

Dublin Quiz League

Running order + individual questions

Season 10 Match 15 (18th May 2026, 7:30pm)

Questions by The O'Connors Collective

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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 is the name of the process by which plants convert sunlight into energy?	<u>Photosynthesis</u>
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	What green pigment , mainly found in the leaves of plants, is the substance that allows plants to absorb sunlight during photosynthesis?	<u>Chlorophyll</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Born in Leicester in 1949, which English goalkeeper holds the current record of 125 caps for the English men's national football team?	Peter <u>Shilton</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Born in Carrara in 1978, which Italian goalkeeper holds the current record of 176 caps for the Italian men's national football team?	Gianluigi <u>Buffon</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	In the original 2003 Broadway production of <i>Wicked</i> , what singer and actress played the role of 'Wicked Witch of the West' Elphaba?	Idina <u>Menzel</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	In the original 2003 Broadway production of <i>Wicked</i> , what singer and actress played the role of Glinda the Good Witch?	Kristin <u>Chenoweth</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	What type of paella is made with rabbit, chicken, and sometimes snails or duck, along with green beans and butter beans? It is considered the "true" version of paella in the Spanish region where it originated.	Paella <u>Valenciana</u> (accept <u>Valencia</u>)
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	What is the other type of paella considered authentic in Valencian culinary tradition? This seafood version contains fish and shellfish, with no land-based meats.	Paella de <u>marisco</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)	Located in Athlone on the River Shannon and dating back to 900 AD, what is the current name of the pub that is traditionally known as the oldest pub in Ireland?	<u>Sean's Bar</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	Located on Bridge Street near Ushers Quay and dating back to 1198, what pub is generally known as the oldest pub in Dublin?	The <u>Brazen Head</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	In the acclaimed Amazon TV show <i>The Boys</i> , the titular vigilantes battle against a team of corrupt superheroes employed by what fictional corporation ?	<u>Vought</u> International
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Played by New Zealand actor Antony Starr, what amoral superhero , best described as an evil version of Superman, is the main antagonist in <i>The Boys</i> ?	<u>Homelander</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	What horse is the most successful in Cheltenham Gold Cup history, winning the race five times in a row in the 1930s – the only horse ever to do so – as well as being the only horse to win the Gold Cup and Grand National in the same year?	<u>Golden Miller</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Name the English horse trainer best known for the extraordinary feat of training all of the top 5 finishers in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup – the only trainer ever to achieve this in the race's history?	Michael <u>Dickinson</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Name the fictional detective played by Morgan Freeman in the movies <i>Along Came a Spider</i> and <i>Kiss The Girls</i> , and by Tyler Perry in a 2012 film whose title is simply the detective's name?	Alex <u>Cross</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Alex Cross is a fictional creation of what American author (born 1947), one of the best-selling and highest-earning living novelists?	James <u>Patterson</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)	Often considered one of the best video games of all time, <i>Super Mario World</i> was originally sold as a bundle with what video game console by Nintendo , released in late 1990 in Japan and in Europe two years later?	<u>Super NES</u> / <u>Super Nintendo</u> Entertainment System / <u>SNES</u> / <u>Super</u> <u>Famicom</u>
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	Often considered one of the best video games of all time, <i>Sonic the Hedgehog</i> was originally sold as a bundle with what video game console by Sega , released in late 1988 in Japan and in Europe two years later?	Sega <u>Mega Drive</u> / Sega <u>Genesis</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	What was the two-word title of Snow Patrol's breakthrough album, released in 2003? It featured the hit <i>Run</i> , which later became one of their signature songs after heavy rotation on UK radio.	<u>Final Straw</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Released in 2006, what was the two-word title of the Snow Patrol album which was the follow-up to <i>Final Straw</i> ? It included the hit <i>Chasing Cars</i> which has become their most well-known and most-streamed song.	<u>Eyes Open</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Its construction ordered in 122 CE by the Roman emperor after which it was named, what 118 km-long wall in northern England was intended to mark the northern boundary of Roman Britain?	<u>Hadrian's</u> Wall
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Name ANY of the three traditional counties in the north of England through which Hadrian's Wall passes?	<u>Tyne and Wear</u> / <u>Northumberland</u> / <u>Cumbria</u> (accept any)
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	The 2025 documentary <i>I Like Me</i> explores the life and legacy of which iconic Canadian comedian and actor (1950-1994)?	John <u>Candy</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	The 2026 documentary <i>Life is Short</i> explores the life and legacy of which iconic Canadian comedian and actor (born 1950)?	Martin <u>Short</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)	With a population of just 7,000, what is the capital of the Canadian territory of Nunavut?	<u>Iqaluit</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	With a population of 20,000, what is the capital of Canada's Northwest Territories?	<u>Yellowknife</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	First performed in Dublin's Olympia Theatre in 1965, what play by John B. Keane centres around a farmer named Bull McCabe and his increasingly desperate efforts to gain ownership of a contentious plot of land in rural Ireland?	The <u>Field</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	What iconic Irish actor (1930-2002) starred as Bull McCabe in the 1990 film adaptation of <i>The Field</i> ?	Richard <u>Harris</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	What Eastern European country won this year's Eurovision Song Contest on Saturday night, their first-ever win in the competition?	<u>Bulgaria</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Along with Ireland, name ANY of the four other countries who boycotted this year's Eurovision in protest at the continued participation of Israel?	<u>Iceland</u> / The <u>Netherlands</u> / <u>Slovenia</u> / <u>Spain</u> (accept any)
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	The 1851 painting <i>Washington Crossing the Delaware</i> is arguably the most well-known work by what German-born American artist ?	Emanuel <u>Leutze</u> ["loyt-zuh"]
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	The 1801 painting <i>Napoleon Crossing the Alps</i> is arguably the most well-known work by what French artist ?	Jacques-Louis <u>David</u> ["daveed"]

Round 8 (Team) – Team B to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Spare questions (Use only if needed)

Q1	This year's Eurovision Song Contest was held last Saturday night in which EU capital city?	<u>Vienna</u>
Q2	At the weekend, what county defeated Dublin in the final of this year's Leinster Men's Senior Football Championship, only the second time this county has lifted the Leinster title?	<u>Westmeath</u>
Q3	Name the fictional detective who is the heroine of the <i>Women's Murder Club</i> series of crime novels by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro? She was played by Angie Harmon in the 2007 TV show adapted from the novels.	Lindsay <u>Boxer</u>
Q4	Which coastal area near Valencia is most widely associated with the earliest documented versions of paella, where it was traditionally cooked by farmers and labourers over open fires?	L' <u>Albufera</u> lagoon

End of quiz

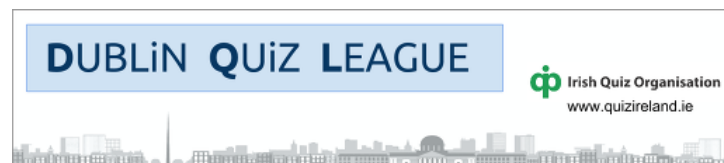
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Inconceivable

Q1	Name the actress who played the title character Princess Buttercup in the beloved 1987 fantasy movie <i>The Princess Bride</i> ? She went on to win a Golden Globe for playing First Lady (and later President) Claire Underwood in the Netflix series <i>House of Cards</i> .	Robin <u>Wright</u>
Q2	What is the name of the fictional country where <i>The Princess Bride</i> is set? This word was also the name of a two-shilling coin produced in Ireland and the UK prior to decimalisation.	<u>Florin</u>
Q3	The screenplay to <i>The Princess Bride</i> was written by what man , who also wrote the original 1973 novel on which it was based? During his Hollywood career he won two Oscars, for writing the screenplays to the films <i>Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid</i> and <i>All the President's Men</i> .	William <u>Goldman</u>
Q4	What is the name of Wallace Shawn's character in <i>The Princess Bride</i> , a crafty Sicilian criminal whose repeated exclamation " <i>Inconceivable!</i> " is one of the many memorable quotes from the film?	<u>Vizzini</u>

Monday Night Wars

Q1	The so-called "Monday Night Wars" of the late 1990s refers to two major wrestling competitions which were broadcast on US TV at the same time on Monday nights, in a battle for ratings between the World Wrestling Federation (WWF – nowadays WWE) and what rival organisation , also known by a three-letter initialism?	<u>World Championship Wrestling / WCW</u>
Q2	The Monday night ratings war was part of a larger overall struggle between the WWF and WCW, originating in personal animosity between the company's respective owners: Vince McMahon of the WWF and what recently-deceased media magnate , the owner and founder of WCW?	Ted <u>Turner</u>
Q3	<i>Monday Night Raw</i> was the title of WWF's flagship Monday night show – what "explosive" name was given to the rival WCW show?	Monday <u>Nitro</u>
Q4	Which wrestler , nicknamed 'The Total Package', was the first wrestler to jump ship from the WWF to the WCW during the Monday Night Wars?	Lex <u>Luger</u>

Give It A Lash

Q1	Reaching No. 1 in the Irish singles chart, the song <i>Give It A Lash Jack</i> by Liam Harrison and the GOAL Celebrities was written to celebrate the Republic of Ireland's participation in the FIFA World Cup of what year , the country's first qualification for the tournament?	<u>1990</u>
Q2	Which three teams did the Republic of Ireland face in the group stage of the 1990 World Cup?	<u>England</u> / <u>Egypt</u> / The <u>Netherlands</u> (need all three)
Q3	In Ireland's second round penalty shootout against Romania, other than David O'Leary's famous winning spot kick, name any three of the other four Irish players who successfully found the net during the shootout?	Kevin <u>Sheedy</u> / Ray <u>Houghton</u> / Andy <u>Townsend</u> / Tony <u>Cascarino</u> (accept any three)
Q4	Ireland were finally beaten in the quarter finals 1-0 by Italy. Which AC Milan midfielder's shot did Packie Bonner parry, allowing Toto Schillaci to score the winning goal?	Roberto <u>Donadoni</u>

Don't Call Them Zombies

Q1	Running between 2010 and 2022, what highly successful US TV series follows a group of survivors in post-apocalyptic Georgia under near-constant threat of attack from zombies caused by a highly infectious plague? Notably, the word "zombie" is never once uttered during the show.	The <u>Walking Dead</u>
Q2	Previously best known from his appearances in 90s TV show <i>This Life</i> and the 2003 movie <i>Love Actually</i> , what English actor plays Sheriff Rick Grimes, the central character in <i>The Walking Dead</i> ?	Andrew <u>Lincoln</u>
Q3	What American screenwriter and director developed and executive-produced <i>The Walking Dead</i> TV series? As a filmmaker, he is best known for directing several Stephen King movie adaptations, including <i>The Mist</i> , <i>The Green Mile</i> and <i>The Shawshank Redemption</i> .	Frank <u>Darabont</u>
Q4	The TV show <i>The Walking Dead</i> is based on the long-running graphic novel series of the same name, created by which American writer ?	Robert <u>Kirkman</u>

Battle for the Mediterranean

Q1	Involving over forty years of warfare on both land and sea across the western Mediterranean region, what name is given to the series of conflicts fought between the Roman Republic and the Carthaginian Empire from 264 to 146 BCE?	<u>Punic</u> Wars
Q2	The first major battle of the Second Punic War was the Battle of the Trebia in 218 BCE, when the Romans suffered a heavy defeat against Carthaginian forces led by what legendary general , who had led his troops across the Alps in the months prior?	<u>Hannibal</u>
Q3	Hannibal was finally defeated in 202 BCE at the Battle of Zama, by a Roman army led by what general and statesman ?	<u>Scipio</u> Africanus
Q4	Name the Roman senator of the 2nd century BCE who often ended his speeches with the phrase <i>Delenda est Carthago</i> meaning "Carthage must be destroyed"? His infectious anti-Carthage stance was one of the factors which led to the outbreak of the Third Punic War in 149 BCE, a conflict which did indeed end with the destruction of Carthage.	<u>Cato</u> the Elder / Marcus Porcius <u>Cato</u>

Write The Theme Tune, Sing The Theme Tune

Q1	In addition to starring in the show as the titular bodyguard, English actor Dennis Waterman also wrote and sang / <i>Could Be So Good For You</i> , the theme tune to what British comedy/drama TV series that ran from 1979 to 1994?	<u>Minder</u>
Q2	Although their biggest hit remains the 1998 song <i>One Week</i> , what Canadian band are also known for writing and performing the theme tune to US sitcom <i>The Big Bang Theory</i> ?	<u>Barenaked Ladies</u>
Q3	American alternative rock band They Might Be Giants won their first Grammy in 2002 for writing and performing what song , used as the theme tune for US sitcom <i>Malcolm in the Middle</i> ?	<u>Boss Of Me</u> (accept any answer that include those three words)
Q4	Previously the lead singer of US rock band Survivor, name the American singer who co-wrote and sang <i>I'm Always Here</i> (often referred to as <i>I'll Be Ready</i>), the theme tune to the 90s TV show <i>Baywatch</i> ?	Jimi <u>Jamison</u>

Stay Safe, Get Jabbed

Q1	Name the English physician who in 1796 discovered that people infected with the relatively mild cowpox virus became immune to smallpox, in the process discovering what is considered the world's first vaccine?	Edward <u>Jenner</u>
Q2	Which French chemist , considered the "Father of Microbiology", developed vaccines for rabies and anthrax in the 1880s?	Louis <u>Pasteur</u>
Q3	Often appearing alongside prime minister Boris Johnson during televised news conferences, name the epidemiologist who served as England's Chief Medical Officer during the COVID-19 pandemic? Despite some controversy and criticism regarding his advice during lockdown, he remains in the post to this day.	Chris <u>Whitty</u>
Q4	Name the Polish-American microbiologist who developed the oral polio vaccine in the late 1950s? Its easier application saw it supercede previous polio vaccines, including the one famously developed by Jonas Salk.	Albert <u>Sabin</u>

Superior Lakes

Q1	With an area of 383 km ² , what lake is by far the largest lake by area in the United Kingdom? It may help you to know that it is not located in Great Britain.	Lough <u>Neagh</u>
Q2	Its deepest point being over 1.6 km below the surface and estimated to hold nearly a quarter of all the fresh surface water on Earth, what lake in southern Siberia is the deepest lake in the world?	Lake <u>Baikal</u>
Q3	With an area of 2,766 km ² – slightly larger than County Limerick – Manitoulin Island is the world's largest lake island. It can be found in which major North American lake ?	Lake <u>Huron</u>
Q4	Globally renowned for its biodiversity and rare ecosystem, name the saltwater lake in west Cork which was designated as Europe's first Marine Nature Reserve in 1981? On very dark summer nights, this lake often sparkles and glows due to the presence of bio-luminescent plankton in the water.	Lough <u>Hyne</u>