

English Quiz: Answers

Look for *the italics*. For Parent question 5, I've provided hints, rather than the answer.

Multiple Choice

1. This question is about the sport called *soccer* in this country.
In England, this sport is usually called:
b. Football.
2. When did England win the World Cup for this sport?
a. 1966.
3. Cricket is another sport played in England (and in India, and in many other countries).
The cricket player most similar to the catcher in baseball is the:
d. Wicket-keeper. Fine leg and silly mid off are actually fielding positions in cricket; big glove dude isn't.
4. The *currency* (money) of this country is the dollar. The currency of England is the:
a. Pound: the United Kingdom, of which England is part, opted out of the Euro (as did Denmark).
5. Which of the following does *not* share a land border with England?
c. Ireland.
6. The body of water separating England from France is known in England as:
b. The English Channel.

True or False

7. There is a tunnel under the body of water in the previous question. This tunnel is known in England as the Chunnel. Trains run through it between London and Paris.
all true

Each of the following is the name of a place in England. True or false?

8. Birmingham. *T*
9. York. *T*
10. Bannockburn. *F: it's in Scotland.*
11. East Leake. *T: the village my parents live in, so lacking in size and notoriety that you probably had to guess this one; East Leake is near Nottingham and Gotham (but not the Batcave).*

For Parents

This section is intended for parents, or for kids of any age, who are willing to try to read and speak *English English*, and to follow rules. So is the next section.

1. What does BBC stand for? *British Broadcasting Corporation*.
2. One of the people at the England table is wearing something associated with a BBC programme. Name the programme and the actor. *Doctor Who and Tom Baker (who wore a long striped scarf for the role)*.
3. Say to that person the second letter of the Greek alphabet. Beta. *You get the full point if you pronounced it to rhyme with Peter; Americans tend to pronounce it as if it rhymes with later, or with Vader (as in Darth)*.
4. Which song includes the line: "The next stop we make will be England"? You get full credit only if you sing the song's title, preferably to something approximating its tune. You might get extra credit if you sing more than that one line, or if you dance. *"Love Train", by the O'Jays*.
5. Red herring: to which fictional English character does this sentence refer? *Clues: (1) look at the way the question is printed; (2) the character in question may be the best-known fictional English fictional character; (3) consider what software I might have used to create the quiz, and try to retrace my steps. Email me if this doesn't work for you.*

Blout-Takes and Oopers

- The above heading is a: *Spoonerism; Moonerism; quote from Shakespeare; movie starring Hugh Grant. If you're not familiar with the term, look it up (go on, use a search engine, the quiz is over for you). You will find such gems as: "You have hissed all my mystery lectures. You have tasted a whole worm."*
- This quiz does not include any questions about J. K. Rowling's stories of Hogwarts. Why would such questions be out of place on this quiz? *J.K. Rowling is Scottish, not English, and Hogwarts is described as though it is in Scotland. On the other hand, you could argue that many of the characters, including Harry Potter himself, are English.*
- Someone who gets all the questions correct, *and* can explain the answer to Parent question 5: is a genius; is lucky; has too much time on their hands; is English; is a cheat (check all that apply). *I can't answer this one with confidence, and I set the quiz!*

Thank you for playing,

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