

Dublin Quiz League

Running order + individual questions

Season 10 Match 18 (15th June 2026, 8:45pm)

Questions by Dan O'Malley & The Infamous Table M

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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 globally-popular soft drink brand was developed by the German division of the Coca-Cola Company in 1940? Originally flavoured with apple pulp and whey powder since they were the only ingredients readily available in wartime Germany, nowadays this drink is available in multiple different fruit flavours, most commonly orange.	<u>Fanta</u>
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	What globally-popular soft drink brand was developed by the German division of the Coca-Cola Company in 1959? Originally called "Fanta Clear Lemon", this lemon-and-lime flavoured beverage was primarily created as a competitor to 7 Up.	<u>Sprite</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Since neither the Republic nor Northern Ireland qualified for this year's World Cup, Irish fans have had to find another country to follow instead: one popular choice is Scotland, who played their first match over the weekend against what Caribbean nation , making only their second appearance at a FIFA Men's World Cup?	<u>Haiti</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Whether you're cheering on England at the World Cup, or hoping they get knocked out, either way you'll probably be on tenterhooks when they play their final group match on June 27th against what Central American nation , making only their second appearance at a FIFA Men's World Cup?	<u>Panama</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	The highest-grossing horror movie of 2026 so far has what one-word title ? Written and directed by 26-year-old YouTuber Curry Barker, it follows a shy young man who uses a supernatural toy to wish for a female friend to fall in love with him, with horrific consequences.	<u>Obsession</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	The second-highest-grossing horror movie of 2026 so far has what one-word title ? Directed by 20-year-old YouTuber Kane Parsons, it follows a furniture store owner who discovers a portal to a mysterious network of "liminal spaces" in his store's basement, with horrific consequences.	<u>Backrooms</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	It's not <i>Final Fantasy</i> , but video game developer Square Enix recently released the first trailer for <i>Beyond Dreams</i> , the long-awaited 12th instalment in what series of Japanese role-playing games? The first game in the series was released on the Nintendo Entertainment System in 1986.	<u>Dragon Quest</u> (accept <u>Dragon Warrior</u>)
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	It's not <i>World of Warcraft</i> , but British video game developer Jagex recently announced <i>Dragonwilds</i> , the first console-based spin-off of what online role-playing game ? The original version of the game was first released as a free-to-play browser game in 2001.	<u>Runescape</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)	A 13-year old orphan named Nell Trent and her elderly grandfather are the residents and proprietors of the titular building in what 1841 Charles Dickens novel?	The <u>Old Curiosity Shop</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	A young woman named Esther Summerson, and her guardian John Jarndyce, are two of the residents of the titular building in what 1853 Charles Dickens novel?	<u>Bleak House</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Released in September last year and reaching No. 1 in the Irish charts, <i>Goldrush</i> is the most recent album by what Irish singer-songwriter , born in Dublin in 1991?	Gavin <u>James</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Released in March this year and reaching No. 1 in the Irish charts, <i>The Weight of the Woods</i> is the most recent album by what Irish singer-songwriter , born in Dublin in 1991?	Dermot <u>Kennedy</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Considered a British national heroine and a symbol of the struggle for justice and independence, what British tribal queen led a failed uprising against Roman rule in the year 60 CE?	<u>Boudica</u> / <u>Boadicea</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Boudica was the queen of what ancient British tribe , whose territory spanned present-day Norfolk and parts of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire?	<u>Iceni</u> ["eye-seen-eye"] / <u>Eceni</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Currently closed for a three-year refurbishment, what art gallery on Dublin's Parnell Square is named after the Cork-born art collector who founded it in 1908 and who bequeathed many of the most notable paintings in its collection?	Hugh <u>Lane</u> Gallery
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Currently closed for six months due to security considerations during Ireland's presidency of the EU, what museum in the grounds of Dublin Castle is named after the New York-born businessman and art collector who founded it in 1953 and who bequeathed many of the most notable items in its collection?	Chester <u>Beatty</u> Library

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)	Trained by Willie Mullins and ridden by Paul Townend, what Irish racehorse won this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup?	<u>Gaelic Warrior</u>
Q1b (Team B Player 1)	Trained by Aidan O'Brien and ridden by Ronan Whelan, what Irish racehorse won this year's Epsom Derby?	<u>Christmas Day</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	Literally meaning "juice of the earth", <i>sú talún</i> ["soo tal-oon"] is the Irish name for what fruit ?	<u>Strawberry</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	Literally meaning "juice of the branch", <i>sú craobh</i> ["soo crave"] is the Irish name for what fruit ?	<u>Raspberry</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	First released in arcades in 1979, what classic video game by Atari sees players control a triangular spaceship as they try to shoot and avoid the titular interstellar objects as they approach from all directions?	<u>Asteroids</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	First released in arcades in 1981, what classic video game by Atari sees players try to shoot and avoid the titular insect as it approaches from the top of the screen?	<u>Centipede</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Frequently seen in movie credits, what two-word term refers to the head of the department responsible for managing all non-electrical equipment on set during a film shoot, including camera rigs, dollies and cranes?	<u>Key Grip</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Frequently seen in movie credits, what two-word term refers to the second-in-command in either the lighting department or the grip department on a film shoot?	<u>Best Boy</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)	Considered one of the crown jewels of the National Gallery of Ireland's collection is the late 16th century painting <i>The Visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon</i> by what Italian artist? This pioneering artist from Bologna was the first woman accepted into the prestigious Accademia di San Luca in Rome.	Lavinia <u>Fontana</u>
Q1a (Team A Player 1)	Another notable Renaissance painting in the National Gallery of Ireland's collection is <i>Portrait of Prince Alessandro Farnese</i> by what Italian artist? Born into a relatively poor noble family in Lombardy circa 1532, this painter moved to Spain in the late 1550s where she became an official court artist to King Philip II and is considered the most successful female court painter of her day.	Sofonisba <u>Anguissola</u>
Q2b (Team B Player 2)	What nationalist politician and former leader of the SDLP was one of the two men awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998, for his efforts to secure peace in Northern Ireland and for being one of the primary architects of the Good Friday Agreement?	John <u>Hume</u>
Q2a (Team A Player 2)	What unionist politician and former leader of the UUP was along with John Hume also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998?	David <u>Trimble</u>
Q3b (Team B Player 3)	Scottish musician Sharleen Spiteri is best known as the lead singer of what band , founded in Glasgow in 1986, that enjoyed their greatest commercial success in the late 1990s and early 2000s?	<u>Texas</u>
Q3a (Team A Player 3)	Scottish musician Fran Healy is best known as the lead singer of what band , founded in Glasgow in 1990, that enjoyed their greatest commercial success in the late 1990s and early 2000s?	<u>Travis</u>
Q4b (Team B Player 4)	Reaching No. 1 in the <i>New York Times</i> charts after its release in May 2025, the novel <i>Never Flinch</i> was written by what best-selling American author , born in 1947? It represents a rare foray into crime fiction for this author, not usually known for writing in that genre.	Stephen <u>King</u>
Q4a (Team A Player 4)	Reaching No. 1 in the <i>New York Times</i> charts after its release in October 2025, the novel <i>The Widow</i> was written by what best-selling American author , born in 1955? Although this author has written crime fiction before, the book has been described as his first "whodunit".	John <u>Grisham</u>

Round 8 (Team) – Team B to pick first

(Please refer to Team Questions sheet)

Spare questions (Use only if needed)

Q1	Indonesia is due to change its capital in 2028 from Jakarta to the newly-built city of Nusantara. This also means the capital will move from the island of Java to which much larger Indonesian island?	<u>Borneo</u>
Q2	At the London 2012 Olympics, which Dublin-born sailor came heartbreakingly close to reward, dropping out of the Laser Radial medals on the final day to finish 4th? Thankfully, this was rectified four years later in Rio de Janeiro when she earned a silver medal in the same event.	Annalise <u>Murphy</u>
Q3	Released in January 1984, the appropriately-titled <i>1984</i> was the ninth studio album by what American band? Despite it being ranked in <i>Rolling Stone's</i> 100 Greatest Albums of the 80s, it never reached number one in the Billboard charts, being kept off the top spot by Michael Jackson's <i>Thriller</i> .	<u>Van Halen</u>
Q4	The Dublin branch of the Forbidden Planet comic store is located on which southside Dublin quay , the city's shortest, stretching a mere 40 metres (the width of one city block) between Aston Quay and Wellington Quay?	<u>Crampton</u> Quay

End of quiz

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Street Songs

Q1	Which Scottish singer/songwriter released the classic 1978 song <i>Baker Street</i> ? Despite a persistent urban legend, the song's famous saxophone riff was not played by TV quiz host Bob Holness but rather by renowned session saxophonist Raphael Ravenscroft.	Gerry <u>Rafferty</u> .
Q2	Singer Eddy Grant had a hit in 1983 with what song , named after a thoroughfare in the London suburb of Brixton? This street gained its unusual name after being one of the first in England to be lit by a then-new technology in the late 19th century.	<u>Electric Avenue</u>
Q3	Referencing a globally-famous street in its title, what song was originally a hit for The Drifters in 1963, then again fifteen years later for George Benson?	<u>On Broadway</u> .
Q4	For many years, Van Morrison would close his live shows with a rendition of what song from his classic 1968 album <i>Astral Weeks</i> , named after a residential street in Belfast near where he grew up? This street is also name-checked in the opening line of his song <i>Madame George</i> , from the same album.	<u>Cyprus Avenue</u>

Family Feuds

Q1	The American gameshow <i>Family Feud</i> was given what different name when adapted for UK TV in the 1980s? This long-running British version has been hosted by, among others, Bob Monkhouse and Les Dennis.	<u>Family Fortunes</u>
Q2	In arguably the funniest example of a real-life family feud in Ireland, what is the Asian surname after which two neighbouring Chinese takeaways in Ballyfermot are both named? In 2023 after falling out with his father, the son of this family opened a rival takeaway literally next door to his father's, and using the same name, albeit with the word "New" added in front.	<u>Lam</u> (the takeaways are Lam's and New Lam's)
Q3	What are the surnames of the two families from the West Virginia/Kentucky border area who carried on the most infamous feud in American history? The first major bloodshed in the feud was ignited in 1878 following a dispute over a stolen pig, and by the time a truce was called in the 1890s, over a dozen members of both families had been killed and nine members of one family had been imprisoned.	<u>Hatfields</u> and <u>McCoys</u> (need both)
Q4	It's not the Borgias, but what was the surname of the powerful Italian banking family who had an intense rivalry with the Medicis in 15th century Florence? The feud culminated in a 1478 plot to assassinate two of the Medici brothers during Easter Mass, after which 80 people implicated in the plot were executed, and the remaining members of this family banished from Florence.	<u>Pazzi</u>

On The Quays

Q1	Which of Dublin's quays was named, not after the type of men who used to live there as you might assume, but after the landowner who developed it in the 1670s, extending it between Ormond Quay and Eden Quay?	<u>Bachelor's Walk</u>
Q2	Apart from Bachelor's Walk, which of Dublin's quays is the only other without the word "Quay" in its name? James Joyce's short story <i>The Dead</i> is set in a house on this quay: specifically, the house situated directly south of the James Joyce Bridge.	<u>Usher's Island</u>
Q3	Name the Dutch-born Irish politician who served as Lord Mayor of Dublin between 1693 and 1694? Also a wealthy merchant and property developer, his name lives on in one of Dublin's southside quays, built on land he used to own in the early 18th century.	Sir John <u>Rogerson</u>
Q4	Apart from Victoria Quay, the only other Dublin quay named after a woman is which southside quay , commemorating the mother of John Foster, who was the last Speaker of the Irish House of Commons before it was abolished in 1800?	<u>Burgh</u> Quay (after Elizabeth Burgh)

Characters of Dublin

Q1	A fixture on Dublin's Grafton Street for nearly two decades until his untimely death in 1995 aged 42, by what nickname was Scottish-born mime artist and street performer Thom McGinty known to Dubliners? His nickname came from a gaming shop on Grafton Street who had employed him early in his career.	The <u>Diceman</u>
Q2	Thomas Dudley (1906-1981) was an eccentric character well-known to Dubliners in the 1950s and 60s due to his habit of staging mock Western-style "shoot-outs" with passers-by as he travelled around the city. He habitually carried a large church key in his pocket which he brandished as a "gun" before shouting what two words , which became his nickname?	<u>Bang Bang</u>
Q3	Born in Carlow in 1927, Mary Dunne became known to many Dubliners in the 1990s and early 2000s for standing on O'Connell Street near the Anna Livia fountain and performing what action in the midst of passers-by? An elegantly-dressed elderly lady often clutching rosary beads and a flower, she said that she performed this action in public as a celebration of her Catholic faith.	<u>Dancing</u>
Q4	Dubliner Michael J. Moran, blinded by illness when he was a child, made his living in the early 19th century wandering the streets of Dublin reciting verse, and became known by what nickname , derived from a Palestinian saint referenced in one of his poems? A cocktail bar just off South Anne Street and a private art gallery on Francis Street both also use this moniker as their name.	<u>Zozimus</u>

Nothing for Fourth

Q1	At Paris 2024, who became the first Irishwoman to compete in an Olympic sprint final when she qualified for the 400 metres final? She ended up finishing fourth, a mere 0.3 seconds away from a medal.	Rhasidat <u>Adeleke</u>
Q2	What Dubliner came agonisingly close to an Olympic medal not once but twice: finishing in fourth place in the 1,500 metres at Montreal 1976 and repeating that painful finishing position in the 5,000 metres in Moscow four years later?	Eamonn <u>Coghlan</u>
Q3	At Beijing 2008, Eoin Rheinisch from Leixlip, County Kildare managed a 4th place finish in what event? It remains Ireland's best-ever finish in this sport, beating Ian Wiley's 5th place in the same event at Atlanta 12 years earlier. You can simply answer with the general name of the sport instead of the specific event.	Men's K-1 slalom <u>canoeing</u> (accept <u>kayaking</u>)
Q4	Montreal 1976 saw another Irish Olympian finishing in fourth spot, when what Carlow-born rower had a third-quarter collapse that cost him a medal in the 2,000 metres single sculls?	Seán <u>Drea</u>

Penguins in Movies

Q1	Filmed on location in Antarctica, the Oscar-winning 2005 documentary film <i>March of the Penguins</i> chronicles the gruelling but beautiful annual migration of what birds , the world's tallest and heaviest penguin species?	<u>Emperor</u> penguins
Q2	By what collective name are Skipper, Rico, Kowalski and Private referred to in the title of a 2014 animated spy comedy film produced by DreamWorks Animation?	<u>Penguins of Madagascar</u>
Q3	Also known for playing grizzled boxing trainer Mickey in the <i>Rocky</i> movies, what American actor was the first to portray Batman's nemesis The Penguin on-screen, doing so in both the beloved 1960s <i>Batman</i> TV series as well as the 1966 big-screen <i>Batman</i> movie adapted from the show?	Burgess <u>Meredith</u>
Q4	Steve Coogan starred in what 2024 film , adapted from a memoir of the same name, which tells the true story of an English teacher who rescues a penguin from an oil slick while working at an Argentinean boarding school in the 1970s?	The <u>Penguin Lessons</u>

1984

Q1	What world leader was assassinated on October 31st 1984 while walking through the garden of her official residence, on the way to be interviewed by actor Peter Ustinov and an Irish film crew for a TV documentary?	Indira <u>Gandhi</u> (born Indira <u>Nehru</u>)
Q2	Appropriately enough, the year 1984 saw a film adaptation of George Orwell's classic novel <i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i> , starring John Hurt as Winston Smith and what Welsh actor as the main antagonist O'Brien? It was the final screen role for this multi-Oscar-nominated performer, who died aged 58 a few months after the end of shooting.	Richard <u>Burton</u> (born Richard <u>Jenkins</u>)
Q3	What European country was the only Eastern Bloc nation to participate at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, defying the Soviet-led protest which saw 19 countries boycott the Games? This country ended up having their best-ever Olympics, winning 20 golds and finishing second to the United States in the overall medals table.	<u>Romania</u>
Q4	The 1984 Eurovision Song Contest was won by Sweden with the typically Eurovision-esque ditty <i>Diggi-Loo Diggi-Ley</i> , performed by what group – a trio of brothers, whose band name was simply their family surname?	<u>Herreys</u>

Capital Changes

Q1	What country's national capital was moved from Almaty to Astana in 1997? The decision to move was prompted by Almaty's location in an earthquake-prone area, its limited space for expansion, and its proximity to the Chinese border.	<u>Kazakhstan</u>
Q2	The most recent country to have changed its capital city was Equatorial Guinea, doing so in January this year from Malabo to what newly-built city ? You can give the city's 4-word Spanish name or its two-word shorter name, which is the same as a major South American city.	Ciudad De <u>La Paz</u> (City of Peace)
Q3	When Pakistan was established in 1947, the southern port of Karachi was the country's original capital for over a decade, until it was decided to build a new capital called Islamabad in the north of the country. Which existing city near Islamabad hence served as the country's interim capital from 1959 to 1967, while the new city was under construction?	<u>Rawalpindi</u>
Q4	Sounding similar to a form of exercise, what city with a population of 100,000 was the original capital of Malawi when the country gained independence from Britain in 1964? Ten years later, the much larger city of Lilongwe was designated capital instead, which it remains to this day.	<u>Zomba</u>