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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>
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	Announced in February, the 2024 European Car of the Year is the Scenic E-Tech, an electric compact SUV from which car manufacturer? The "Scenic" name was previously used by this manufacturer for an earlier model of theirs, produced between 1996 and 2003.	Renault
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Born in Rotterdam in 1629, what painter of the Dutch Golden Age is best known for his pictures of the domestic life of women and children, such as <i>The Courtyard of a House in Delft</i> , which can be found in London's National Gallery? Although not pronounced that way, the most common spelling of his surname is shared with an American slang term for alcohol.	Pieter de Hooch [" <i>hoog</i> "]
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Inti in Inca tradition, Olwen in Welsh mythology and Surya in Hinduism are all deities associated with what?	The Sun
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Last month, what rapper and singer got into trouble with the law after being arrested in Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for possession of cannabis? She was on her way to perform a concert in England, which had to be postponed.	Nicki Minaj (born Onika Maraj)
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	What Connacht town held an annual international song contest between 1966 and 1988 which was televised live on RTÉ for many years? Future Eurovision winner Linda Martin won the contest twice during the 1980s, with other notable winners over the years including Butch Moore and Red Hurley.	Castlebar
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	The Scottish band Deacon Blue (singular) took their name from the song <i>Deacon Blues</i> (plural) by what American band? The song comes from their platinum-selling 1977 album <i>Aja</i> .	Steely Dan
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	During the so-called "videotape format wars" of the late 1970s and early 80s, despite having arguably superior picture quality, Sony's Betamax format lost out to VHS, primarily developed by what rival Japanese company?	JVC / Japan Victor Company
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Published earlier this month and currently flying high in the Irish bestsellers chart, <i>Someone in the Attic</i> is the latest novel from what Dublin-born crime writer? Her previous book, <i>No One Saw a Thing</i> , was a No. 1 Sunday Times bestseller last year.	Andrea Mara

Round 2 - Team

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

Round 3 - Individual

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team B Person 1)	Jaipur is the capital and largest city of what Indian state, located in the northwest of the country?	<u>Rajasthan</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Featuring Joaquin Phoenix reprising his Oscar-winning role, the sequel to the 2019 <i>Joker</i> film is due out in October and has what subtitle? This three-word phrase is a term from psychology to describe a type of shared delusional disorder.	<u>Folie à Deux</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	A staple of Irish primary schools since 1970 is the range of Christmas annuals from Irish schoolbook publisher Folens. Out of the 4 titles produced every year, which one is aimed at the youngest age group, namely junior and senior infants? Its single-word name means "play" in Irish.	<u>Súgradh</u> ["soo-gra" or "soo-groo"]
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	What 25,600 capacity stadium in Limerick is the home ground of the Munster provincial rugby team?	<u>Thomond</u> Park
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	At the recent European elections, what Fianna Fáil politician, barrister and former RTÉ presenter was elected as an MEP for the Ireland South constituency? She co-hosted the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest along with Gerry Ryan.	Cynthia Ní <u>Mhurchú</u> ["nee wurra-coo"] - accept <u>Murphy</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Originating in Japan in the 8th century, the name of what martial art literally means "yielding-art"? This refers to its core principle of manipulating an opponent's force against them.	<u>Jiu-jitsu</u> / <u>Ju-jitsu</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Played by Kate Mulgrew, Kathryn Janeway was the captain of the titular vessel on which of the <i>Star Trek</i> TV shows?	<u>Voyager</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	With an atomic number of 4, what element on the periodic table is the lightest of the alkali earth metals?	<u>Beryllium</u>

Round 4 - Team

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to pick a topic second

Round 5 - Individual

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	Which of the 4 Folens Christmas annuals is aimed at the oldest age group, namely 5th and 6th class primary school pupils? Its single-word name means "happiness" in Irish.	<u>Sonas</u> [" <i>sunnas</i> "]
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Before 2024, the last time Renault had won European Car of the Year was in 2006, for which of their models? This supermini hatchback, first produced in 1990, was named after one of the nine Muses in Greek mythology.	<u>Clio</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Published in April and still flying high in the Irish bestsellers chart, <i>The Honeymoon Affair</i> is the latest romance novel from what Dublin-born author? Her previous book, <i>What Eden Did Next</i> , was shortlisted for the Popular Fiction Book of the Year at the 2022 An Post Irish Book Awards.	Sheila <u>O'Flanagan</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Although they sometimes use the Aviva for larger matches and their former home Donnybrook Stadium for friendlies, what 18,500 capacity stadium in Dublin is the current main home ground of the Leinster provincial rugby team?	<u>RDS</u> Arena
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Mumbai is the capital and largest city of what Indian state, located in the west of the country?	<u>Maharashtra</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Featuring Daniel Craig reprising his role of detective Benoit Blanc, what is the four-word title of the recently-announced third movie in the <i>Knives Out</i> series, due for release next year? Like the original movie and its sequel <i>Glass Onion</i> , the new movie is named after a song: in this case an album track from the 1997 U2 album Pop.	<u>Wake Up Dead Man</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Believed to have been born in Amsterdam circa 1644, what painter of the Dutch Golden Age is particularly known for his seascapes and harbour scenes, such as the painting <i>Shipping</i> , on display in the National Gallery of Ireland? His surname is a homophone of a type of wading bird.	Abraham <u>Storck</u> (also known as Abraham <u>Sturckenburch</u>)
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	With an atomic number of 9, what element on the periodic table is the lightest of the halogens?	<u>Fluorine</u> (accept <u>fluoride</u>)

Round 6 - Team

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

Round 7 - Individual

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team B Person 1)	Its name literally meaning "sword way", what Japanese martial art involves the use of bamboo swords and protective body armour? Its modern form was fully developed in the 19th century, however you may also answer with the name of the centuries-old martial art it was based on, which mainly used iron swords.	<u>Kendo / Gekiken</u> (also accept <u>Kenjutsu</u>)
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	The band Cocteau Twins (without the definite article) took their name from the song <i>The Cocteau Twins</i> (with the definite article) by fellow Scottish act Johnny and the Self-Abusers, the earliest incarnation of what band, later to release platinum-selling albums such as <i>New Gold Dream</i> and <i>Street Fighting Years</i> ?	<u>Simple Minds</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Following in the footsteps of Castlebar, what Ulster town founded their own annual international song contest in the late 1970s, which also ran for over 20 years and at its peak was also televised live by RTÉ?	<u>Cavan</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Played by Avery Brooks, Benjamin Sisko was the captain of the titular vessel on which of the <i>Star Trek</i> TV shows?	<u>Deep Space Nine</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Cizin in Mayan tradition, Kalma in Finnish mythology and Mara in Hinduism are all deities associated with what?	<u>Death</u> (do NOT accept underworld/afterlife)
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	At the recent European elections, what Fine Gael politician and retired champion jockey was elected as an MEP for the Midlands/North-West constituency? In addition to notching up seven Cheltenham Festival wins during her racing career, she also won the fifth series of RTÉ's <i>Dancing With the Stars</i> .	Nina <u>Carberry</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Sony had better luck in the "HD disc format wars" of the late 2000s, where their Blu-ray format triumphed over HD DVD, primarily developed by what rival Japanese company?	<u>Toshiba</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Last week, what singer got into trouble with the law after being arrested for driving while intoxicated on his way home from a party on Long Island?	Justin <u>Timberlake</u>

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)

Question	Answer
The International Ice Patrol, an organisation that monitors and reports on the movements of Atlantic and Arctic icebergs, was set up in 1914 as a direct response to what tragic event, which had happened 2 years previously?	<u>Sinking of the Titanic</u>
With a population of 18 in the 2016 census, the small island of Inishbiggle lies off the coast of Ballycroy, in what Irish county?	<u>Mayo</u>
What word is repeated 3 times in the title of Sabrina Carpenter's latest song, currently No. 1 in both the UK and Irish singles charts?	<u>Please</u>
Name the barrister and Fine Gael councillor who was recently chosen as the 365th Lord Mayor of Dublin?	James <u>Geoghegan</u> ["gayg-un"]

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Irish Kids' TV

Q1 The late 90s RTÉ children's show <i>Echo Island</i> served as a launchpad for multiple Irish TV and radio presenters, including Derek Mooney, Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh [" <i>blawnid nee coffy</i> "] and which comedian from Bray, nowadays best known for his extensive career on British TV and his stand-up comedy specials such as <i>Craic Dealer</i> and <i>Crowd Tickler</i> ?	Dara <u>Ó Briain</u>
Q2 Similar to RTÉ Kids or CBBC, what is the name of the children's TV channel run by Irish-language broadcaster TG4? [" <i>tee jee ka-her</i> "] Having started as a daily programming block on its parent channel in 1996, it was finally made a completely stand-alone channel in 2023 and can currently be found on Saorview Channel 18.	<u>Cúla4</u> [" <i>koola ka-her</i> "] / originally called <u>Cúlabúla</u> [" <i>koola-boola</i> "]
Q3 After the popular RTÉ Saturday morning kids' TV show <i>Anything Goes</i> was axed in 1986, it was replaced by a show fronted by what puppet character - a leather-jacketed rat with a pink-and-white mohawk, who lived in the "Junkbox" of the show's title? The same character went on to feature in other subsequent RTÉ children's shows including <i>Scratch Saturday</i> and <i>The Salty Frog</i> .	<u>Pajo</u>
Q4 What early 90s RTÉ puppet show was about three orphans living in a guest house with their aunt, who stumble upon a decades-old mystery? Due to the quirky puppet design and unsettling atmosphere, many young viewers of the era found the show traumatising - "like someone worked out how to film a nightmare" according to one online reviewer.	The <u>Rimini Riddle</u>

TLAs

A round where the answers are all TLAs, or Three Letter Acronyms - or if we're being pedantic Three Letter Initialisms, since the letters are spelled out individually. You can simply answer with the three letters and do NOT need to specify what they stand for.

Q1 Similar to VAR in soccer, what three letters in rugby union denote the person who reviews live match footage and assists the referee in determining whether points have been scored or foul play has been committed?	<u>TMO</u> (Television Match Official)
Q2 One of the most famous recursive acronyms, what computer scripting language designed for web development was created by Danish-Canadian programmer Rasmus Lerdorf in 1993? A 2023 survey estimated that this language is currently used on over 75% of active websites.	<u>PHP</u> (PHP Hypertext Preprocessor / originally stood for Personal Home Page)
Q3 The equivalent of the BBC in Britain or the ABC in Australia, what three-letter acronym is the main public service TV and radio broadcaster in Japan? Appropriately, its name simply means "Japan Broadcasting Corporation" in Japanese.	<u>NHK</u> (Nippon Hōsō Kyōkai)
Q4 Launched in the late 1970s by the Ideal toy company, what miniature car racing system was similar to its main competitor Scalextric, however without the cars being connected to slots in the track, allowing cars to freely change lanes and overtake?	<u>TCR</u> (Total Control Racing)

Purpose-built Venues

Q1 A purpose-built venue near the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London was opened in 2022 to host the ongoing <i>Voyage</i> series of concerts, featuring digital avatars of what highly popular European pop group?	<u>ABBA</u>
Q2 In 1988, a purpose-built arena was erected in the German city of Bochum to host what Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, which runs there to this day? The arena's stage features tracks on three separate levels, to depict the musical's story of a child's train set magically coming to life.	<u>Starlight Express</u>
Q3 Since 2006, a purpose-built theatre near the Potsdamer Platz in Berlin has hosted a residency by what American performance art group? Audience members at the front are given ponchos to ensure they don't get splashed with paint during the energetic yet wordless performance by this collective, who also host permanent residencies in US cities such as New York and Las Vegas.	<u>Blue Man Group</u>
Q4 The 4,000 capacity Colosseum at Caesars Palace was at the time of construction the most expensive entertainment venue in Las Vegas. It was built in 2004 specifically to host what residency concert by Celine Dion, which ran for nearly 5 years and became the highest-grossing residency of all time? Its name is the first 3 words of the title of her multi-platinum 2002 album, the title track of which was also a Top 10 hit in both Ireland and the UK.	<u>A New Day</u> (the album/song was <i>A New Day Has Come</i>)

Restored Monarchies

Q1 In May 1659, what man resigned as Lord Protector of England, paving the way for the restoration of the English monarchy the following year? This man had been English head of state for only 8 months following the death of his infamous father. First and last name required.	<u>Richard Cromwell</u> (need first and last name)
Q2 In 1993, Norodom Sihanouk re-took the throne of what Asian country when its monarchy was restored following a 14-year war with Vietnam? He had previously been king of this country between 1941 and 1955 when it was a French protectorate.	<u>Cambodia</u>
Q3 Greece is unique among European countries by restoring and abolishing its monarchy twice during the 20th century. The second restoration was in 1935, when what king returned to the throne after 11 years in exile? He shares his name and regnal number with the last British king to lead an army in battle, who did so during the war of the Austrian succession.	<u>George II</u>
Q4 One of the few other countries to restore their monarchy in the 20th century was what island nation, who did so in 1954, a mere 18 months after becoming a republic for the first time? Muhammad Fareed Didi duly became Sultan and remained head of state until the country permanently became a republic in 1968, three years after gaining independence from Britain.	The <u>Maldives</u>

They Don't Just Sing

Last week, we asked four questions about actors who occasionally sing, so now you're getting four questions about singers who occasionally act.

Q1 What iconic American singer, who died in 2023, acted in a handful of films during her career - most notably as the main antagonist Aunty Entity in the 1985 sequel <i>Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome</i> ? She also had a hit with the movie's theme tune <i>We Don't Need Another Hero</i> .	Tina Turner (born Anna Mae Bullock)
Q2 No less than two singers-turned-actors featured in the 1992 movie <i>Fire Walk With Me</i> : David Bowie and Chris Isaak both co-starred as FBI agents in this cinematic sequel to which cult TV show?	Twin Peaks
Q3 Another film with two singers-turned-actors was what Oscar-winning 2009 film? It featured Lenny Kravitz playing a male nurse and Mariah Carey in a surprisingly unglamorous role as a social worker who assists the movie's title character, a pregnant illiterate teenager.	Precious (based on the novel <i>Push</i> by Sapphire)
Q4 What other iconic American singer who died in 2023 also dabbled in movies - albeit with just one dramatic role in his entire career, as a Hollywood hanger-on in the critically-panned 1966 movie <i>The Oscar</i> ? However, he did cameo as himself in multiple films and TV shows, including <i>Muppets Most Wanted</i> , <i>Bruce Almighty</i> and 3 episodes of <i>The Simpsons</i> .	Tony Bennett (born Anthony Benedetto)

Discontinued Drinks

Q1 To great consternation from fans of its "totally tropical taste", in 2023 the Coca-Cola Company announced it was discontinuing what soft drinks brand, launched in the UK and Ireland in 1975? Technically the drink lives on, albeit now branded as the not-at-all-cumbersome "Fanta Pineapple and Grapefruit".	Lilt
Q2 Sold in a green can, what lower-sugar variant of Coca-Cola was partly sweetened with stevia? First made available in the UK and Ireland in 2014, it was discontinued in 2017 due to poor sales relative to Coke Zero.	Coke Life / Coca-Cola Life
Q3 " <i>Irish people crave axed 'nightclub staple' drink from their 'wonder years'.</i> " This recent newspaper headline refers to what American-style mixed spirit drink, made from bourbon with vanilla and berry flavouring? Launched by Irish Distillers in 2013, it was quietly discontinued circa 2019 and has been highly sought after since - one bottle fetching €220 at auction earlier this month.	Zaconey
Q4 Its name an ancient Irish word for "glow", what white beer was launched by Guinness with a £5 million marketing campaign in 1998? This citrusy wheat beer similar to Blue Moon or Hoegaarden was perhaps ahead of its time and failed to catch on with late 90s beer drinkers, being withdrawn after 2 years due to poor sales.	Breó ["bro"]

Well, That Backfired

4 questions about unintended consequences.

Q1 Oscar Wilde's downfall began in 1895 when he sued what man for libel, the father of his lover "Bosie"? Wilde's libel action failed, leading him to be convicted for gross indecency and sentenced to 2 years hard labour, from which his health never recovered.	<u>John Sholto Douglas</u> / Marquess of <u>Queensberry</u>
Q2 In 1167, what king of Leinster was deposed by the High King of Ireland, Rory O'Connor? To recover his kingdom, this man enlisted the help of Anglo-Norman mercenaries, an act which inadvertently led to the 1171 Norman conquest of Ireland under King Henry II of England. You can answer with his first or last name.	<u>Diarmait mac Murchada</u> / <u>Dermot MacMurrough</u> / <u>Dermot MacMurphy</u> (accept first or last name)
Q3 Name the Republican governor of South Dakota who in her recent autobiography recounted an incident when she used a shotgun to put down a misbehaving family dog? Intending to show her willingness to make "tough decisions" and hence bolster her prospects of becoming Donald Trump's 2024 running mate, the episode has had the exact opposite effect - earning her bipartisan condemnation, including from Trump himself.	Kristi <u>Noem</u> (born Kristi <u>Arnold</u>)
Q4 The 2021 FASTER Act added what foodstuff to the list of allergens which must be declared on US food labelling? Perversely, the law caused this allergen to be added to even more foods, as many producers decided to meet the requirement by simply adding it as a listed ingredient rather than invest in costly cross-contamination avoidance. This is also one of the 14 allergens which must be declared on food packaging and restaurant menus under EU law.	<u>Sesame</u> seeds / <u>Sesame</u> oil

Plastic Pitches

Q1 Originally a trademarked brand name, what word is nowadays used as a generic term for artificial grass used as all-weather playing surfaces for many sports? The term comes from the indoor stadium in Houston which was the first high-profile use of such a playing surface in the mid-1960s.	<u>AstroTurf</u> (accept <u>Astro</u>) - named after the Astrodome, home of the Houston Astros
Q2 The derisive nickname "plastic pitches" was used for the deeply unpopular artificial surfaces installed in several English football clubs in the 1980s - the first of which was what London club between 1981 and 1988, during which time they won the Second Division championship and reached two cup finals?	<u>Queen's Park Rangers</u> / <u>QPR</u>
Q3 Not counting the multi-use Astrodome, the first American football stadium to use an artificial surface was in 1967 at Franklin Field, a college football stadium which at the time was also the home ground of what NFC team, although they moved to Veterans Stadium less than three years later?	<u>Philadelphia Eagles</u> (accept city or team name)
Q4 Three English Premiership rugby union teams currently play on artificial surfaces. Saracens and Gloucester are two: name the other? This club plays in Kingston Park, which is also home to the city's Rugby League team.	Newcastle <u>Falcons</u> (accept <u>Gosforth</u> / prompt on "Newcastle") - hard luck if you answered "Worcester Warriors" as they went bankrupt in 2023 so are no longer a Premiership team