



## **IRISH QUIZ LEAGUE**

**SEASON 4 CUP: Cup semi-final**

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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)	In Ireland, the highest category of road is a motorway, indicated by the prefix M followed by a one- or two-digit number. Throughout the island, all road signage on motorways feature white lettering on a background of which colour?	<u>Blue</u>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team B Person 1)	Written and illustrated by Kazuki Takahashi, which Japanese manga series follows the story of a boy who awakens a gambling alter-ego or spirit within his body that solves his conflicts using various games? The series has spawned a media franchise that includes multiple spin-off anime series, a trading card game, and numerous video games.	<u>Yu-Gi-Oh!</u>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team A Person 2)	Name <b>either</b> of the professional snooker players who were given lifetime bans by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) in June 2023, after being found guilty of match fixing? These are the only two lifetime bans ever handed down in professional snooker.	<u>Liang Wenbo</u> / <u>Li Hang</u> (accept <b>either</b> )
<b>Q2b</b> (Team B Person 2)	Which rapper, record producer and former member of The Fugees formally filed papers to be a candidate in the 2010 Haitian presidential election? His bid for candidacy was rejected by the Electoral Council as he had not met the constitutional requirement of having lived in Haiti for five years beforehand.	Wyclef <u>Jean</u>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team A Person 3)	Born in 1946, which Indian-American author, who claims that a person may attain "perfect health", has been criticized by medical and scientific professionals for promoting pseudoscience? This man's most famous claim is "quantum healing", which supposedly can cure any manner of ailments, including cancer, through effects that he asserts are based on the same principles as quantum mechanics.	Deepak <u>Chopra</u>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team B Person 3)	What piece of computational equipment, now used only as an educational device, is described here? <i>"Two strips of the same length held parallel, with the gap between them filled by a strip lengthwise relative to the frame. It also features an exterior sliding piece with a hairline, the cursor."</i>	<u>Slide rule</u>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team A Person 4)	The mathematical theory outlining the fundamental relation between the three sides of a right-angled triangle in Euclidean geometry is known in China as the Gougu theorem. By what name is this theorem known in the Western world?	<u>Pythagoras'</u> Theorem / <u>Pythagorean</u> Theorem
<b>Q4b</b> (Team B Person 4)	Initiated by the German artist Gunter Demnig in 1992, name the project which commemorates victims of the Holocaust via the installation of ten-centimetre concrete cubes bearing a brass plate inscribed with the name and life dates of victims? Literally, it means 'stumbling stone' and metaphorically 'stumbling block'.	<u>Stolperstein</u> / <u>Stolpersteine</u>

## 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)	Which city in southern Italy is known for its history of continuous occupation dating back to the Palaeolithic period? It is renowned for its rock-cut urban core, whose twin cliffside zones are known collectively as the Sassi.	<u>Matera</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	What is the name of the coat used by the clergy of the Oriental Orthodox Churches, Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church? This item is little-used today except for religious services, but in many countries it was the normal everyday wear of the clergy until the 1960s, when it was largely replaced by clerical suits.	<u>Cassock</u> / <u>Soutane</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Name <b>either</b> of the years between 1990 and 2024 where there has officially been no winner of the Aintree Grand National?	<u>1993</u> (race void) / <u>2020</u> (cancelled due to COVID-19)
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Which Irish mental health charity was founded by Joan Freeman in 2006? This charity's best-known initiative is the annual Darkness into Light event which began in 2009.	<u>Pieta</u> House
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	In 1947, to mark the centenary of the Great Famine, the All-Ireland senior football final took place outside Ireland for the first and only time. In what stadium in New York was the game played?	<u>Polo Grounds</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	<i>Black's Law Dictionary</i> defines which type of law, now relegated to history in Western Europe, as "made for the purpose of restraining luxury or extravagance, particularly against inordinate expenditures for apparel, furniture or shoes." Such laws often prevented commoners from imitating the appearance of aristocrats.	<u>Sumptuary</u> Law
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	The best-selling book of all time originally published in the Portuguese language is which 1988 novel by Brazilian author Paulo Coelho?	The <u>Alchemist</u> / O <u>Alquimista</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	1st April 2024 was the 20th anniversary of the launch of which free email service run by Google?	<u>Gmail</u>

#### **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> ) Name <b>any</b> of the years between 1990 and 2024 in which there was officially no winner of the Tour de France?	Any year between <b><u>1999 and 2005</u></b> <b><u>inclusive</u></b> (because of Lance Armstrong)
<b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>1</b> ) The classification directly below motorway on Irish roads is the national primary road, which form the major routes between the country's largest urban centres. Directional road signs on national primary roads are usually white (and/or yellow) text on a background of what colour?	<b><u>Green</u></b>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> ) Inspired by the Stolpersteine, which project established by journalist Sergey Parkhomenko commemorates the victims of repressions in the Soviet Union? This initiative installs small commemorative plaques on the houses of the persecuted. Every commemorative plaque is dedicated to one person only, with the project operating according to the motto "One name, one life, one sign".	<b><u>Last Address</u></b>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> ) Which charity, that has come under scrutiny in recent times for alleged corruption, was founded as The Arrupe Society in 1983 by a Belfast-born priest? This charity, which aims to fight and prevent homelessness, was subsequently renamed in honour of its founder.	Peter <b><u>McVerry</u></b> Trust
<b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> ) Since 1985, the 'rock sites of [this place]', carved out of the soft volcanic landscape, have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While this area is now divided into six provinces of modern Turkey, its historic Roman name is still used for international tourism. What name is this, originally meaning "place below" in Hittite?	<b><u>Cappadocia</u></b>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> ) Which square cap with three or four peaks or "horns" is traditionally worn by Christian clergy, especially Roman Catholics, as well as in some Lutheran and Anglican denominations? While its use was not abolished following the second Vatican council, it was made optional. Today its use is prevalent among bishops and cardinals but less so among other clergy.	<b><u>Biretta</u></b>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> ) Written and illustrated by Akira Toriyama, which Japanese manga series follows the adventures of Son Goku as he trains in martial arts and explores the world in search of seven magical orbs? The series has spawned a media franchise that includes both animated and live-action films, collectible trading card games, action figures, and numerous video games.	<b><u>Dragon Ball</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> ) October 2024 will see the 20th anniversary of the acquisition by Google of which piece of software, originally developed by Keyhole Inc.? Not to be confused with Google Maps, this program renders a 3D representation of our planet based primarily on satellite imagery.	Google <b><u>Earth</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> )	What form of property tax was introduced in England and Wales in 1696 under King William III? This charge on houses, designed to impose tax relative to the prosperity of the taxpayer, was extended to Ireland in 1799 before being repealed throughout the then United Kingdom in 1851.	<b><u>Window</u></b> Tax
<b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>1</b> )	What piece of electrical equipment, now used as an educational device, is described here? <i>"A glass jar with metal foil cemented to the inside and the outside surfaces, and a metal terminal projecting vertically through the jar lid to make contact with the inner foil."</i>	<b><u>Leyden</u></b> Jar
<b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> )	Born in 1950, which British writer is known for works promoting pseudoscientific theories involving ancient civilisations and hypothetical lost lands? This man's most famous theory is that an advanced ice age civilization was destroyed in a cataclysm, but that its survivors passed on knowledge to hunter-gatherers, giving rise to the early civilizations of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Mesoamerica.	Graham <b><u>Hancock</u></b>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> )	The best-selling book of all time originally published in the French language is which 1943 novella written and illustrated by writer and military pilot Antoine de Saint-Exupéry?	The <b><u>Little Prince</u></b> / Le <b><u>Petit Prince</u></b>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> )	Which former captain of the South Africa national cricket team during the 1990s was given a lifetime ban from the sport in 2000, after being found guilty of match fixing? This man died in a plane crash in 2002, at the age of 32.	Johannes "Hansie" <b><u>Cronje</u></b>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> )	In 1984, to mark the centenary of the GAA itself, the All-Ireland senior hurling final took place in which stadium? This stadium was chosen for being in the same town as the GAA was founded.	<b><u>Semple</u></b> Stadium (Thurles)
<b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> )	The Milü (or Zulü) is the name given to an approximation of which number, found by Chinese mathematician and astronomer Zu Chongzhi in the 5th century? Using Liu Hui's algorithm, Zu computed this number to be between $22/7$ and $355/113$ .	<b><u>Pi</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> )	Which rapper and member of The Fugees has had notable legal difficulties since 2012? In that year, he was indicted for his part in an alleged criminal conspiracy with Malaysian financier Jho Low. In 2023, this man was in fact convicted of being part of a scheme to help China influence the US government.	<b><u>Pras Michel</u></b> (accept <b><u>either</u></b> name)

## **Round 8 - Team**

Team **B** to pick a topic first

Team **A** to use last remaining topic

**Tiebreaker round**

(only use if drawn after round 8)

**Round 9 - Individual**

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Q1a</b> (Team A Person 1)	Who is the current president of football's governing body, FIFA? This Swiss lawyer was elected to the position in February 2016, when he succeeded acting President Issa Hayatou.	Gianni <b><u>Infantino</u></b>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team B Person 1)	As reported by RTE and several media outlets last week, which Mayo lady is set to become first Irish person in space? This aeronautical engineer has been chosen to be part of a research mission on Virgin Galactic's new commercial spacecraft, which is due to begin operating in 2026.	Norah <b><u>Patten</u></b>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team A Person 2)	Published in 1800, the first novel of which Irish author (1768-1849) was <i>Castle Rackrent</i> , in which she adopted an Irish Catholic voice to narrate the dissipation and decline of a family from her own landed Anglo-Irish class?	Maria <b><u>Edgeworth</u></b>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team B Person 2)	Which British brand of transparent, cellulose-based, pressure-sensitive tape is the leading brand of adhesive tape in Ireland and the UK? This brand name has proven so popular as to now be used as the generic term for sticky tape.	<b><u>Sellotape</u></b>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team A Person 3)	Which chemist and astronaut became the first British person, and the first Western European woman in space, as well as the first woman to visit the Mir space station, which she did in May 1991?	Helen <b><u>Sharman</u></b>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team B Person 3)	Which Swiss businessman was president of football's governing body FIFA from 1998 to 2015? In December 2015 this man was ejected from office and banned from taking part in any FIFA activities over the following eight years.	Josef "Sepp" <b><u>Blatter</u></b>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team A Person 4)	Which brand of pressure-sensitive cellulose tape was invented in 1930 by Richard Drew, an engineer at 3M? Much like Sellotape in Ireland, this brand has become the generic name for this type of tape in Canada and the United States.	<b><u>Scotch</u></b> Tape
<b>Q4b</b> (Team B Person 4)	<i>Mary Lavelle</i> , a 1936 novel by which Irish author (1897-1974) was banned in Ireland and Spain upon its release? Based on her own experience working as a governess in Bilbao, in the novel the title character travels to Spain to see some of the world before marrying her fiance.	Kate <b><u>O'Brien</u></b>

**Nearest-the-pin**

(only use if drawn after round 9)

On June 17th, the Boston Celtics became NBA champions for a record 18th time, when they defeated the Dallas Mavericks by four games to one. How many points in total did the Celtics score in those five games?

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## END OF QUIZ

### **Spare questions**

(only use if necessary)

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Which company has announced that at least 244 of its flights have been cancelled from this Wednesday to Sunday, due to the industrial action being taken by the Irish Air Line Pilots' Association (IALPA)?	<b><u>Aer Lingus</u></b>
Black, green and Oolong are three varieties of what beverage, prepared by pouring hot or boiling water over cured or fresh leaves of <i>Camellia sinensis</i> ?	<b><u>Tea</u></b>
2021 All-Ireland senior football champions Tyrone were shocked this weekend when they were knocked out of this year's championship at home, by which side?	<b><u>Roscommon</u></b>
Also called the cluster bean, which annual legume with the botanical name <i>Cyamopsis tetragonoloba</i> , is the source of a namesake gum that has thickening and stabilising properties useful in food, feed, and industrial applications?	<b><u>Guar</u></b>

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## TEAM QUESTIONS

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### Famous Swords

<b>Q1</b> In British legend, what was the name of King Arthur's mythical sword? Traditionally, the sword in the stone that is the proof of Arthur's lineage and the sword given to him by a Lady of the Lake are not the same weapon, even though in some versions of the legend both of them share this name.	<b><u>Excalibur</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Which figure from Greek myth is famous for an anecdote in which he, a courtier, accepts an offer to switch places with his king for one day? However, the king arranged that a sword should hang above the throne, held at the pommel only by a single hair of a horse's tail, to evoke the dangers associated with ruling.	<b><u>Damocles</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> In JRR Tolkien's <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> , what was the name of the "sword that was broken"? At the end of the Second Age this sword belonged to King Elendil before it was broken in two pieces in the war against Sauron. Elendil's son Isildur used the hilt-shard to cut the One Ring from Sauron's hand.	<b><u>Narsil</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Which sword appears in a number of Irish and Scottish Gaelic folktales, commonly as a quest object? Its Irish language name was used for an Irish nationalist newspaper published in the early 20th century by Conradh na Gaeilge (the Gaelic League). This publication was edited by Eoin MacNeill and Patrick Pearse, among others.	The Sword Of <b><u>Light</u></b> / <b><u>Shining</u></b> Sword / <b><u>Claíomh Solais</u></b> [" <i>clive sullish</i> "]

### Early TDs

<b>Q1</b> Which Irish politician, who represented several Dublin constituencies in Dáil Éireann between 1918 and 1945, held the following positions during those years: Ceann Comhairle, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and Minister for Finance? He subsequently became the nation's second president.	Sean T. <b><u>O'Kelly</u></b> / <b><u>Ó Ceallaigh</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> After dominating membership of the first two Dáils, Sinn Féin split into Pro and Anti-Treaty factions prior to the 1922 General Election. Recognising the need for a party organisation to win elections, the Pro-Treaty side subsequently founded which political party, which then governed the country from 1923 until 1932?	<b><u>Cumann na nGaedheal</u></b> [" <i>cuminn nah gail</i> "]
<b>Q3</b> Which man, who represented Monaghan in the Dáil, served as Minister for Finance from 1923 to 1932? In that role, he infamously reduced old-age pensions from 10 shillings to 9 shillings a week in 1924. After politics, this man was managing director of the Abbey Theatre between 1941 and 1967.	Ernest <b><u>Blythe</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Which former revolutionary, a Fianna Fáil TD representing Galway between 1927 and 1937, also refereed the first All-Ireland camogie final in 1932?	Stephen <b><u>Jordan</u></b>



### 2010 on the Irish charts

<b>Q1</b>	Which duo released 2010's best-selling single by an Irish act? <i>Under Pressure (Ice Ice Baby)</i> was the 2nd best selling song of the year, and topped the Irish charts on four non-consecutive weeks.	<b><u>Jedward</u></b> / John and Edward <b><u>Grimes</u></b>
<b>Q2</b>	Although it never hit the top of the singles chart, 2010's third-best selling song in Ireland was also by an Irish act, Limerick group The Rubberbandits. What is the name of this song, their debut release, in which the group compare their mode of transport to vehicles made by Honda, Subaru and Mitsubishi?	<b><u>Horse Outside</u></b>
<b>Q3</b>	Top of the Irish singles chart for the week of 22nd April 2010 was <i>Gives You Hell</i> . This song was one of 38 charting singles, albeit the only No. 1, for the cast of which American TV show?	<b><u>Glee</u></b>
<b>Q4</b>	The 2010 Christmas No. 1 in Ireland was <i>When We Collide</i> by X-Factor winner Matt Cardle. This was a renamed cover version of a song released earlier in the year by Scottish rock band Biffy Clyro. What was the original name of that song?	<b><u>Many of Horror</u></b>

### Maths Paradoxes

<b>Q1</b>	The Dichotomy Paradox, Achilles and the Tortoise, and the Arrow Paradox are some of a series of philosophical arguments credited to which ancient Greek philosopher?	<b><u>Zeno</u></b> of Elea
<b>Q2</b>	Which mathematical paradox refers to the counterintuitive fact that only 23 people are needed for the probability of a shared fact linking two people to exceed 50%? The fact in question being an event everyone celebrates at least once a year.	<b><u>Birthday</u></b> paradox
<b>Q3</b>	Gabriel's Horn is a paradoxical geometric figure that has an infinite surface area but finite volume. Another name for this shape is the 'trumpet' of which Italian physicist and mathematician who first studied it, in the 17th century?	Evangelista <b><u>Torricelli</u></b>
<b>Q4</b>	The paradox named after which British philosopher and mathematician shows that every set theory that contains an unrestricted comprehension principle leads to contradictions? This had already been discovered in 1899 by German mathematician Ernst Zermelo. However, he did not publish the idea and two years later, the man who is the answer to the question did so.	Bertrand <b><u>Russell</u></b>

### Stated Names

<b>Q1</b> Born in New York in 1949, which actor is the winner of two Academy Awards: Best Supporting Actor in 1990 for <i>Glory</i> , and Best Actor in 2002 for his performance in <i>Training Day</i> ?	Denzel <b><u>Washington</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Which playwright suddenly became famous following the Broadway success of his play <i>The Glass Menagerie</i> in 1944? This was the first of a string of successful plays written by this man, including <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> (1947) and <i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i> (1955).	Tennessee <b><u>Williams</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> American rapper and singer Tamar Lacel Dillard is better known by what stage name? His 2007 breakout single <i>Low</i> was number one for 10 weeks in the United States and the first of his six Irish chart-toppers.	<b><u>Flo Rida</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Jez Willis and Tim Garbutt are the two continuous members of which British electronic music group, formed in 1991? Their biggest hit on both sides of the Irish sea was 1992's <i>Something Good</i> , a song built around a sample from the Kate Bush song <i>Cloudbusting</i> .	<b><u>Utah Saints</u></b>

### Big Cats

<b>Q1</b> Which species, native to Asia, is the largest living cat species? Despite their fierce nature, the image of friendly tame examples exists widely in popular culture, notably a friend of Winnie-the-Pooh and Tony, the Kellogg's cereal mascot.	<b><u>Tiger</u></b> ( <i>Panthera Tigris</i> )
<b>Q2</b> Which is the only living member of the genus <i>Panthera</i> native to the Americas? This cat has featured prominently in the mythology of indigenous peoples of the Americas, including those of the Aztec and Mayan civilizations. Today it is part of the coat of arms of Guyana.	<b><u>Jaguar</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> Which medium-sized wild cat has a large range, being found in Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, and arid areas of Pakistan and northwestern India? Typically nocturnal, this cat is highly secretive and difficult to observe. Its name is also a homophone of a sportswear brand founded in Belgium in 1978 but associated with GAA activity here in Ireland.	<b><u>Caracal</u></b> (the sports brand is Karakal)
<b>Q4</b> Last week the International Union for Conservation of Nature promoted which big cat native to Southern Spain from "endangered" to "vulnerable"? The 2024 population of this medium-sized wild cat is estimated to be over 2000, a huge increase on the 62 adults recorded in 2001.	<b><u>Iberian Lynx</u></b> ( <i>Lynx Pardinus</i> )

### Quizzes on Irish TV

<b>Q1</b> The glory days of quizzes on Irish TV are long gone. Which geography-based quiz show, that shared its name with an unrelated series of video games, aired on Sunday nights from 1987 to 1996? Its hosts were Marty Whelan (1987-1989) and Theresa Lowe (1989-1996).	<b><u>Where in the World?</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Which quiz show hosted by Ray D'Arcy aired for seven series between 1991 and 1998? Each episode of this show featured teams representing two competing secondary schools.	<b><u>Blackboard Jungle</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> What long-lived Irish quiz show was broadcast from a different town each week, with a live audience, between 1965 and 1981? This show, hosted by Bernard "Bunny" Carr, gave Irish culture the phrase "Stop the lights".	<b><u>Quicksilver</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Which quiz show, hosted by Mike Murphy between 1983 and 1987, was the first on Irish TV to feature a computer? Each week three families would take on Sylvester the computer, hoping to win such 1980s prizes as a deep fat fryer, a cassette recorder or a Ford Sierra.	Murphy's <b><u>Micro Quiz-m</u></b>

### Famous S Words

<b>Q1</b> What word represents the letter S in the NATO Phonetic Alphabet? This word means "mountain range" in Spanish.	<b><u>Sierra</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> S is the symbol for which chemical element, number 16 on the periodic table? This element is abundant, multivalent and nonmetallic and is a bright yellow, crystalline solid at room temperature.	<b><u>Sulphur</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> According to Guinness World Records, which three letter word has the most meanings in the English language? This word has 430 senses listed in the 1989 second edition of the Oxford English Dictionary.	<b><u>Set</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Which word, with origins in a Latin term meaning "a foot and a half long", refers to someone who tends to use big words to appear smart or demonstrate their knowledge? It can also refer to someone who uses long phrases when simple ones would suffice.	<b><u>Sesquipedalian</u></b>