

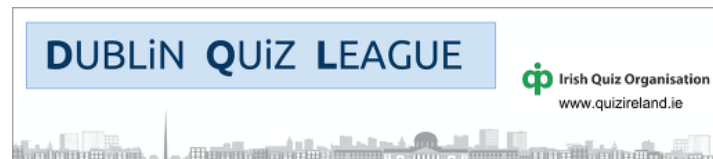
Dublin Quiz League

Running order + individual questions

Season 10 Match 17 (15th June 2026, 7:30pm)

Questions by The Hitsquad Oracles

(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)	With a population of just over 600,000, what city is the capital of Lithuania and also the largest city in the Baltic states?	<u>Vilnius</u>
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	With a population of just under 600,000, what city is the capital of Latvia and also the second-largest city in the Baltic states?	<u>Riga</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Which English king was on the throne at the time of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605?	<u>James I</u> (the first)
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Which English king was on the throne at the outbreak of the English Civil War in 1642?	<u>Charles I</u> (the first)
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	What English musician and composer wrote the theme tunes to multiple classic British sitcoms, including <i>Yes Minister</i> , <i>Last of the Summer Wine</i> and <i>Are You Being Served</i> ?	Ronnie <u>Hazlehurst</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	What Australian-born musician and composer wrote the theme tunes to multiple classic British TV shows, including <i>The Prisoner</i> , <i>Tales of the Unexpected</i> and <i>Doctor Who</i> ?	Ron <u>Grainer</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Last Saturday, which NBA basketball team , this year's Eastern Conference champions, ran out victors in Game 5 of the finals to win the NBA championship for the first time since 1973? Franchise name required and sufficient.	New York <u>Knicks</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Which NBA basketball team , this year's Western Conference champions, lost to the New York Knicks in this year's NBA Finals? This team won their last championship in 2014. Franchise name required and sufficient.	San Antonio <u>Spurs</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)	On which river is the city of Kilkenny situated?	<u>Nore</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	On which river is the city of Derry situated?	<u>Foyle</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Which Croatian tennis player defeated Pat Rafter in the 2001 final to win the Wimbledon men's singles title for the only time in his career?	Goran <u>Ivanišević</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Which Australian tennis player defeated David Nalbandian in the 2002 final to win the Wimbledon men's singles title for the only time in his career?	Lleyton <u>Hewitt</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	In Greek mythology, who was the blacksmith of the gods and also the god of fire, roughly equivalent to the Roman god Vulcan?	<u>Hephaestus</u> ["heff-ess-tuss"]
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	In Greek mythology, who was the goddess of agriculture and the harvest, roughly equivalent to the Roman goddess Ceres ["see-reez"]?	<u>Demeter</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	<i>The Four Seasons</i> is a famous early 18th century work by which classical composer ?	Antonio <u>Vivaldi</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	<i>The Planets</i> is a famous early 20th century work by which classical composer ?	Gustav <u>Holst</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)	Bardi was the surname of what Italian Renaissance artist , universally referred to nowadays by a nickname derived from his first name?	Donatello (meaning "little Donato" - Donato being his first name)
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	Santi (or in some records Sanzio) was the surname of what Italian Renaissance artist , universally referred to nowadays by his first name alone?	Raphael
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	In office from 1958 to 1967, name the German academic and diplomat who served as the first President of the European Commission?	Walter Hallstein
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	In office from 1998 to 2003, name the Dutch politician and economist who served as the first President of the European Central Bank?	Wim Duisenberg
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	The character of Hyacinth Bucket [" <i>boo-kay</i> "] featured in what classic BBC sitcom ?	Keeping Up Appearances
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	The character of Rodney Trotter featured in what classic BBC sitcom ?	Only Fools and Horses
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Located in Providence, Rhode Island, the alumni of which Ivy League university include John F. Kennedy Jr, Ted Turner and Emma Watson?	Brown
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Located in Ithaca, New York, the alumni of which Ivy League university include Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Thomas Pynchon and Christopher Reeve?	Cornell

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)	Which film beat <i>Saving Private Ryan</i> , <i>Elizabeth</i> , <i>Life Is Beautiful</i> and <i>The Thin Red Line</i> to win Best Picture at the 1999 Oscars?	<u>Shakespeare in Love</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	Which film beat <i>Brokeback Mountain</i> , <i>Capote</i> , <i>Good Night and Good Luck</i> and <i>Munich</i> to win Best Picture at the 2006 Oscars?	<u>Crash</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Which Irish playwright wrote <i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> ?	Oscar <u>Wilde</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Which Irish playwright wrote <i>Waiting for Godot</i> ?	Samuel <u>Beckett</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Which chemical element , commonly used in jewellery and coinage, has atomic number 47?	<u>Silver</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Which chemical element , commonly used in solder and in metallic alloys like bronze and pewter, has atomic number 50?	<u>Tin</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Which EU member country's €1 coin features two specimens of the country's national bird, the whooper swan? These coins were introduced in 2002, when the euro replaced this country's former currency the markka.	<u>Finland</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Which EU member country's €1 coin features a marten, a member of the weasel family? The marten was chosen because its local-language name – “kren” – was also the name of this country's former currency before adopting the euro in 2022.	<u>Croatia</u>

Round 8 (Team) – Team B to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Spare questions (Use only if needed)

Q1	Which EU country contains the region of Transylvania?	<u>Romania</u>
Q2	Captain Ahab and Starbuck are two of the main characters in what classic 19th century novel?	<u>Moby Dick</u>
Q3	Named after a notable 19th century scientist, what is the SI unit of electrical capacitance?	<u>Farad</u> (after Michael Faraday)
Q4	In Roman history, the chaotic and bloody period known as the Year of the Four Emperors began in 68 CE following the suicide of what Roman emperor?	<u>Nero</u>

End of quiz

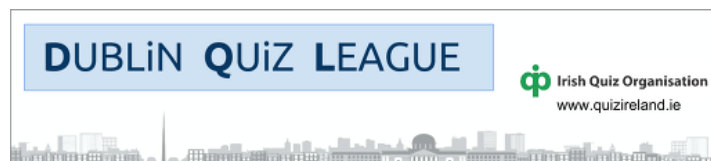
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Irish Life

Q1	What four-letter word is the Irish word for "life"?	<u>Saol</u>
Q2	The Museum of Country Life – nowadays officially called the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park – is located just outside which major Connacht town?	<u>Castlebar</u>
Q3	According to the Central Statistics Office, 2025 saw the top of the "most popular baby names" charts change for both genders. Lily was last year's most popular name for girls, while what name was the most popular for boys for the first time, displacing other recent favourites such as Jack and Noah?	<u>Rían</u>
Q4	In years, what is Ireland's current average life expectancy at birth for men or women, rounded to the nearest year? You may give either answer and do not need to specify which gender you are answering for.	<u>81</u> (for men) / <u>85</u> (for women) - accept either

Jules

Q1	Which French author penned classic novels such as <i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> , <i>Journey to the Centre of the Earth</i> and <i>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i> ?	Jules <u>Verne</u>
Q2	Along with his hosting duties on the TV show <i>Later...</i> , musician Jools Holland also presents which annual music special on BBC TV, broadcast on New Year's Eve every year since 1994?	Jools' Annual <u>Hootenanny</u> .
Q3	Switching to "jewels" spelt with a W, what is the official name of the largest colourless cut diamond in the world? Known commonly as the Great Star of Africa, instead you should answer with its official name, shared with a model of Rolls Royce car.	<u>Cullinan</u> Diamond / <u>Cullinan</u> I
Q4	Julian Casablancas is best known as the frontman of The Strokes but since 2013 has also been the frontman of which experimental rock band, releasing albums such as <i>Tyranny</i> and <i>Virtue</i> ?	The <u>Voidz</u>

Hitsquad Oracles

Q1	In Greek mythology, at which ancient Greek sanctuary would one consult the most famous oracle of the ancient world?	<u>Delphi</u>
Q2	Which Hollywood movie franchise features a character called The Oracle, played by actress Gloria Foster in the first two films and Mary Alice in the third film?	The <u>Matrix</u>
Q3	Remaining one of the richest men in the world with an estimated fortune of over US\$300 billion, what American businessman co-founded the software company Oracle in the 1970s and served as its CEO for over 35 years until 2014?	Larry <u>Ellison</u>
Q4	Which Roman emperor of the fourth century CE – the last non-Christian Roman ruler – is said to have consulted the Oracle of Delphi for advice? It didn't go well: he was killed in 363 CE while leading an ill-advised invasion of Persia.	<u>Julian</u> the Apostate

Hired Goons

Q1	What word , from the Latin for "hired for pay", is the most common word used to describe a soldier who fights primarily for financial reward rather than national allegiance?	<u>Mercenary.</u>
Q2	Which Italian political thinker wrote the famous 16th century work <i>The Prince</i> , which includes discussion of the dangers of relying on mercenary armies?	Niccolò <u>Machiavelli</u>
Q3	The classic 80s TV series <i>The A-Team</i> featured a team of soldiers-for-hire led by Colonel John "Hannibal" Smith, played by what American actor ?	George <u>Peppard</u>
Q4	What name was given to the mercenary leaders who dominated warfare in Renaissance Italy?	<u>Condottieri</u>

Underdogs

Q1	In the Biblical story, which young shepherd defeats the giant Goliath with a sling and a stone, becoming perhaps the archetypal underdog victor?	<u>David</u>
Q2	Which 2004 sports comedy film stars Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller, and features a team of misfits from Average Joe's Gym competing against the Globo Gym Purple Cobras?	<u>Dodgeball</u> : A True Underdog Story
Q3	In soccer, what country defied the odds to win the 2004 Men's Euros? To say they were underdogs is an understatement: prior to 2004 this country had never won a game at a major tournament.	<u>Greece</u>
Q4	In 2015, which Irish golfer became the first amateur since 1927 to lead the Open Championship after 54 holes? Sadly, on his final round he shot a 78 to finish 30th overall.	Paul <u>Dunne</u>

Degenerates

Q1	The 1971 novel <i>Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas</i> was written by which American journalist and author? Closely associated with "gonzo journalism", he lived a notoriously excessive life involving a heady mix of drink, drugs, guns and politics.	Hunter S. <u>Thompson</u>
Q2	What hard-living Irish actor (1932-2013), the star of films including <i>My Favourite Year</i> and <i>Man of La Mancha</i> , was notorious for partaking in marathon drinking sessions with Richard Harris among others?	Peter <u>O'Toole</u>
Q3	Which American writer , whose best-known works include the 1970s novels <i>Post Office</i> and <i>Women</i> , became a cult figure for his hard-drinking, gambling, barfly persona and alter ego Henry Chinaski?	Charles <u>Bukowski</u>
Q4	A meme circulating the Internet for the past 10 years involves what legendary "pintman" from Cabra : specifically an audio recording of him describing how he can put away 30 pints of Guinness in a single sitting?	Paddy <u>Losty</u>

Early Doors

Q1	Which actor portrayed Jim Morrison in Oliver Stone's 1991 film <i>The Doors</i> , depicting the band's early years through to Morrison's infamous death aged 27?	Val <u>Kilmer</u>
Q2	<i>The Doors of Perception</i> , from which the band The Doors took their name, was written by which English author ?	Aldous <u>Huxley</u>
Q3	Staying with things that happened "early doors", which nation holds the record for the fastest goal in FIFA Men's World Cup history, scored in the third-place play-off at the 2002 tournament after just 11 seconds?	<u>Turkey</u>
Q4	The Bob Dylan song <i>Knockin' on Heaven's Door</i> was originally written for the soundtrack of which 1973 Western starring James Coburn and Kris Kristofferson?	<u>Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid</u>

Floaters

Q1	Donald Trump recently suggested that the United States Navy should expand its fleet by bringing back what type of heavily armoured warship , which the U.S. had not operated since the 1990s?	<u>Battleship</u>
Q2	What is the collective term for cargo or wreckage that floats away from a shipwreck?	<u>Flotsam</u>
Q3	Also commissioned and operated by the White Star Line, what was the name of Titanic's sister ship? Launched in 1914, because of the First World War she operated as a hospital ship instead of a passenger liner, until she sank in November 1916 after striking a mine in the Aegean Sea.	<u>Britannic</u>
Q4	Which American indie rock band had their first Billboard chart hit in 2004 with the single <i>Float On</i> , from their album <i>Good News for People Who Love Bad News</i> ?	<u>Modest Mouse</u>