

Irish Quiz League questions

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All questions correct as of the above date



Individual questions

Round 1

Q1 (Team A Player 1)	Caused when encountering an obstacle or travelling through an aperture, what name is given to the deviation of waves from a straight-line source without any change in their energy? A namesake pattern refers to an image of the different directions of the waves after this deviation.	<u>Diffraction</u>
Q2 (Team B Player 1)	Which branch of zoology is concerned with the study of amphibians and reptiles?	<u>Herpetology.</u>
Q3 (Team A Player 2)	Often flavoured with coffee or vanilla, which Italian dessert consists of sweetened cream thickened with gelatin and finished in a mould?	<u>Panna cotta</u>
Q4 (Team B Player 2)	Born in Cork in 1956, which Irish artist represented Ireland at the 1993 Venice Biennale? Central to this lady's work in sculpture, photography and video are themes of sexual and cultural identity, personal history and memory.	Dorothy <u>Cross</u>
Q5 (Team A Player 3)	Premiering in 2024, which American legal drama television series is a reboot of an earlier series which aired between 1986 and 1995? In the current series, the gender-flipped title character is played by Kathy Bates.	<u>Matlock</u>
Q6 (Team B Player 3)	Introduced in 1979 and manufactured until 2012, which car model produced by Russian manufacturer VAZ was introduced to Ireland in 1983? Today this model, derived from the Fiat 124, is referred to as the Lada Classic. However, it was sold under a different name in the Irish and UK markets between 1983 and 1997.	Lada <u>Riva</u> / Lada <u>Nova</u>
Q7 (Team A Player 4)	Designed by architect Antoni Gaudí, the construction of which large Roman Catholic church in Barcelona began in 1882? At the time of writing, the building is still unfinished.	<u>Sagrada Familia</u>
Q8 (Team B Player 4)	Which Iron Age culture developed and flourished across central Europe during the late Iron Age (from c. 450 BCE to the Roman conquest)? This culture's name comes from a site on the north side of Lake Neuchâtel in Switzerland, where thousands of objects were discovered after the water level dropped in 1857.	<u>La Tène</u>

Round 3

Q1 (Team B Player 1)	The Saatse Boot is an area of 115 hectares of Russian territory that extends into which neighbouring country? Previously open to commuters provided they did not stop en route, this country's Road 178 traverses this territory. However, this road was permanently closed by the nation's military in 2025.	<u>Estonia</u>
Q2 (Team A Player 1)	Even though his name is rarely featured in the title of games, which character is the protagonist in all but one of <i>The Legend of Zelda</i> series of video games?	<u>Link</u>
Q3 (Team B Player 2)	Which luxury luggage maker was founded in Paris in 1853? Famous customers have included most of Europe's royal families, up to modern-day celebrities like Madonna, Victoria Beckham and English footballer Jude Bellingham. This company's bags can only be purchased in one of its 30 boutiques worldwide as it refuses to sell online.	<u>Goyard</u>
Q4 (Team A Player 2)	Their cover of John Denver's <i>Leaving on a Jet Plane</i> , which reached No. 2 in 1970, is the highest-charting hit on the Irish charts for which American folk trio?	<u>Peter, Paul and Mary.</u>
Q5 (Team B Player 3)	Best known as a co-founder of 20th Century Fox, which American film producer and studio executive (1902-79) was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture (and its equivalent titles) on 15 occasions, winning for <i>How Green Was My Valley</i> , <i>Gentleman's Agreement</i> and <i>All About Eve</i> ?	Darryl F. <u>Zanuck</u>
Q6 (Team A Player 3)	Una Healy, the Irish-born member of girl group The Saturdays, is a niece of which Irish singer-songwriter? One of this man's signature songs is his 1991 hit <i>The Marquee in Drumlish</i> .	Declan <u>Nerney</u> .
Q7 (Team B Player 4)	On March 10th, 2026, who scored 83 points in an NBA game against the Washington Wizards: now the second-highest scoring game by any player in NBA history?	Bam <u>Adebayo</u> (Miami Heat)
Q8 (Team A Player 4)	The cover of the 1969 first edition of which famous book by Mario Puzo depicts a hand holding a puppet controller, from which part of the title hangs on strings?	The <u>Godfather</u>

Round 5

Q1 (Team A Player 1)	La Tène succeeded which prior archaeological culture of Central and Western Europe, which lasted from the Late Bronze Age to the early Iron Age? Divided into four time periods, designated A to D, it is named for a site near Salzburg in Austria.	<u>Hallstatt</u>
Q2 (Team B Player 1)	Danny O'Reilly, the lead singer of Irish rock band The Coronas, is the son of which Irish singer ? One of this lady's signature songs is her 1989 hit <i>No Frontiers</i> .	Mary <u>Black</u>
Q3 (Team A Player 2)	Born in Tipperary in 1956, which Irish artist represented Ireland at the São Paulo Art Biennial in 1994? This lady produces art in a range of media, including sculpture, photography and installation, using matter from the natural and domestic world, such as hair, nettles, bees and thorns.	Alice <u>Maher</u>
Q4 (Team B Player 2)	In which city can one find the Ryugyong Hotel, one of the world's largest unfinished buildings? Construction on this pyramid-shaped skyscraper began in 1987, but was halted in 1992 following an economic downturn.	<u>Pyongyang</u> , North Korea
Q5 (Team A Player 3)	Which car model , derived from the Fiat 128 and manufactured by the Zastava corporation in modern-day Serbia, was sold in the Irish market from 1985 to 1992?	<u>Yugo</u> / <u>Jugo</u> / <u>Koral</u>
Q6 (Team B Player 3)	Konami's <i>Metal Gear</i> series of video games follow the adventures of lead characters all bearing what code name ? Iterations include the original character, his body double, and several cloned sons, products of a top-secret government project to artificially create an army of super-soldiers.	<u>Snake</u> (various forenames including Solid, Naked, Liquid and Solidus)
Q7 (Team A Player 4)	Nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture on 19 occasions, which American film producer (1898-1986) took home the award just once, for the 1942 classic <i>Casablanca</i> ?	Hal B. <u>Wallis</u>
Q8 (Team B Player 4)	The cover of the 1974 first edition of which famous book by Peter Benchley depicts a woman swimming from left to right while a large fish approaches her vertically from below?	<u>Jaws</u>

Round 7

Q1 (Team B Player 1)	His cover of John Denver's <i>Annie's Song</i> , which reached No. 2 in 1978, is the highest-charting hit on the Irish charts for which Belfast-born flute player ?	James <u>Galway</u>
Q2 (Team A Player 1)	Measuring 72 km in length but averaging only 2 km in width, the Khlong Yai district is a panhandle of Thailand created by various land treaties with France in the first decade of the 20th century. Today it forms part of Thailand's border with which other country ?	<u>Cambodia</u>
Q3 (Team B Player 2)	Which American crime drama television series , that premiered in 2021 and aired for five seasons, is a reboot of an original series broadcast between 1985 and 1989? In the recent series, the gender-flipped lead character was played by Queen Latifah.	The <u>Equalizer</u>
Q4 (Team A Player 2)	Which branch of zoology is concerned with the study of crustaceans?	<u>Carcinology</u>
Q5 (Team B Player 3)	First documented in a French cookbook of 1897, which dessert consists of a moulded cooked custard, topped with a sauce made by heating sugars to high temperatures?	<u>Crème Caramel</u> / <u>Flan</u>
Q6 (Team A Player 3)	On December 15th 2025 against the Utah Jazz, who became the youngest player to score over 40 points in an NBA game? This No. 1 pick in the 2025 draft managed 42 points in that game, at the tender age of 18 years and 359 days.	Cooper <u>Flagg</u> (Dallas Mavericks)
Q7 (Team B Player 4)	What name is given to the redirection of a wave as it passes from one medium to another? An example of this phenomenon occurs when a light wave travels through air and then passes into water: it slows and changes direction.	<u>Refraction</u>
Q8 (Team A Player 4)	Which luxury fashion house , established in 1966 in Vicenza but now based in Milan, is known for its exclusive handbags and holdalls? The brand became internationally famous in 1980 when actress Lauren Hutton carried their Intrecciato bag in the movie <i>American Gigolo</i> . Contemporary owners include actor Jacob Elordi and footballer Bukayo Saka.	<u>Bottega Veneta</u>

Team questions

Tribunals

Q1	The Moriarty Tribunal, officially called the Tribunal of Inquiry into Certain Payments to Politicians and Related Matters, was an inquiry established in 1997 to examine the financial affairs of two politicians. One of these was former Taoiseach Charles Haughey. Who was the other , a man who is still a sitting TD today?	Michael <u>Lowry</u> .
Q2	A rare case where an inquiry wasn't named after its presiding judge, the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Beef Processing Industry was established in May 1991. It was set up to inquire into malpractice in the Irish beef processing industry, mainly centred on the activities of which Louth businessman ?	Larry <u>Goodman</u>
Q3	The Costello inquiry, named after Judge Declan Costello, was established in 1979 to investigate the causes of which tragic event ? This event is named after the small island in County Cork where an oil tanker named Betelgeuse exploded at the oil terminal's offshore jetty, causing the deaths of 50 people.	<u>Whiddy</u> Island disaster
Q4	Name both of the judges who gave their name to the Tribunal of Inquiry into Certain Planning Matters and Payments, which was established by the Dáil in 1997? This tribunal ran until March 2012 and was the longest-running and most expensive public inquiry ever held in the Republic of Ireland.	Feargus <u>Flood</u> / Alan <u>Mahon</u> (need both)

Name That Comet

Q1	Shoemaker-Levy 9, a comet that entered the solar system in 1993, provided the first direct observation of an extraterrestrial collision of solar system objects when it crashed into which planet ?	<u>Jupiter</u>
Q2	Thirty-nine members of the California-based Heaven's Gate cult took their own lives in March 1997, with the intention of teleporting to a spaceship which they believed was flying behind which comet , then visible in the night's sky?	<u>Hale-Bopp</u>
Q3	Named for the Italian astronomer who first observed it in June 1858, which comet was the first to be captured in a photograph? It was also the second-brightest comet of the 19th century.	<u>Donati</u>
Q4	In what year of the 18th century did Comet Klinkenberg-Chéseaux appear in the night sky? Often referred to as "The Great Comet of" this year, it displayed dramatic and unusual effects for several months, including developing a 'fan' of six tails after reaching its perihelion.	<u>1744</u>

Classic Children's Lit

Q1	David Jason (1989) and Mark Rylance (2016) have both provided the voice for which Roald Dahl character in film adaptations? This large figure is the title character of a book first published in 1982.	The BFG / Big Friendly Giant
Q2	Released in Irish cinemas last Friday, Claire Foy, Andrew Garfield and Nicola Coughlan are among the cast of a musical fantasy adventure film based on which series of books by Enid Blyton? The first novel in this series, <i>The Enchanted Wood</i> , was published in 1939.	The Magic Faraway Tree
Q3	One of the best-selling books ever published, <i>The Adventures of Pinocchio: Story of a Puppet</i> , is an 1883 children's fantasy novel by which Italian author ?	Carlo Collodi / Carlo Lorenzini
Q4	What is the name of the 1980 debut novel by English author William Horwood? Telling the story of anthropomorphic moles living in Moledom, a vast community spread across the British countryside, its success was such that it spawned five follow-up books.	Duncton Wood

Ladies FOTY

Q1	Which Spanish international footballer is the current holder of the awkwardly titled "The Best FIFA Women's Player", previously known as FIFA Women's World Player of the Year? This lady is also the record winner of the title, with last year's win being her third.	Aitana Bonmatí
Q2	Which Irish sports star , a previous winner of rugby's Six Nations (2015) and the Women's FAI Cup (2011), was named the 2025 Senior Players' Player of the Year in Ladies' Gaelic Football? This lady also won the Golden Boot, after scoring a total of 6-28 in the senior championship.	Hannah Tyrell
Q3	Who is the most recent winner of the FAI Senior Women's Player of the Year award? Currently on loan from Danish A-Liga club HB Køge, this forward for the Kansas City Current has played 32 times for the Republic of Ireland, scoring 10 goals.	Kyra Carusa
Q4	Which player , the wearer of the number 8 jersey as Canada reached the World Cup final last year, was subsequently named World Rugby Player of the Year 2025?	Sophie de Goede

Celtic Mysticism

Q1	Which Irish band were formed in 1970 in Gweedore, County Donegal, by siblings Ciarán, Pól and Moya Uí Bhraonáin (Brennan) and their twin uncles Noel and Pádraig Ó Dúgáin (Duggan)? Beginning as an acoustic folk group, their sound evolved in the 1980s and came to define its own Celtic genre.	<u>Clannad</u>
Q2	Singer Dolores Keane passed away recently. In 1975 she was one of the founding members of which Irish folk music group , some of whose music was also classified as Celtic? Keane left the group in 1976, and was replaced by Andy Irvine. However, she did rejoin the group for two albums in the mid-1980s.	<u>De Dannan</u>
Q3	The <i>Festival Interceltique</i> , founded in 1971, takes place each year in which coastal town , located in the Morbihan department of Brittany in western France?	<u>Lorient</u>
Q4	Which British electronic musician , brought up in the Cornish music scene, released the 2001 double album <i>Drukqs</i> ? While some of the album's tracks have English titles, such as <i>Father</i> and <i>Taking Control</i> , the majority are in the Cornish language.	<u>Aphex Twin</u> / Richard David <u>James</u>

RIP.ie 2025

Q1	Which Irish author, broadcaster and documentary maker passed away in October 2025, at the age of 55? This man's works covered a wide range of topics, but particularly the Irish language, culture, and the natural world.	Manchán <u>Magan</u>
Q2	Which Galway-born author of hard-boiled and noir crime fiction passed away in March 2025, at the age of 74? His most famous creation was former Garda Jack Taylor, portrayed on screen by Iain Glen in a TV series that aired from 2010-16.	Ken <u>Bruen</u>
Q3	Highly regarded for his role in the Northern Ireland peace process, which former civil servant, senator and TD passed away in September 2025, at the age of 78? Born and raised in Woking, England, this man died while on a trip to Western Sahara with other retired parliamentarians.	Martin <u>Mansergh</u> ["manzer"]
Q4	Which Irish novelist , winner of the Whitbread Book Award in 1979 for <i>The Old Jest</i> , passed away in February 2025 at the age of 95? This lady was a first cousin of Oscar-nominated actress Geraldine Fitzgerald.	Jennifer <u>Johnston</u>

Video Storage

Q1	Which Japanese company introduced U-matic, the world's first videocassette format, in 1971? Over the following 35 years, this company also launched Betamax, the Universal Media Disc (UMD) and was one of the leading developers of the Blu-ray optical disc format.	<u>Sony</u>
Q2	Apple launched which multimedia storage format and media player in 1991, revolutionising the use of video on computers? In 1998, the ISO approved its movie file format as the basis of MPEG-4.	<u>QuickTime</u>
Q3	Name any of the three related 8mm video tape formats marketed for use in camcorders between 1984 and 2007 by a consortium of five companies, including Sony? These competed successfully with VHS-C and Super VHS tape formats.	<u>Video8</u> / <u>Hi8</u> / <u>Digital8</u>
Q4	First conceived in 1964, which analogue video disc playback system was released by RCA in 1981 after 17 years of development? This system allowed video and audio to be played back on a TV using discs similar to phonograph records. However, by the time it launched it had already been made obsolete by laserdisc.	<u>Capacitance Electronic Disc</u> / <u>CED</u>

The End of Days

Q1	The 2004 entry in the <i>Resident Evil</i> movie franchise and the 2016 release in the <i>X-Men</i> movie franchise both share what subtitle? This is a concept originating in Judaism in the centuries following the Babylonian exile (597-587 BCE) but persisting in Christianity and Islam.	<u>Apocalypse</u>
Q2	Set in 16th century Mexico, the epic 2006 historical action-adventure film <i>Apocalypto</i> was produced and directed by which man, who also co-wrote the screenplay with Farhad Safinia?	Mel <u>Gibson</u>
Q3	Apocalyptica is a Finnish symphonic metal band from Helsinki, Finland, formed in 1993. They gained initial fame in 1996 when they released their debut album <i>Plays BLANK by Four Cellos</i> . The name of which American heavy metal band is missing from that title?	<u>Metallica</u>
Q4	Set during an electricity outage, <i>Apocalypse Clown</i> is a comedy which won Best Irish Film at the 2023 Galway Film Fleadh. It was written by Demian Fox, Shane O'Brien and James Walmsley who together perform as which comedy troupe? They also wrote and starred in the 2012 mockumentary <i>Discoverdale</i> .	<u>Dead Cat Bounce</u>