

WORDS AND WORDPLAY TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> That's the way to do it! What homicidal puppet's name is invoked by anyone pleased with themselves?

- a. Kermit the Frog
- b. Punch (husband of Judy)
- c. Howdy Doody
- d. Topo Gigio

2> Eavesdropping gets its name from the eaves under which you would hide if you were spying on somebody. Where would you find eaves?

- a. On a tree
- b. Outside a house
- c. Around an interior door
- d. Behind a bar

3> How many different ways is "ough" pronounced in this sentence - "It was tough to cough as I ploughed through the dough"?

- a. Five
- b. Four
- c. Three
- d. Two

4> What letter gets the fewest words in most dictionaries?

- a. Z
- b. X
- c. Q
- d. Y

5> Getting rundown at school? What term for a set of academic courses comes from the Latin word for "race course"?

- a. Curriculum
- b. Symposium
- c. Syllabus
- d. Quiz

6> Next time you're feeling feckless, think about this. What the heck is feck?

- a. Managing money well
- b. Getting things done
- c. Staying cheerful in trying circumstances
- d. Wearing nice clothes

7> Far from being a Klingon proverb, this axiom is actually from "Les Liaisons Dangereuses". What is it?

- a. A single death is a tragedy; a million deaths is a statistic
- b. The report of my death was an exaggeration
- c. Revenge is a dish best served cold
- d. It's better to ask for forgiveness than permission

8> Aside from being the very last entry in many dictionaries, what is a zyzzyva?

- a. A protein found in enzymes
- b. A tropical weevil
- c. A process used to ferment beverages
- d. A thick-walled spore

9> What word comes from the gaps in castle walls used by soldiers to fire on advancing armies below?

- a. Cubbyhole
- b. Foxhole
- c. Loophole
- d. Pigeonhole

10> In the Second International Webster's, an entry for "D. or d.", became "Dord". What was "dord" supposed to mean?

- a. Density
- b. Danger
- c. Direct
- d. Division

11> What does a philodox treasure over just about anything else?

- a. His own opinions
- b. His money
- c. Her array of boyfriends
- d. Her garden

12> If I'm fascinated by onomastics, what is it about you that would interest me most?

- a. Your name
- b. The shape of your face
- c. Your birthday
- d. Your ethnicity

13> What does "alibi" literally mean in Latin, a definition that comes in handy when establishing an alibi?

- a. Innocent
- b. Elsewhere
- c. Explanation
- d. You got the wrong guy, copper

14> If the Who reunite for a single, but produce a threnody, what is it?

- a. A really stinker
- b. A song about Keith Moon and John Entwistle, their dead members
- c. A song that covertly copies one of their earlier hits
- d. A spoken-word piece, with musical background

15> The original nabobs, nattering or otherwise, were provincial governors in what Urdu-speaking empire?

- a. Mogul
- b. Persian
- c. Ottoman

d. Holy Roman

Answers:

- 1> Punch (husband of Judy) - Idiom - pleased as Punch. Highly pleased, gratified.
- 2> Outside a house - The eaves of a house's roof are its lower edges.
- 3> Five - Yes five! Count again.
- 4> X - The longest word found in the dictionary has 47 letters.
- 5> Curriculum - Referring to the course of deeds and experiences through which children grow to become mature adults.
- 6> Getting things done - Also used in the show Father Ted, mainly by Father Jack, as a way to swear.
- 7> Revenge is a dish best served cold - Revenge is also called payback, retribution, retaliation or vengeance.
- 8> A tropical weevil - It was first discovered in 1922 in Brazil.
- 9> Loophole - Historically, loopholes were narrow vertical windows from which castle defenders launched arrows from a sheltered position.
- 10> Density - The error was removed in 1940.
- 11> His own opinions - They also love fame or glory.
- 12> Your name - Onomastics or onomatology is the study of proper names.
- 13> Elsewhere - In many counties, the giving of a false alibi may be used by the court as actual evidence of guilt.
- 14> A song about Keith Moon and John Entwistle, their dead members - Entwistle died in hotel room 658 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on 27 June 2002.
- 15> Mogul - The Mughal emperors were Muslims and direct descendants of Genghis Khan through Chagatai Khan and Timur.