

Dublin Quiz League

Running order + individual questions

Season 10 Match 16 (18th May 2026, 8:45pm)

Questions by The Hired Goons

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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)	On Saturday night, since Ireland boycotted this year's Eurovision Song Contest, instead RTÉ aired the classic <i>Father Ted</i> episode <i>A Song for Europe</i> . According to the song <i>My Lovely Horse</i> , which food item did Ted and Dougal want to shower the horse with?	<u>Sugar</u> lumps
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	Also according to the lyrics of <i>My Lovely Horse</i> , which healthcare professional did the two priests want to bring the horse to?	Horse <u>dentist</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	What is the 3-digit telephone area code for Cork city?	<u>021</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	What is the 3-digit telephone area code for Limerick city?	<u>061</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	With hits including <i>What You Know</i> and <i>Something Good Can Work</i> , which band from County Down will play Dublin's Fairview Park this summer as part of the 15th anniversary tour of their debut album?	<u>Two Door Cinema Club</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	With hits including <i>Walking on a Dream</i> and <i>We Are The People</i> , which Australian electronic music duo will also play Dublin's Fairview Park this summer?	<u>Empire of the Sun</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	What is the name of the recently-released game for the Nintendo Switch 2 in which players create characters on an island that spontaneously develop relationships with each other? Its name comes from the Japanese word for "friend".	<u>Tomodachi Life</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	What is the name of the recently-released game for the Nintendo Switch 2 in which players rebuild a town using the powers of various different Pokémon?	<u>Pokopia</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)	Who is the current Mayor of Greater Manchester? He is considered one of the leading figures to replace Sir Keir Starmer as British Prime Minister.	Andy <u>Burnham</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	Who is the recently resigned British Health Secretary, another leading figure to replace Sir Keir Starmer as British Prime Minister?	Wes <u>Streeting</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	<i>Saturn Devouring his Son</i> is one of the most famous works of what Spanish artist , who painted it on one of the walls of his house in Madrid in the early 1820s?	Francisco <u>Goya</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	<i>Metamorphosis of Narcissus</i> is one of the most famous works of what Spanish artist , who painted it while staying in a small village in the Austrian Alps in 1937?	Salvador <u>Dali</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Hilary Mantel is best known as the author of the <i>Wolf Hall</i> books about Thomas Cromwell and his relationship with Henry VIII. However her first foray into historical fiction was what 1992 novel , set during the French Revolution?	A <u>Place of Greater Safety</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	James Clavell is best known as the author of <i>Shogun</i> , a 1970s bestseller about an Englishman in medieval Japan. Published in 1962, what was the title of his debut novel, also the first part of his <i>Asian Saga</i> , set in a Japanese prison camp during World War Two?	<u>King Rat</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Which organ(s) of the human body contain structures called alveoli in which gas exchange occurs, removing carbon dioxide from the blood and replacing it with oxygen? Most humans are born with two of these organs.	<u>Lungs</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Which organ(s) of the human body contain structures called nephrons which filter blood to remove toxins and water? Most humans are born with two of these organs.	<u>Kidneys</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)	Which major religion is most associated with the Sinhalese ethnic group, which makes up about 75% of the population of Sri Lanka?	<u>Buddhism</u>
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	Which major religion is most associated with the Tamil ethnic group, which makes up about 15% of the population of Sri Lanka?	<u>Hindu</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	The ancient city of Petra, located in present day Jordan, was the capital of which ancient kingdom?	<u>Nabataean</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	The ancient city of Persepolis, located in present day Iran, was the capital of which ancient empire?	<u>Achaemenid</u> [<i>"ah-kee-men-id"</i>] (prompt on "Persian")
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	The upcoming by-election in Dublin Central was required due to the resignation of which former Fine Gael Minister to take up another role?	Paschal <u>Donohoe</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	The upcoming by-election in Galway West was required due to the resignation of which former independent TD to take up another role?	Catherine <u>Connolly</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Located in County Wicklow and standing 925 metres high, what is the tallest mountain in Leinster?	<u>Lugnaquilla</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Located in County Mayo and standing 814 metres high, what is the tallest mountain in Connacht?	<u>Mweelrea</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)	What is the Portuguese name for a cut of beef derived from the terminal end of the biceps femoris muscle? Particularly popular in Brazil, it is also known as "rump cap" or "top sirloin cap" in English.	<u>Picanha</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	What is the French name for a cut of beef derived from the internal oblique muscle? Particularly popular in France, it is also known as "flap steak" in English.	<u>Bavette</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	What is the collective noun for a group of lions?	<u>Pride</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	What is the collective noun for a group of fish?	<u>School</u> or <u>shoal</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	What boy's name is also the name of the AI chatbot released by Anthropic in 2023?	<u>Claude</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	What sign of the Zodiac is also the name of the AI chatbot released by Google DeepMind in 2023?	<u>Gemini</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	It's not rum, but what distilled spirit made from fermented sugarcane juice is the most popular alcoholic spirit consumed in Brazil?	<u>Cachaça</u> ["kah-shah-sah"] / <u>Pinga</u> / <u>Caninha</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Made with cachaça, sugar, lime, and ice, what cocktail is considered the national drink of Brazil?	<u>Caipirinha</u> ["ky-pir-eeen-ya"]

Round 8 (Team) – Team B to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Spare questions (Use only if needed)

Q1	From which country does Gouda cheese originate?	The <u>Netherlands</u>
Q2	What is the collective noun for a group of owls?	<u>Parliament</u>
Q3	Which Spanish artist is best known as a founder of the cubist movement? The 1937 painting <i>Guernica</i> ranks among his most famous works.	Pablo <u>Picasso</u>
Q4	The House of Wisdom, a major centre of learning during the Islamic golden ages, was located in which city ?	<u>Baghdad</u>

End of quiz

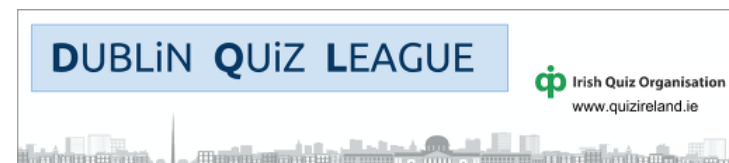
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Big Shot

(Big Shot is the title of a 1979 single from Billy Joel about success. Accordingly, here we ask four questions about winners and losers in this years provincial hurling and football championships)

Q1	Which county won this year's Connacht Senior Football Championship, their first title since 2019?	<u>Roscommon</u>
Q2	Which county is participating in this year's Leinster Senior Hurling Championship, their first appearance since 2004, having won the 2025 Joe McDonagh Cup?	<u>Kildare</u>
Q3	Last year's All-Ireland finalists Donegal were surprisingly knocked out of this year's Ulster Senior Football Championship by which county?	<u>Down</u>
Q4	This year's Munster Senior Football Championship was won by Kerry, their sixth title in a row. Name the last county other than Kerry to win this title?	<u>Tipperary</u>

The River of Dreams

(In 1993 Billy Joel released his album The River of Dreams. It's not quite a river, but here are four questions about a notable waterway in Dublin)

Q1	The line "All along the banks of the Royal Canal" is a repeated refrain in which iconic ballad written by Dublin songwriter Dick Shannon for Brendan Behan in the 1950s?	The <u>Auld Triangle</u>
Q2	The Auld Triangle is frequently sung by supporters of which League of Ireland team, whose home ground is located close to the canal?	<u>Bohemians</u> FC / <u>Bohs</u>
Q3	At which M50 junction does the Royal Canal cross over the motorway via a specially constructed aqueduct? (Junction number needed)	Junction <u>6</u> (Blanchardstown)
Q4	The Royal Canal stretches from Dublin's Spencer Dock 145 kilometres westwards until it meets the Shannon in what County Longford village?	<u>Cloondara</u>

Scenes from an Italian Restaurant

(Chosen as his best song by Rolling Stone magazine, Scenes from an Italian Restaurant was released by Billy Joel in 1977. Appropriately, here's a round on movies and movie scenes that take place in Italian restaurants)

Q1	In which Disney classic animated film do two dogs share a plate of spaghetti in the back alley behind an Italian restaurant? They are serenaded during their meal by an Italian waiter playing the accordion.	<u>Lady and the Tramp</u>
Q2	Which classic 1970s film includes a famous scene in an Italian restaurant where the characters Sollozzo and McCluskey are shot by a gun that had been hidden behind the cistern in the restaurant toilet?	The <u>Godfather</u>
Q3	In which 1996 film does Stanley Tucci star alongside Tony Shalhoub as brothers who open an Italian restaurant on the Jersey Shore?	<u>Big Night</u>
Q4	Name the 2025 Netflix movie in which Vince Vaughn plays a real life restaurateur who opens an Italian restaurant in which the chefs are all Italian-American grandmothers?	<u>Nonnas</u>

Only the Good Die Young

(In tribute to the 1978 Billy Joel single Only the Good Die Young, here are four questions about people who passed away at a young age)

Q1	Kurt Cobain, the lead singer of Nirvana, died in 1994 at what age , joining an infamous so-called "club" of celebrities who all died at the same age?	<u>27</u>
Q2	Which Brazilian formula 1 driver died in a crash in the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix aged 34?	Ayrton <u>Senna</u>
Q3	Following his untimely death from cancer aged 43, Chadwick Boseman was Oscar-nominated for his performance in his final feature film, where he played a 1920s musician called Levee Green. What 2020 film was this?	<u>Ma Rainey's Black Bottom</u>
Q4	<i>Friends</i> actor Matthew Perry was close friends with actor River Phoenix, who passed away aged 23. In his autobiography, Perry bemoaned the fact that Phoenix died young while another actor "still walks among us". Which actor (still alive to this day) was he referring to?	Keanu <u>Reeves</u>

We Didn't Start the Fire

(Four questions on people or events referenced in Billy Joel's 1989 hit single We Didn't Start the Fire)

Q1	Which prominent actress performed her final film role in 1956 before retiring from the screen and marrying Prince Rainier III of Monaco?	Grace <u>Kelly</u>
Q2	The nationalisation of which canal by the Egyptian government in 1955 was a major contributor to the second Arab-Israeli War?	The <u>Suez</u> Canal
Q3	The <i>Bridge on the River Kwai</i> (1957) and <i>Lawrence of Arabia</i> (1962) are Academy Award winning films by which British director ?	David <u>Lean</u>
Q4	The illegal practice of paying a radio station to play a song without disclosing the payment is referred to by what term ? This practice was exposed before a US congressional hearing in 1960 in a scandal that rocked the American music industry.	<u>Payola</u>

New York State of Mind

(Inspired by the Billy Joel song New York State of Mind, here are four questions about the Big Apple)

Q1	Originally founded as a Dutch settlement in 1624, what was the original name of New York City?	<u>New Amsterdam</u>
Q2	Billy Joel is sometimes referred to as "Long Island's Favourite Son" – which two New York City boroughs are located on Long Island?	<u>Queens</u> / <u>Brooklyn</u> (need both)
Q3	What is the name of the previous Mayor of New York City, who lost last year's Democratic Party primary to current mayor Zohran Mamdani? He initially ran as an independent but dropped out shortly before the election.	Eric <u>Adams</u>
Q4	<i>The Power Broker</i> by Robert Caro is widely considered one of the best biographies of the 20th century. Who was its subject , an urban planner who wielded enormous influence on the City of New York through his 40+ year career?	Robert <u>Moses</u>

Vienna

(Vienna - a.k.a. Vienna Waits For You - was a 1977 album track by Billy Joel inspired by a visit to that city as a child with his father. So here are four questions about the city of Vienna)

Q1	The classic Viennese dish <i>Wiener schnitzel</i> traditionally consists of what meat , flattened, coated in breadcrumbs and fried?	<u>Veal</u>
Q2	The Belvedere gallery in Vienna features the world's largest collection by which Austrian artist (1862-1918)? This symbolist painter was a founding member of the Vienna Secession movement and was heavily influenced by Japanese art.	Gustav <u>Klimt</u>
Q3	In the heart of Vienna's old city is a large cathedral built with elements of both Romanesque and Gothic style, named after which saint ?	St. <u>Stephen</u>
Q4	Which Hapsburg empress was married to Emperor Franz Joseph I? She was assassinated in Geneva in 1898 by an Italian anarchist and now has a museum dedicated to her in the Hofburg Complex in Vienna.	Empress <u>Elisabeth</u> , also known as <u>Sisi</u>

It's Still Rock and Roll to Me

(In tribute to Billy Joel's 1980 hit single It's Still Rock and Roll to Me, here are 4 questions on inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame which fall outside the classic definition of the rock & roll genre)

Q1	Which Scandinavian pop group were inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2010, almost 30 years after they had last released an album?	<u>ABBA</u>
Q2	A central figure in the West Coast hip-hop scene in the 1990s, which rapper was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2017? Despite his murder in 1997, he had a series of posthumous hits including 2004's <i>Ghetto Gospel</i> which prominently sampled Elton John.	<u>Tupac Shakur</u> (accept first or last name)
Q3	Which rapper and actor was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2021? He had a long running role as Special Agent Sam Hanna in the CBS crime drama television series <i>NCIS: Los Angeles</i> from 2009 to 2023.	<u>LL Cool J</u> (accept James Todd <u>Smith</u>)
Q4	Which Boston-born singer , best known for her disco hits, was inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013? This was 5 years after her most recent studio album <i>Crayons</i> and one year after her untimely death aged 63.	Donna <u>Summer</u>