What Englishman wrote the lyrics for the 80s US Number 1 hits <i>These Dreams</i> by Heart and <i>We Built This City</i> by Starship? He is far better known for his songwriting partnership with Elton John, which has lasted over half a century.	Bernie <b>Taupin</b>
<b>Q2</b> Which American lyricist (1895-1960) is credited with over 800 songs, including <i>Ol' Man River</i> , <i>You'll Never Walk Alone</i> and <i>Some Enchanted Evening</i> ? Many of his most famous songs are from Broadway musicals that this man co-wrote with either Jerome Kern or Richard Rodgers.	Oscar <b>Hammerstein III</b>
<b>Q3</b> <i>Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head</i> , <i>Do You Know the Way to San Jose</i> and <i>Walk On By</i> are just three of the all-time classic songs with music by Burt Bacharach and words by what man, Bacharach's lyricist throughout the 1960s and early 1970s?	Hal <b>David</b>
<b>Q4</b> It's not Tim Rice, but what English pianist and songwriter wrote the lyrics for the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical <i>Starlight Express</i> ? He is most recognisable to many for his humorous songs and frequent TV appearances in the 1980s and 90s - appearing as the celebrity guest on Channel 4's <i>Countdown</i> over 200 times.	Richard <b>Stilgoe</b>

### **Set In Ulster**

<b>Q1</b> What critically-acclaimed 2013-2016 BBC TV drama set in Belfast starred Gillian Anderson as a police superintendent in pursuit of a serial killer played by Jamie Dornan?	The <b><u>Fall</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> What 1990 play by Brian Friel -- later adapted into a film -- is set in the mid-1930s and centres around a seven-year-old boy who lives with his mother and four aunts near a fictional Donegal town called Ballybeg?	<b><u>Dancing at Lughnasa</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> In what 1982 ITV mini-series does an undercover British Army officer investigate the assassination of a politician in 1970s Belfast? The series is best remembered for its ethereal theme tune by Clannad which became an unlikely UK chart hit.	<b><u>Harry's Game</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Winner of the 2019 Tony Award for Best Play, what play by Jez Butterworth is set in a County Armagh farmhouse during the early 80s at the height of the Troubles, and tells the story of a former IRA member and his family?	The <b><u>Ferryman</u></b>

### **Two-Digit Numbers**

<b>Q1</b> What two-digit number is prominently displayed on the bonnet and doors of the titular Volkswagen Beetle in the <i>Herbie</i> series of movies? In <i>Herbie Goes Bananas</i> , one of the characters nicknames the car "Ocho" (Spanish for "eight") since the two digits in question add up to 8.	<b><u>53</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Used for transcription of foreign-language words into Japanese, the Katakana writing system consists of how many symbols? This two-digit number is also the international dialling code for Poland.	<b><u>48</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> Ignoring decimal places, how many million euro was the largest-ever jackpot in the Irish Lotto, won in 2022 by a County Mayo-based syndicate? This two-digit number also titled a November 1985 single by Phil Lynott, the last song he released before his untimely death a few weeks later.	<b><u>19</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> It's not 13, but in Australian cricket what two-digit number is nicknamed "the devil's number" and is considered an unlucky score? Although this number is not prime, it is the sum of the squares of the first four prime numbers.	<b><u>87</u></b>



## The Great RTÉ Pay Scandal of Aught Twenty-Three

*One of the biggest domestic news stories of summer 2023 was the "secret payment" scandal in Ireland's national broadcaster RTÉ. Here are four questions about the whole sorry mess.*

<b>Q1</b> The RTÉ pay scandal centred around €345,000 of undisclosed payments made over a 5-year period to Ryan Tubridy, already RTÉ's highest-paid presenter. These payments had been routed through the Irish arm of what European car manufacturer, a major advertiser on RTÉ and formerly one of the sponsors of Tubridy's <i>The Late Late Show</i> ?	<b><u>Renault</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Name the English-born media executive and former BBC News controller who in July 2023 took over as RTÉ Director General from Dee Forbes, following the latter's resignation during the pay scandal?	Kevin <b><u>Bakhurst</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> Someone who unexpectedly found himself in the spotlight during the RTÉ pay scandal was what powerful showbiz agent, the founder of the talent agency that represents Ryan Tubridy as well as many other of Ireland's top TV and radio presenters such as Claire Byrne, Joe Duffy and Pat Kenny?	Noel <b><u>Kelly</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> The pay scandal led to further disclosures about profligate spending in RTÉ, including the memorable revelation that for a 2016 summer party, the publicly-funded broadcaster spent €5,000 on 200 pairs of what Brazilian brand of flip-flops?	<b><u>Havaianas</u></b>

## Eponymous Machines

<b>Q1</b> A familiar sight for those who enjoy indoor ice skating or watch ice hockey, the first ice resurfacing machine was invented in the 1940s by an Italian-American inventor with what name? His surname is nowadays used as a generic term for such machines.	Frank <b><u>Zamboni</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Similar to the American term "Rube Goldberg machine", what phrase was coined in England shortly before World War I to refer to devices which perform simple tasks in an indirect and overly complicated way? Like Rube Goldberg, this British term also references a cartoonist who drew many examples of such contraptions.	<b><u>Heath Robinson</u></b> contraption (named after William Heath Robinson)
<b>Q3</b> Named after the American who invented it in the 1930s, a Leslie speaker is a type of loudspeaker which rotates inside its cabinet, producing a "tremolo" sound via the Doppler effect. Although Leslie speakers can be used with other instruments such as electric guitars, they are most closely associated with what electric instrument, also named after the American who invented it in the 1930s?	<b><u>Hammond organ</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> What scientific device, sometimes called a "light mill", consists of an airtight glass bulb containing a spindle with four metal "sails", which rotate when exposed to light? It is named after the British chemist and physicist who invented it in 1873 - you can answer with simply his surname.	<b><u>Crookes radiometer</u></b> (accept <b>either</b> word)

### **Made It To 100**

<b>Q1</b>	Arguably the most controversial recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, what former US Secretary of State to the Nixon administration passed away in November 2023 at the age of 100?	Henry <u>Kissinger</u>
<b>Q2</b>	Not to be confused with the Irish comedian of the same name, what Hollywood impresario was best known for producing the <i>Laurel and Hardy</i> and <i>Our Gang</i> series of comedy shorts between the 1920s and 1940s? He died in 1992 several months after his 100th birthday.	Hal <u>Roach</u>
<b>Q3</b>	Who is the oldest person ever to serve in the U.S. Senate, retiring from office in January 2003 the month after his 100th birthday (and five months before his death)? A staunch opponent of racial integration, in 1957 he notoriously undertook a record-breaking 24-hour solo filibuster attempting to prevent the passage of the Civil Rights Act.	Strom <u>Thurmond</u>
<b>Q4</b>	Name the South African-born British actress who passed away earlier this month at the age of 100? A Tony winner for the original 1973 Broadway production of <i>A Little Night Music</i> , her most famous film role was as the matriarch of the Banks family in Disney's <i>Mary Poppins</i> .	Glynis <u>Johns</u>

### **Pining For The Fjords**

<b>Q1</b>	What country has the longest coastline of any in Europe - largely due to the nearly 1,200 fjords which feature along its coast? Appropriately the word "fjord" itself originated in the native language of this country.	<u>Norway</u>
<b>Q2</b>	Located at the foot of Connacht's highest mountain Mweelrea and forming part of the border between Counties Mayo and Galway, what 16km-long flooded valley is traditionally referred to as "Ireland's only fjord"?	<u>Killary</u> Harbour
<b>Q3</b>	Sorry Killary Harbour, but nowadays many sources (including Wikipedia) consider two other Irish coastal inlets to also technically be fjords. One of these bodies of water is located between Counties Down and Louth, and the other between the Inishowen and Fanad peninsulas in Donegal. Name both?	<u>Carlingford</u> Lough / Lough <u>Swilly</u> (need <b>both</b> )
<b>Q4</b>	Located in Antarctica at the western edge of the Ross Ice Shelf and almost 2,000 metres deep, what is the world's deepest fjord? This massive inlet was first encountered by Robert Falcon Scott's Discovery expedition in 1904, and named after the ship's chief engineer.	<u>Skelton</u> Inlet