

Round 1 – Elements

The first one or two letters of each answer are the symbols of the first 20 chemical elements in the periodic table in order.


1. Which 2015 musical contains the songs 'Aaron Burr, Sir', and "The Schuyler Sisters"?
Hamilton
2. Which Greek goddess of youth was the equivalent of the Roman goddess Juventas?
Hebe
3. Which city was the birthplace of Samuel Johnson, who remarked that it was “a city of philosophers”?
Lichfield
4. Which brewery based in Tottenham was founded in 2011 by Logan Plant, the son of Robert Plant?
Beavertown
5. What is the surname of the characters played by Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise in 'Rain Man'?
Babbitt
6. Which ship rescued survivors of the Titanic disaster and was sunk by a German submarine in 1918?
Carpathia
7. At which racecourse was the Epsom Derby held during the two world wars?
Newmarket
8. What is the nickname of the team that represents Australia in football at the Olympic Games?
Olyroos
9. The hardback version of which book, first published in 1953, included a special edition bound in asbestos?
Fahrenheit 451
10. Which river flows from Northamptonshire to The Wash via Peterborough?
Nene
11. Which restaurant chain was founded in 1987 by Fernando Duarte and Robert Brozin?
Nando's
12. What is the Internet country code top-level domain for the world's second-largest island country?
mg (Madagascar)
13. What is the parent company of Google?
Alphabet
14. Which 2012 film starred Jennifer Lawrence as a young widow who offers to help Bradley Cooper's character get his wife back if he enters a dance competition with her, a role which won her the Best Actress oscar?
Silver Linings Playbook
15. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the name of which bird is derived from the Welsh words for head and white?
Penguin
16. Which country hosted the first ever F1 night race?
Singapore

17. Nicknamed "Lady Bird", what was the actual first name of U.S. President LB Johnson's wife?
Claudia
18. Which star, whose name means "Guardian of the Bear", is the brightest star in the constellation of Boötes?
Arcturus
19. What was Superman's name on the planet Krypton?
Kal-El
20. The title of which novel was changed prior to publication in 1961 to avoid confusion with Leon Uris's new novel *Mila 18*?
Catch-22 (originally intended to be titled "Catch-18")

Round 2 - Answer Smash

Each question is in 2 parts. The end part of the answer to the first half is the first part of the answer to the second half. There are some sound-alikes. The definite and indefinite article at the start of the second part of the answer are omitted.

Give the answer as a continuous phrase. 1 point for each half.

1		The founder of North Korea.	2		Author of the 1940 novel 'The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter'
3	Marx Brothers film that involves a college football match between the fictional Darwin and Huxley Colleges		4		The depressed protagonist of a 1951 novel who became an icon for teenage rebellion
5		Winners of the first <u>two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968</u>	6		<u>Honiara is the capital of this country</u>
7	Nickname of the police officer turned vigilante in a series of four films between 1979 and 2015		8	1993 film whose eponymous character is played by Keiko	
9		U2's album and companion rockumentary film featuring "Desire"	10		The eponymous subject of a 1999 supernatural horror film that uses a found-footage technique

11	Composer whose 9 th symphony in C major is "Great"		12		
13		British song that gained international recognition when it was featured in the films <i>How Green Was My Valley</i> and <i>Zulu</i>	14		Capital of Turkmenistan
15	Shakespearean character who is suited by the Duke of Burgundy but marries the King of France		16	Shakespeare play featuring Cassandra, Diomedes, Helen and Patroclus	
17		Cole Porter song that contains the lyric: "And down by the shore an orchestra's playing And even the palms seem to be swaying"	18		Composer of <i>Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks</i>
19		2009 Booker Prize-winning novel	20		2007 film starring Will Smith based on a 1954 novel of the same name by Richard Matheson

Answer Smash answers

1. Nellie KIM Il Sung
2. Frank CARSON McCullers
3. Horse FEATHERS McGraw
4. William HOLDEN Caulfield
5. Cee Lo GREEN Bay Packers
6. Stacey SOLOMON Islands
7. Mad MAX Mosley
8. Free WILLIE Thorne
9. Simon RATTLE and Hum
10. Tony BLAIR Witch
11. Franz SCHU BE/URT Kwouk
12. Germaine GREER Garson
13. Ye MEN of Halrech
14. SI ASH gabat
15. Cor DELIA Smith
16. Troilus and CRESSIDA Dick
17. Menachem BEGIN the Beguine
18. Little RICHARD Strauss
19. Virginia WO(O)LF Hall
20. Will I.AM Legend

Round 3 - Christmas Themes

There are four sets of 5 questions. In each set of 5 there is a link to a Christmas-related theme. There is one soundalike.

Theme 1:

1. What role has been held by Helene Hayman, Frances D'Souza, Norman Fowler, and John McFall?
Speaker of the House of Lords
2. Who starred as the high-flying escort Belle de Jour in the television series "Secret Diary of a Call Girl"?
Billie Piper
3. In 1655, Christiaan Huygens became the first person to identify which set of celestial objects?
The rings of Saturn
4. What is the title of the 2010 psychological horror film starring Natalie Portman as a ballet dancer?
Black Swan
5. What's the title of the series of children's horror fiction novels by American author R. L. Stine?
Goosebumps

Theme 1: was Gifts given in The Twelve Days of Christmas

Theme 2:

6. Which UK retail chain was formed in Hull in 1933 by George Hollingbery? Before its collapse in 2012, it was the UK's second biggest electrical retailer. In 2020 it was relaunched as an online retailer.
Comet
7. Which 1984 Tina Turner album features the single "What's Love Got to Do With It"? The title song was written by Mark Knopfler but never released by Dire Straits because he thought the lyrics unsuitable for a male singer.
Private Dancer
8. Who directed the films "The Omen", "Superman", and the "Lethal Weapon" series of films?
Richard Donner
9. Which South African test cricketer signed for Yorkshire in 2007 and then for Glamorgan in 2013?
Jacques Rudolph
10. What is Jenny Ryan's nickname on "The Chase"?
The Vixen

Theme 2: was Santa's reindeer

Theme 3:

11. What is the title of the 1968 collection of essays by Joan Didion that describes her experiences in California during the 1960s? It takes its title from the last line of the poem "The Second Coming" by W. B. Yeats. It is also the title of a 1991 song by Joni Mitchell.

Slouching Towards Bethlehem

12. The full name of which college is "*The College of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist and the glorious Virgin Saint Radegund, near Cambridge*"? Sonita Alleyne was elected its master in 2019 and is the first black leader of an Oxbridge college.

Jesus

13. What's the title of the 1999 film starring George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, and Ice Cube, as soldiers on a gold heist that takes place in Iraq following the end of the Gulf War?

Three Kings

14. What term is used for small natural satellites that clear a gap in planetary-ring material or keep particles within a ring contained? It is also the title of an album by Enya.

Shepherd moons

15. Which international food franchise chain was founded in 1983 in London by Jeffrey Hyman? In 2016, 15-year-old Natasha Ednan-Laperouse died from an allergic reaction after eating one of their products.

Pret a Manger

Theme 3: was The Nativity

Theme 4:

16. Who was the first Director General of the BBC?

John Reith

17. Which poem, first published in 1590, introduced the Spenserian stanza?

The Faerie Queene

18. Which actor founded RADA in 1904? His half-brother was a famous caricaturist and he was a grandfather of Oliver Reed.

Herbert Beerbohm Tree

19. Who wrote the novel "The Beach" which was adapted into a film directed by Danny Boyle starring Leonardo DiCaprio?

Alex Garland

20. Which 1928 American crime drama was billed as "The first 'all-talking'" full-length feature film?

Lights of New York

Theme 4: was Christmas decorations

Round 4 - Theme

There is a theme to all the answers. There are lots of sound-alikes.

1. Born in Congleton, which novelist's first novel was *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen*?
Alan Garner (Ghana)
2. Which character in a novella published in 1843 is forced to roam the face of the earth in Purgatory, fettered in chains, cash boxes and ledger books, desperately wanting to help the poor and needy but unable to do so?
Jacob Marley (Mali)
3. Which rock band includes a bass player nicknamed Flea?
Red Hot Chili Peppers (Chile)
4. Which two short words are missing from these lines from David Bowie's "Life on Mars?":
"Sailors fighting in the dance hall
___ , look at those cavemen go"
Oh man (Oman)
5. Which supermarket chain began in 1970, when Malcolm Walker opened the first store in Oswestry, Shropshire?
Iceland
6. What seven letter word is an excessive discharge of mucus in the nose or throat?
Catarrh (Qatar)
7. Broadcast on BBC2 in 1979, what is the title of the fourth in a series of surreal comedy sketch shows, written by and starring Spike Milligan?
Q8 (Kuwait).
8. Who was known as the "American March King"?
So(usa)
9. What term is used for paper produced by punching a hole in card or tape? In 2000, it became the source of much controversy during the US presidential election.
Chad
10. Who took his cover version of the theme to "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" to the top of the UK charts in 1968?
Hugo Montenegro
11. Which film of 2004 documents the efforts of a real life hero, played by Don Cheadle, to save the lives of more than 1,000 refugees by providing them with shelter?
Hotel Rwanda
12. What nickname was adopted by the England bowler Ashley Giles in 2004 after a set of mugs ordered for his testimonial year were erroneously printed with that slogan?
King of Spain
13. Which ship was the largest in the world at its launch in 1906? She held both the eastbound and westbound Blue Riband speed records for 20 years from 1909.
RMS Mauretania
14. Which song, written and performed by Chuck Berry, is about a trip in a car with his girlfriend? When they decide to park and take a walk, they are unable to release the seat belt.
No particular place to go (Togo)
15. What is the single word name for the substance produced in the digestive system of sperm whales that is highly valued by perfume makers?
Ambergris (Greece)

16. For which Formula One constructor that competed from 1991 to 2005 did Damon Hill gain their first win in 1998? Hill retired after being dropped by them following the 1999 season.

Jordan

17. What is the common name for the species *Cavia porcellus*?

Guinea pig

18. Who is the oldest, wisest and leader of the Wimbledon Wombles?

Great Uncle Bulgaria (Coburg)

19. Which English new wave band was formed in 1974 by David Sylvian, Steve Jansen and Mick Karn? They split in 1982, though they reformed briefly in the early 1990s under the name Rain Tree Crow.

Japan

20. What is the capital city of the Italian region of Umbria?

Perugia

Round 5 - General Knowledge

1. Born Phoebe Ann Moses, how was the sharpshooter who starred in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show better known?
Annie Oakley
2. What is the Oxford English Dictionary Word of the Year for 2021?
Vax
3. In a standard 9x9 sudoku grid, what is the sum of all the numbers?
405 (45x9)
4. Following her capture in post-war Berlin, Mildred Gillars became the first woman to be convicted of treason against the United States for broadcasting Nazi propaganda during WW2. By what nickname was she known?
Axis Sally
5. Which team won the inaugural edition of the Indian Premier League in 2008 under the captaincy of Shane Warne?
Rajasthan Royals
6. Which film franchise has instalments subtitled Continental Drift and Collision Course?
Ice Age
7. The archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann excavated Hisarlik, which is generally accepted as the location of which ancient city?
Troy
8. Which two unsuccessful events of 1975 link Sara Jane Moore and Lynette Fromme?
Attempted assassinations of President Gerald Ford
9. Suranne Jones starred in which 2019 TV show as landowner and industrialist Anne Lister?
Gentleman Jack
10. Which poem of 1818 tells the story of a shepherd who falls in love with the goddess Cynthia?
Endymion (by Keats)
11. Which then-girlfriend of Bryan Ferry is featured on the cover of Roxy Music's 1975 album "Siren"? She left him two years later for another lead singer whom she married in Bali in 1990.
Jerry Hall
12. According to a famous poem published in 1816, through which place did Alph, the sacred river, run "through caverns measureless to man"?
Xanadu (from *Kubla Khan* by Coleridge)
13. Which song from Paul Simon's album "Graceland" takes its title from an incident at a party at which Pierre Boulez mistook his name? The song's lyric also contains the mistaken name of Simon's then-wife Peggy Harper.
You can call me Al (the other name is Betty)
14. There have been two pairs of father & son who have been Prime Minister of Britain. Pitt is one of them; what is the surname of the other pair?
Grenville (George and William Wyndham)
15. Who is the only male tennis player to have won all four Grand Slam events in both singles and doubles?
Roy Emerson
16. Chad Kroeger is the lead singer of which band?
Nickelback

17. There are 3 chemical elements whose single-letter symbol are Roman numerals. What are the 3 symbols? (1 point for 2)
I, V, C (Iodine, Vanadium, Carbon)
18. If you had one each of the current denomination of Bank of England notes and coins in general circulation (as opposed to souvenirs), how much would you have?
£88.88 (50, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, 0.02, 0.01)
19. When spelt, the number 40 is the only number that is ordered alphabetically, i.e., FORTY. Which is the only number that is in reverse alphabetical order when spelt?
ONE
20. Leon Trotsky's secretary was the second wife of which English children's author? He was the inaugural winner of the Carnegie Medal in 1936. He died in Cheadle Royal hospital in 1967.
Arthur Ransome