

Dublin Quiz League

Running order + individual questions

Season 10 Match 11 (23rd March 2026, 7:30pm)

Questions by Zapruder

(All questions correct as of the above date)



Start of quiz – Teams to toss a coin to determine A & B order

Round 1 (Individual) – Team A to go first

Q1a (Team A Player 1)	What folk/rock group reached the top of the Irish singles chart in May of last year with their song <i>Killeagh</i> ? ["kill-ah"]	<u>Kingfishr</u>
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	The home village of Kingfishr guitarist Eoin Fitzgibbon, the actual village of Killeagh is located in what Irish county ?	<u>Cork</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	With 146 caps between 1998 and 2016, who is the most-capped international for the Republic of Ireland senior men's soccer team?	Robbie <u>Keane</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	With 137 caps between 2009 and 2025, who is the most-capped international for the Ireland senior men's rugby union team?	Cian <u>Healy</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Sharing its name with a video game franchise, what term in nuclear physics is given to the amount of time it takes for a certain quantity of unstable atoms to undergo radioactive decay?	<u>Half-life</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Sharing its name with a video game franchise, what term in nuclear physics is given to radioactive particles that are carried into the atmosphere following a nuclear explosion?	<u>Fallout</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	A pair of statues commemorating Catholic martyrs stand outside St Mary's Cathedral (formerly the Pro-Cathedral) on Dublin's Marlborough Street. One of the statues is of what woman (1515-1584), who, despite being the widow of a Lord Mayor of Dublin, was arrested for her adherence to the Catholic faith and died of deprivation in the dungeons of Dublin Castle?	Margaret <u>Ball</u> (born Margaret <u>Bermingham</u>)
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	The other Catholic martyr statue outside St. Mary's Cathedral is of what man (1550-1621), the husband of Margaret Ball's granddaughter? Elected Mayor of Dublin 1595, he died in Dublin Castle in 1621, seven years after being imprisoned for refusing to give up his Catholic faith.	Francis <u>Taylor</u>

Round 2 (Team) – Team A to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Round 3 (Individual) – Team B to go first

Q1b (Team B Player 1)	In Irish education, some schools receive extra funding due to being designated as DEIS [<i>"desh"</i>] schools. In this acronym, if the "IS" stands for "In Schools", what do the initials DE stand for?	<u>Delivering Equality</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	In Irish politics, SIPO is an independent body responsible for monitoring the ethical conduct, transparency and accountability of politicians and civil servants. In this acronym, if the "SI" stands for "Standards In", what do the initials PO stand for?	<u>Public Office</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	What fast-growing indoor fitness craze describes itself as the "World Series of Fitness Racing", blending running with functional strength work? Over 1,200 participants and 15,000 spectators attended the most recent such competition in Dublin (last November in the RDS).	<u>HYROX</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	What exercise program , founded in 2019 by former DCU lecturer Dr. Noel McCaffrey, provides structured, community-based, and medically supervised exercise rehabilitation for people with chronic illnesses?	<u>ExWell</u> Medical
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Which major tributary of the River Shannon rises in Oldcastle, County Meath and flows south-west nearly 90 kilometres before joining the Shannon at Lough Ree?	River <u>Inny</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Which major tributary of the River Shannon rises on the Mayo/Roscommon border and flows south-east over 130 kilometres before joining the Shannon near the village of Shannonbridge, County Offaly?	River <u>Suck</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Published in October last year, Eimear Ní Bhraonáin's book <i>The Dodger</i> is about the fall of what disgraced Kilkenny hurling star , currently serving a 5½ year jail sentence after being found guilty of deception?	DJ <u>Carey</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Published in October last year, Keith O'Loughlin's book <i>Full Throttle: Lessons from a Life of Motorsport, Money and Mischief</i> is a biography of what recently-deceased former racing driver and Formula 1 team owner?	Eddie <u>Jordan</u>

Round 4 (Team) – Team B to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Round 5 (Individual) – Team A to go first

Q1a (Team A Player 1)	In January, what Kerry GAA club won this year's All-Ireland Senior Club Football Championships, their first All-Ireland title?	<u>Dingle</u> / <u>Daingean</u> Uí Chúis
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	In January, what Waterford GAA club won this year's All-Ireland Senior Club Hurling Championships? It was their second All-Ireland title, having previously won in 2022.	<u>Ballygunner</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Reaching the top of the Irish albums chart upon its release in February last year, <i>So Close to What</i> is the most recent album by what Canadian singer ?	Tate <u>McRae</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Reaching the top of the Irish albums chart upon its release in January this year, <i>With Heaven on Top</i> is the most recent album by what American country singer ?	Zach <u>Bryan</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Created by Irish artist Jackie McKenna and unveiled in 1988, the sculpture <i>Meeting Place</i> depicts two women sitting on a bench with shopping bags at their feet (hence sometimes nicknamed "The Hags with the Bags"). It can be found on what northside Dublin street ?	<u>Liffey</u> Street
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Created by American sculptor Marjorie Fitzgibbon and unveiled in 1990, the famous sculpture of James Joyce leaning on his cane (hence sometimes nicknamed "The Prick with the Stick") can be found on what northside Dublin street ?	<u>North Earl</u> Street
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	One of the world's worst nuclear accidents occurred at what Ukrainian nuclear power plant in 1986, when a botched safety test caused one of the plant's reactors to overload and explode?	<u>Chernobyl</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Another of the world's worst nuclear accidents occurred at what Japanese nuclear power plant in 2011, when an earthquake and tsunami caused a partial meltdown in three of the plant's reactors?	<u>Fukushima</u>

Round 6 (Team) – Team A to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Round 7 (Individual) – Team B to go first

Q1b (Team B Player 1)	Currently No. 1 on the Easons fiction bestseller list, <i>The Island Retreat</i> is the latest novel by which female Irish author , whose previous books include <i>Someone Like You</i> and <i>The Year That Changed Everything</i> ?	Cathy <u>Kelly</u> .
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	Currently No. 2 on the Easons fiction bestseller list, <i>In Glass Houses</i> is the latest novel by which female Irish author , whose previous books include <i>In Her Place</i> and <i>Breaking Point</i> ?	Edel <u>Coffey</u> .
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Of the 32 counties of Ireland, the name of which county comes first alphabetically?	<u>Antrim</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Of the 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland, the name of which county comes first alphabetically?	<u>Carlow</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Name the renowned Tipperary-born fashion designer who last year designed President Catherine Connolly's inauguration outfit, having previously done the same for Mary Robinson's inauguration in 1990?	Louise <u>Kennedy</u> .
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Name the renowned Dublin-born fashion designer who passed away in November last year aged 80? Best known in recent years for his successful fashion and homewares collaboration with Dunnes Stores, in the 1980s and 90s he had served as the personal designer to Princess Diana.	Paul <u>Costelloe</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	For over half a century, the Capuchin Day Centre near Smithfield has helped feed Dublin's homeless. The centre was founded in the late 1960s by what Capuchin friar , who died last year aged 90? First or last name acceptable.	Kevin <u>Crowley</u> / Brother <u>Kevin</u> (accept either)
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	For over 40 years, Focus Ireland has helped homeless people across the country find accommodation. It was founded in the mid-1980s by what Kerry-born nun and social justice campaigner , who died last year aged 86? First or last name acceptable.	Stanislaus <u>Kennedy</u> / Sister <u>Stan</u> (accept either)

Round 8 (Team) – Team B to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Spare questions (Use only if needed)

Q1	Defeating the New England Patriots 29-13, what American football team won this year's Super Bowl?	<u>Seattle Seahawks</u> (accept either part)
Q2	What Grammy-winning English singer released the acclaimed 2025 album <i>The Art of Loving</i> ?	Olivia <u>Dean</u>
Q3	Born in Belfast in 1944, name the Jesuit priest whose namesake Trust has spent almost 50 years providing shelter for the homeless in Dublin, primarily in the north-east inner city?	Fr Peter <u>McVerry</u> .
Q4	What former Connacht rugby player plays the lead role of Ser Duncan the Tall (a.k.a. "Dunk") in the <i>Game of Thrones</i> spin-off series <i>A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms</i> ?	Peter <u>Claffey</u> .

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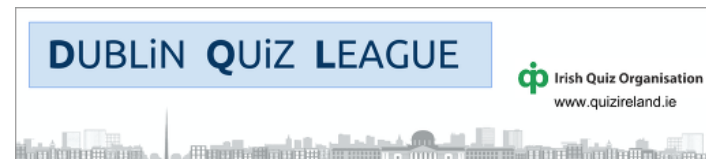
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First Ministers

Q1	Before the role of Taoiseach was created in the 1937 Constitution, who was the first Prime Minister of the Irish Free State (officially titled President of the Executive Council), between 1922 and 1932? Decades later, his son would also serve as Taoiseach.	W.T. <u>Cosgrave</u>
Q2	Holding the position from 1997 to 2006, who was the first woman to serve as Tánaiste or deputy prime minister of Ireland? At the time, she was also making history as the first female leader of a political party in the Dáil.	Mary <u>Harney</u> .
Q3	Who was the first openly gay woman to serve as an Irish cabinet minister? This former Senator served as the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs between 2016 and 2020.	Katherine <u>Zappone</u>
Q4	Who was the first-ever Jewish cabinet minister in Ireland? He served as Minister for Equality and Law Reform during the 1990s, and was a key figure in the 1995 referendum to remove the constitutional ban on divorce.	Mervyn <u>Taylor</u>

Cities of Ireland

Q1	In 2024, Limerick became the first Irish city to have a directly-elected mayor, when voters chose what former solicitor and businessman to serve a five-year term?	John <u>Moran</u>
Q2	What is the only "ceremonial city" in Ireland? This Leinster town of 27,000 inhabitants does not have official city status from a local government perspective, however a 2014 law allows the continued use of "city" as a description, a tradition dating back to 1609 when it was awarded a royal charter by King James I.	<u>Kilkenny</u> .
Q3	What Munster town , population 4,800, previously had city status under a royal charter granted by King Charles I in 1637, until it was removed in 1840?	<u>Cashel</u>
Q4	There are currently six official cities in Northern Ireland: Belfast, Derry plus 4 more which have all been granted city status since the 1990s. Please name any THREE of them?	<u>Armagh</u> / <u>Bangor</u> / <u>Lisburn</u> / <u>Newry</u> (accept any 3)

Not Musical Turnips

(Four questions about musical Swedes)

Q1	Apart from Ireland's Johnny Logan, what Swedish singer is the only other act to have won the Eurovision Song Contest twice? Her winning songs were <i>Euphoria</i> in 2012 and <i>Tattoo</i> in 2023.	<u>Loreen</u>
Q2	<i>Wake Me Up</i> and <i>Hey Brother</i> were 2013 hits for what Swedish DJ and producer (1989-2018), whose real name was Tim Bergling?	<u>Avicii</u> ["ah-vee-chee"]
Q3	Released in 1994, Swedish band The Cardigans named their debut album after what long-running British TV series , which at the time was shown daily on Swedish TV?	<u>Emmerdale</u>
Q4	The worldwide 2017 hit <i>Symphony</i> by Clean Bandit featured which Swedish singer on vocals? She had her own hits earlier in the 2010s, including the songs <i>I Would Like</i> and <i>Lush Life</i> .	Zara <u>Larsson</u>

Regioni d'Italia

Q1	Regarded as the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, which region of Italy includes the historical cities of Florence, Pisa, and Siena?	<u>Tuscany</u>
Q2	Rome is situated in what Italian region? This region also gives its name to a Serie A football team who play in Rome's Stadio Olimpico.	<u>Lazio</u>
Q3	Last year, the Italian government approved a controversial project to build the world's longest suspension bridge across the Straits of Messina, connecting Sicily with which Italian region , the "toe" of Italy's so-called "boot"?	<u>Calabria</u>
Q4	Which of the 20 regions of Italy is both the smallest and the least-populated? This mountainous region with a population of 122,000 is situated on the French-Italian border, in the shadow of Mont Blanc.	Valle d' <u>Aosta</u> / <u>Aosta</u> Valley

Off With Their Heads

(A round on notable people executed by guillotine during the French Revolution)

Q1	Born in Vienna in 1755, which famous Queen of France was executed by guillotine in October 1793, several months after her husband, King Louis XVI?	<u>Marie Antoinette</u>
Q2	24-year-old Charlotte Corday was guillotined in July 1793 for assassinating which French revolutionary leader , whom she stabbed while he was in his bath? A famous painting by Jacques-Louis David [<i>"daveed"</i>] depicts the aftermath of this man's assassination.	Jean-Paul <u>Marat</u> [<i>"marrah"</i>]
Q3	Often referred to as "the father of modern chemistry", what pioneering French scientist made the first list of chemical elements, gave oxygen its name and helped devise the metric system? He was guillotined in May 1794 on trumped-up charges relating to tax fraud, for which he was later exonerated.	Antoine <u>Lavoisier</u> [<i>"la-vwah-zee-ay"</i>]
Q4	What leading figure of the French Revolution was appointed Minister of Justice following the fall of the monarchy in 1792? A rival of Maximilien Robespierre, this man's repeated calls for an end to the Reign of Terror led to his arrest and execution in 1794 on charges of conspiracy.	Georges <u>Danton</u>

Kate's Oscar Nods

(Four questions on movies for which Kate Winslet received Oscar nominations)

Q1	The first of Kate Winslet's 7 Oscar nominations was for playing Marianne Dashwood in what 1995 film adaptation of a Jane Austen novel?	<u>Sense and Sensibility</u>
Q2	Winslet was also Oscar-nominated for her role in what 2004 sci-fi romantic drama film , in which she starred with Jim Carrey as a couple who attempt to erase their memories of each other after they break up?	<u>Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind</u> (allow reasonably close answer)
Q3	Out of her 7 nominations, Kate Winslet has so far won the Oscar only once: for playing a former Nazi camp guard in what 2008 film ?	The <u>Reader</u>
Q4	The 5th of Winslet's 7 Oscar nominations came for which 2006 satirical melodrama , in which she plays an unhappy housewife who has an affair with a married neighbour, played by Patrick Wilson?	<u>Little Children</u>

Rory Who?

Q1	For over two decades, the town of Ballyshannon, County Donegal has held an annual festival in honour of what Irish musician , singer, and virtuoso rock guitarist, who died in 1995 at the age of 47?	Rory <u>Gallagher</u>
Q2	In the Daniel Craig-era James Bond movies, the role of Bill Tanner (M's chief of staff) was played by which English actor ? Also known for his roles in <i>Bank of Dave</i> , <i>The Imitation Game</i> and <i>Black Mirror</i> , his father Roy was a well-known comedic actor of the 70s and 80s.	Rory <u>Kinnear</u>
Q3	Name the British academic, broadcaster, writer, and former Conservative MP who since 2022 has co-hosted the popular podcast <i>The Rest Is Politics</i> with Alastair Campbell?	Rory <u>Stewart</u>
Q4	Name the British advertising executive who wrote the acclaimed 2019 book <i>Alchemy: The Power of Ideas That Don't Make Sense</i> ? He has become an unlikely TikTok star, with over 2.6 million likes for his video clips explaining the principles behind marketing and behavioural science.	Rory <u>Sutherland</u>

Increasing Numbers

(The answers in this round are all numbers, of increasing length. An exact answer is required in each case)

Q1	What single-digit number is also the number of Irish counties that border Tipperary?	<u>8</u>
Q2	Released in September 2025, what two-digit number is the model number of the current iPhone?	<u>17</u>
Q3	No doubt you remember from school that adding the three angles inside a triangle always gives you 180°. What three-digit number do you get instead if you sum the internal angles of a hexagon?	<u>720</u>
Q4	Launched by Intel in 1971, what four-digit number was the brand name of the world's very first commercial microprocessor? Advertised as "a computer on a chip", this 4-bit processor cost US\$60 at the time, equivalent to nearly US\$500 in today's money.	<u>4004</u>