



# **IRISH QUIZ LEAGUE**

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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 agency was established in 1949 by the UN General Assembly to provide relief to all refugees resulting from the 1948 Palestine War? In October 2024, Israel's parliament passed a bill designating it a terrorist group and prohibiting it from operating within that country.	<b><u>UNRWA</u></b> (United Nations Relief And Works Agency For Palestine Refugees In The Near East)
<b>Q1b</b> (Team B Person 1)	Opened in May 1908 with a performance of Giuseppe Verdi's <i>Aida</i> , the Teatro Colón is a historic opera house and one of the top tourist attractions in which capital city?	<b><u>Buenos Aires</u></b>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team A Person 2)	In December 2024, citing " <i>national security and freedom throughout the world</i> ", US President-elect Donald Trump suggested his country should buy which large island? Though a part of the continent of North America, this island has traditionally been politically and culturally associated with Europe.	<b><u>Greenland</u></b>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team B Person 2)	Which 2010 short story by Irish author Claire Keegan was adapted for the screen by director Colm Bairéad in 2022, who renamed it as <i>An Cailín Ciúin</i> [" <i>on colleen kyoon</i> "] meaning "The Quiet Girl"?	<b><u>Foster</u></b>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team A Person 3)	Which County Monaghan man became the first world darts champion from the Republic of Ireland when he won the 2024 WDF World Darts Championship last December? He defeated Paul Lim of Singapore 6-3 in the final of the event.	Shane <b><u>McGuirk</u></b>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team B Person 3)	Which visionary film-maker, nominated for the Academy Award for Best Director on three occasions (1980, 1986 and 2001), passed away on January 15th this year, five days short of his 79th birthday?	David <b><u>Lynch</u></b>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team A Person 4)	In November 2024, Sony launched an updated 'Pro' version of which very successful games console? The original version, which was launched in 2020, is the best-selling device in what is referred to as the ninth generation of video game consoles. (Answer either two words or a three character acronym)	<b><u>PlayStation Five / PS5</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team B Person 4)	The Tropic of Capricorn, located at 23 degrees South of the Equator, is the southernmost latitude where the Sun can be seen directly overhead. Name <b>any</b> of the UN member countries which the Tropic of Capricorn passes through?	<b><u>Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, Australia, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa, Botswana or Namibia</u></b> (accept any)

## **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 Person 1)	Which American physicist and radio engineer is regarded as the founding figure of radio astronomy? In April 1933, while working at Bell Laboratories, this man discovered radio waves emanating from the Milky Way in the constellation Sagittarius. The Very Large Array (VLA) radio astronomy observatory in New Mexico is named for this man.	Karl <b><u>Jansky</u></b>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team A Person 1)	Which American singer-songwriter topped the Irish singles chart for 14 weeks between late 2023 and early 2024, with the song <i>Stick Season</i> ? Following the success of this song, this man was shortlisted for the Best New Artist award at the 66th Grammys, in February 2024.	Noah <b><u>Kahan</u></b>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team B Person 2)	The table, dessert and tea are all commonly-found varieties of what type of cutlery?	<b><u>Spoon</u></b>
<b>Q2b</b> (Team A Person 2)	The feet of New York's Statue of Liberty exhibit a medical condition known as Morton's toe: her big toe is shorter than her second toe. In the context of the arts, this longer second metatarsal is referred to as being the "toe" of which classical civilisation?	<b><u>Greek</u></b> / Ancient <b><u>Greece</u></b>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team B Person 3)	What was the name of the policy followed by the Fine Gael [ <i>"finna gale"</i> ] opposition party in Ireland after the 1987 general election? Under this policy, which shares its name with a Dublin suburb, the party did not oppose economic reforms proposed by the Fianna Fáil [ <i>"feena foil"</i> ] minority government, in the national interest.	<b><u>Tallaght</u></b> Strategy [ <i>"Talla"</i> ]
<b>Q3b</b> (Team A Person 3)	Which headland in the southeast corner of County Wexford marks the southernmost point of the Irish Sea, on the western side of St George's Channel?	<b><u>Carnsore</u></b> Point
<b>Q4a</b> (Team B Person 4)	Which American action military drama television series, featuring an eponymous high-technology attack helicopter, starred Jan-Michael Vincent as pilot Stringfellow Hawke and Ernest Borgnine as Dominic Santini? This show aired over four seasons, from 1984 to 1987.	<b><u>Airwolf</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team A Person 4)	Super Bowl LIX (59), the upcoming championship American Football game of the National Football League (NFL), is scheduled to be played on February 9th in which city? This will be the 8th time this city has hosted the Super Bowl, with the most recent being in 2013.	<b><u>New Orleans</u></b> (at the Superdome)

#### 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> )	The pastry (which is unsymmetrical), salad and carving are all commonly-found varieties of what type of cutlery?	<b><u>Fork</u></b>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>1</b> )	Name <b>either</b> member of the Irish-Czech musical group The Swell Season. This duo rose to prominence following the success of the 2007 film <i>Once</i> in which the pair depicted a dramatised version of their own musical pairing.	Glen <b>Hansard</b> / Markéta <b>Irglová</b> (accept <b>either</b> )
<b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> )	The Tropic of Cancer, located at 23 degrees North of the Equator, is the northernmost latitude where the Sun can be seen directly overhead. Name <b>any</b> of the UN member countries which the Tropic of Cancer passes through?	<b><u>Mexico, Bahamas, Mauritania, Mali, Algeria, Niger, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar or China</u></b> (accept <b>any</b> )
<b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> )	Which peacekeeping mission was established by the United Nations Security Council following the invasion of Lebanon by Israel in 1978? Irish troops have been an ever-present member of this mission since its establishment.	<b><u>UNIFIL</u></b> (United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon)
<b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> )	Which American action drama television series, featuring a tactical helicopter being operated by a four-person LAPD Air Support Division team, aired for only 11 episodes in 1984? This was a disappointment for its creators, as it was a spin-off from a hit film from the previous year.	<b><u>Blue Thunder</u></b>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> )	In December 2024, citing the need to lower its "exorbitant" rates, US President-elect Donald Trump stated that which famous waterway should be returned to his country, "in full, quickly and without question"?	<b><u>Panama Canal</u></b>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> )	Which 2021 novel by Claire Keegan was adapted into a 2024 film of the same name starring Cillian Murphy and Eileen Walsh?	<b><u>Small Things Like These</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> )	In January 2025, Nintendo announced the successor to which very successful games console? The original, a tablet that can either be docked for home console use or used as a portable device, was launched in 2017.	<b><u>Switch</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 headland in County Wexford marks the east side of the estuary of The Three Sisters (rivers Nore, Suir and Barrow)? Its most famous landmark is a still-operating 800 year old lighthouse.	<b><u>Hook Head</u></b>
<b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>1</b> )	Which Dublin-born singer and TV personality passed away on January 15th this year, at the age of 65? While later known for TV appearances on shows like <i>Celebrity Big Brother</i> and <i>Loose Women</i> , she was most famously a member of a successful musical group with her sisters between 1974 and '83.	Linda <b><u>Nolan</u></b>
<b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> )	The final of the 2025 UEFA Champions League will be played on May 31st in which city? This will be the fifth time this city has hosted the final of the European Cup/Champions League, with the most recent having been in 2012.	<b><u>Munich</u></b> (at the Allianz Arena)
<b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> )	In 1946, which British astronomer built the first multi-element astronomical radio interferometer, a set of radio telescope antennas that work together as a single telescope to provide higher resolution images? This man shared the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1974 with Antony Hewish.	Martin <b><u>Ryle</u></b>
<b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> )	Which county Antrim man became the first world darts champion from the island of Ireland when he won the the inaugural WDF World Darts Championship in 2022? He defeated Thibaut Tricole of France 6-5 in the final.	Neil <b><u>Duff</u></b>
<b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> )	While Teatro Colón might be the most renowned opera house in South America, it is not the oldest still in use. That honour goes to the Teatro Solís, which opened in 1856 and is still a major tourist attraction in which other capital city?	<b><u>Montevideo</u></b>
<b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> )	In the arts, if a "Greek" foot features a second toe longer than the first (big) toe, what classical civilisation gives its name to a foot featuring a long big toe and the others tapering away at a 45 degree angle?	<b><u>Egyptian</u></b> / Ancient <b><u>Egypt</u></b>
<b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> )	The Tallaght strategy was so named as it was unveiled in speech delivered to the Tallaght Chamber of commerce by which man, the leader of Fine Gael from 1987 to 1990?	Alan <b><u>Dukes</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>
On January 18th, which short-form video hosting service owned by Chinese internet company ByteDance temporarily stopped working in the USA, in advance of a ban being enacted the following day? (Although the ban was later postponed)	<b><u>TikTok</u></b>
On January 15th Yoon Suk Yeol, the president of which country, handed himself over to local authorities who had been trying to arrest him since the start of the month?	<b><u>South Korea / Republic of Korea</u></b>
During the recent cold weather, a bridge in Dublin went viral on various social media platforms after passers-by noticed several abandoned examples of what type of fruit or vegetables? This "mystery" led to the bridge temporarily becoming a shrine to this product.	Cherry <b><u>Tomatoes</u></b>
Originally started in Lithuania in 2008, which online second-hand clothes and gadget website launched in Ireland in November 2024?	<b><u>Vinted</u></b>

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## TEAM QUESTIONS

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### Irish Prisons

<b>Q1</b> One of only two women's prisons in Ireland, the other being in Limerick Prison, the Dóchas Centre is a medium security prison located inside which famous Dublin jail?	<b><u>Mountjoy</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Which county town is home to both an eponymous high security prison and the medium security Midlands prison, which was built next door to it?	<b><u>Portlaoise</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> Built on the site of a World War II airfield near Lisburn, what is the name of Northern Ireland's sole high security prison? Following a 2003 review, this prison runs a separated regime for paramilitary prisoners, with two wings specially adapted to house Loyalist and Republican in-mates.	<b><u>Maghaberry</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Often referred to on the nightly news, Harristown Courthouse is not located in a major population centre but was built directly outside the walls of which medium security prison?	<b><u>Castlereagh</u> ["castle-ree"]</b>

### Whistling Songs

<b>Q1</b> Lead singer Klaus Meine whistles the intro and fade out on which zeitgeist-defining 1990 song by German group Scorpions?	<b><u>Winds of Change</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> The multi-award winning 1988 song <i>Don't Worry, Be Happy</i> is by far the biggest hit in the career of which American singer-songwriter, who can be heard whistling throughout the song?	Bobby <b><u>McFerrin</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> Famous for its whistling intro, the 2006 song <i>Young Folks</i> is, so far, the only hit on the Irish charts for which Swedish indie trio?	<b><u>Peter, Bjorn and John</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> The novelty song <i>I Was Kaiser Bill's Batman</i> , which reached no 9 on the Irish charts in 1967, was credited to which fictional singer? This man's name was a play on the name of a real-life "whispering" baritone.	Whistling Jack <b><u>Smith</u></b> (the baritone was Whispering Jack Smith)

### Justin Time

<b>Q1</b> Which American singer-songwriter started his musical career with boy band NSYNC before releasing his debut solo album <i>Justified</i> in 2002? He has reached the top of the Irish charts once as a solo artist, with the 2006 song <i>Sexyback</i> .	Justin <b><u>Timberlake</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Recently announcing his resignation after nearly 10 years in the role, Justin Trudeau is (for now) still the Prime Minister of Canada and still the leader of what centre-left Canadian political party?	<b><u>Liberal</u></b> Party
<b>Q3</b> Launched in 2007, early internet video broadcast platform Justin.tv allowed any user to create their own TV channel. In 2011, it separated its Gaming section to a new site, under what name? This site proved so popular that, by 2014, Justin.tv itself closed down while the gaming channel was bought by Amazon.	<b><u>Twitch</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> American singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Justin Vernon (born 1981) is best-known as the frontman of which indie folk band? In 2012, the band won the Grammy Award for Best Alternative Music Album for their eponymous second album.	<b><u>Bon Iver</u></b> [" <i>bon e-vair</i> "]

### A Stitch in Time

<b>Q1</b> In which type of simple running stitch is the thread woven in rows along the grain of the fabric, with the stitcher reversing direction at the end of each row? It is used for repairing fabric damage or holes that do not run along a seam.	<b><u>Darning</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Which hand-sewing stitch, commonly used in bookbinding, uses two threads in alternating running stitches through a single line of holes? It takes its name from a piece of equine equipment.	<b><u>Saddle</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> What is the name of the most common mechanical stitch made by sewing machines? This stitch uses two threads, an upper and a lower, which are entwined together in the hole in the fabric they pass through.	<b><u>Lockstitch</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Sometimes called the mattress stitch, what type of stitch can be used to invisibly close seams from the outside of the garment or item? It is primarily used to close seams on stuffed items, such as pillows, mattresses or stuffed toys.	<b><u>Ladder</u></b>



### **RTÉ Sportsperson of the Year**

<b>Q1</b> Receiving his award last month, Paul O'Donovan is the most recent winner of RTÉ Sportsperson of the Year, an appropriate choice since in 2024 he became the first Irish competitor to medal at 3 separate Olympics when he took gold alongside Fintan McCarthy in what sport?	<b><u>Rowing</u></b> (accept lightweight double <b><u>sculls</u></b> )
<b>Q2</b> Which athlete holds the record for winning RTÉ Sportsperson of the Year the most times? She won the award five times, including in three successive years (1993-95). Her other wins were in 1998 and 2000.	Sonia <b><u>O'Sullivan</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> In what year did RTE first present its Sportsperson of the Year award? The inaugural winner was boxer Barry McGuigan who had become WBA Featherweight champion earlier that year.	<b><u>1985</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Which sport has provided both the oldest winner of the award (in 1989) and the youngest winner (in 2011)?	<b><u>Golf</u></b> (Christy O'Connor Jr, 41 / Rory McIlroy, 22)

### **Coffee Pods**

<b>Q1</b> Which coffee pod system was patented by Nestlé in 1976? Initially launched with limited success in 1986, its popularity started to grow a decade later when Nestle licensed production by other companies, which led to reduced prices for machines but increased prices for capsules.	<b><u>Nespresso</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Which other coffee capsule system was also developed by Nestle and launched in 2006, with machines produced by hardware manufacturers Krups and De'Longhi? In contrast to Nespresso, this system can produce drinks other than coffee, including tea and hot chocolate.	<b><u>Dolce Gusto</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> Which hot beverage system, developed by Kraft Foods, was first introduced in France in 2004? This system utilises proprietary non-reusable plastic beverage pods called T-Discs.	<b><u>Tassimo</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Which company developed and manufactures the K-Cup, the dominant single serve coffee container in the USA? Founded in 1992, in July 2018 this company merged with Dr Pepper Snapple Group and its name is now used alongside Dr Pepper for its parent company.	<b><u>Keurig</u></b> [" <i>cure-ig</i> "]

### Extinct Giants

<b>Q1</b> What is the commonly used three-word name of the Smilodon, an extinct carnivore that lived throughout the Americas during the Pleistocene epoch (2.5 million to 10,000 years ago)? The character Diego, as voiced by Denis Leary in the six movies of the <i>Ice Age</i> franchise, is one of these animals.	<b><u>Sabre-Toothed Tiger</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> The 2018 film <i>The Meg</i> , and its 2023 sequel <i>Meg 2: The Trench</i> , are both based on the premise that a member of the extinct species Megalodon has survived to the present day. The Megalodon was the largest example of which type of marine animal?	<b><u>Shark</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> The elephant-sized <i>Megatherium americanum</i> , a native of South America from the Early Pliocene through to around 12,000 years ago, was one of 30 members of the now-extinct group of ground-dwelling variants of which surviving animals? The extant members of these animals are all tree-dwelling.	<b><u>Sloth</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Reaching up to 2 metres in length and 400 kilograms in weight, which extinct group of large, herbivorous armadillos lived in South America from the Pliocene, around 3.2 million years ago, to the early Holocene, around 11,000 years ago?	<b><u>Glyptodon / Glyptodont</u></b>

### Batman Villains

<b>Q1</b> Name this Batman villain? Edward Nashton, a.k.a. Edward Nygma, is a criminal mastermind who has a compulsion to challenge Batman by leaving clues to his crimes in the form of puzzles and word games.	<b><u>Riddler</u></b>
<b>Q2</b> Name this Batman villain? Oswald Cobblepot, a devious, short-statured crime boss who is seldom seen without at least one of his trick umbrellas.	The <b><u>Penguin</u></b>
<b>Q3</b> Name this Batman villain? Pamela Isley, a doctor of botany-turned-misanthropic eco-terrorist in Gotham City. She has the ability to control all plant life and can create new henchmen with her mutated seeds.	<b><u>Poison Ivy</u></b>
<b>Q4</b> Name this Batman villain? Waylon Jones, a former sideshow wrestler who suffers from a rare genetic condition that gives him a reptilian appearance and superhuman strength.	<b><u>Killer Croc</u></b>