FREE TO PRINT AND READ ALOUD

Five trivia rounds with answer keys

Ten multiple-choice questions per round, each checked against a source.
Print a question sheet for every team, and keep the answer key for yourself.

1. Family warm-up
Kids and families
10 to 12 min

2. Space, Earth and sea
Families and adults
12 min

3. Animals, food and your body
Families and adults
12 min

4. Hard mode for grown-ups
Adults
15 min

5. Memory Lane
Seniors and anyone who remembers
12 min

How to run a round

1. **Print.** One question sheet per team (the odd-numbered pages) and one answer key for you (the even-numbered pages). Keep the keys out of sight.
2. **Hand out sheets and pens.** Teams of 2 to 5 work best. One person writes.
3. **Read each question aloud, twice.** Give about 30 seconds. Players circle one letter.
4. **Swap and mark.** When the round ends, teams swap sheets with the table on their left. Read each answer, then the one-line fact under it.
5. **Count.** One point per right answer. Write each team's score on the scorecard at the back.

> **Settle disputes with the source.** Every answer in the key names the page it was checked against. If a team disagrees, read the source line and move on.

Mixing rounds

Round 1 suits a table with children. Rounds 2 and 3 work for most mixed groups. Round 4 is for adults who like a challenge. Round 5 is built for older adults and anyone who remembers the 1950s to the 1980s. Want different questions? Build a round of any length at **partygamebook.com/fun-facts-and-party-trivia/**.

> **Running a whole evening?** The free Team trivia night kit has a host script, answer sheets, a scoreboard, TRUE and FALSE signs, tiebreaker questions and a large-print sheet. Find it at partygamebook.com/fun-facts-and-party-trivia/.

1 Family warm-up

10 QUESTIONS · CIRCLE ONE LETTER · KIDS AND FAMILIES

Team _____ Score _____ / 10

1 How many miniature Oscar statuettes came with the full-size one Walt Disney received for Snow White?

(A) Three
(B) Twelve
(C) Five
(D) Seven

2 Which U.S. library in Washington, D.C., is described as the largest library in the world?

(A) The Smithsonian Library
(B) The National Archives
(C) The Folger Library
(D) The Library of Congress

3 Which national park, created in 1872, does the National Park Service call the world's first?

(A) Glacier
(B) Grand Canyon
(C) Yellowstone
(D) Acadia

4 In which city were the first modern Olympics held, in 1896, in a refurbished ancient stadium?

(A) Paris
(B) London
(C) Rome
(D) Athens

5 About how many Hula Hoops did Wham-O sell in the first few months?

(A) About 2 million
(B) About 250,000
(C) About 25 million
(D) About 500 million

6 For roughly how long was the Great Pyramid of Giza the tallest human-made structure on Earth?

(A) Over 3,000 years
(B) About 800 years
(C) Only about 50 years
(D) About 300 years

7 The English word mile comes from a Latin phrase meaning how many paces?

(A) 5,000
(B) 100
(C) 500
(D) 1,000

8 In 1974, workers digging a well near Xi'an, China, struck what?

(A) A golden crown
(B) A dinosaur skeleton
(C) A life-size clay soldier
(D) A buried Roman ship

9 Roughly what share of Earth's oxygen production comes from the ocean?

(A) Nearly all of it
(B) About 1 percent
(C) About 10 percent
(D) About half

10 In what year did Mattel first offer Hot Wheels cars?

(A) 1958
(B) 1978
(C) 1948
(D) 1968

1 Answer key: Family warm-up

HOST COPY · READ EACH ANSWER, THEN THE FACT

1 **D. Seven**

For Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Walt Disney received a special honorary Oscar made of one full-size statuette and seven miniature ones.

WIKIPEDIA: SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (FILM)

2 **D. The Library of Congress**

The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., says it is the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: ABOUT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

3 **C. Yellowstone**

President Ulysses S. Grant signed the law creating Yellowstone on March 1, 1872. The National Park Service calls it the world's first national park.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: BIRTH OF A NATIONAL PARK - YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE)

4 **D. Athens**

The 1896 Olympics in Athens used a refurbished ancient stadium that had been built in 330 BCE.

OLYMPEDIA: 1896 SUMMER OLYMPICS OVERVIEW

5 **C. About 25 million**

The Hula Hoop became the biggest fad of the 1950s. Wham-O sold about 25 million of them within months.

THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY: HULA HOOP | NATIONAL TOY HALL OF FAME | THE STRONG

6 **A. Over 3,000 years**

The Great Pyramid of Giza rose to about 479 feet and stayed the tallest human-made structure on Earth for more than 3,000 years.

WORLD HISTORY ENCYCLOPEDIA: GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZA - WORLD HISTORY ENCYCLOPEDIA

7 **D. 1,000**

The word mile comes from the Latin phrase mille passus, which means 1,000 paces.

NIST: METER

8 **C. A life-size clay soldier**

In 1974, workers digging a well near Xi'an, China, struck a life-size clay soldier, the first of thousands found in the Terracotta Army.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: ABOUT EMPEROR QIN'S TERRA COTTA ARMY | NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

9 **D. About half**

Roughly half of the oxygen produced on Earth comes from the ocean, mostly from drifting plankton too small to see.

NOAA NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE: HOW MUCH OXYGEN COMES FROM THE OCEAN?

10 **D. 1968**

Mattel's first 16 Hot Wheels cars arrived in 1968, and sales topped 16 million in the first year.

THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY: HOT WHEELS | NATIONAL TOY HALL OF FAME | THE STRONG

2 Space, Earth and sea

10 QUESTIONS · CIRCLE ONE LETTER · FAMILIES AND ADULTS

Team _____ Score _____ / 10

1 Coral looks like a plant that takes root on the sea floor. What is it really?

(A) A seaweed
(B) A moss
(C) A fungus
(D) An animal

2 The red color of Mars comes from the rusting of which metal in its soil?

(A) Copper
(B) Gold
(C) Iron
(D) Lead

3 The 'Ring of Fire,' where about 90 percent of earthquakes happen, surrounds which ocean?

(A) The Pacific Ocean
(B) The Atlantic Ocean
(C) The Indian Ocean
(D) The Arctic Ocean

4 In deep ocean water, a tsunami can travel about as fast as what?

(A) A sailboat
(B) A jet plane
(C) A school bus
(D) A bicycle

5 Larger raindrops flatten into a shape more like which food?

(A) An ice cream cone
(B) A hamburger bun
(C) A banana
(D) A pretzel

6 Which moon of Jupiter is the largest moon in the solar system, even bigger than Mercury?

(A) Io
(B) Ganymede
(C) Callisto
(D) Europa

7 Where is most of Earth's longest mountain range found?

(A) Under the ocean
(B) Across Africa
(C) Across Asia
(D) Beneath Antarctic ice

8 Which mountain range holds 96 of the world's 109 peaks taller than 24,000 feet?

(A) The Andes
(B) The Himalaya-Karakoram
(C) The Rockies
(D) The Alps

9 If the ocean's salt were spread evenly over all of Earth's land, about how thick would the layer be?

(A) More than 500 feet
(B) About 5 miles
(C) About 50 feet
(D) About 5 feet

10 More than what percent of Earth's surface, above and below sea level, is of volcanic origin?

(A) About 10 percent
(B) More than 80 percent
(C) About 25 percent
(D) About 50 percent

2 Answer key: Space, Earth and sea

HOST COPY · READ EACH ANSWER, THEN THE FACT

1 **D. An animal**

Coral looks like a plant, but it is an animal. Reefs are built by tiny soft-bodied polyps, most no thicker than a nickel, that make hard limestone skeletons.

NOAA NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE: ARE CORALS ANIMALS OR PLANTS?

2 **C. Iron**

Mars looks red because iron minerals in its dirt have rusted. Even today, people call it the Red Planet.

NASA SCIENCE: MARS: FACTS

3 **A. The Pacific Ocean**

About 90 percent of the world's earthquakes happen in the Ring of Fire, a zone of volcanoes and ocean trenches around the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: COOL EARTHQUAKE FACTS

4 **B. A jet plane**

Out in deep water, a tsunami can travel as fast as a jet plane without growing much in height. It slows down and builds up only as it nears shallow water.

NOAA NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE: WHAT IS A TSUNAMI?

5 **B. A hamburger bun**

Raindrops are not shaped like teardrops. Small ones are round, and larger ones flatten into a shape more like a hamburger bun.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: ARE RAINDROPS SHAPED LIKE TEARDROPS?

6 **B. Ganymede**

Ganymede, a moon of Jupiter, is the largest moon in the solar system. It is even bigger than the planet Mercury.

NASA SCIENCE: JUPITER FACTS

7 **A. Under the ocean**

Earth's longest mountain range is mostly underwater. The mid-ocean ridge winds 40,389 miles around the globe like the seams on a baseball.

NOAA NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE: WHAT IS THE LONGEST MOUNTAIN RANGE ON EARTH?

8 **B. The Himalaya-Karakoram**

The Himalaya-Karakoram range in Asia holds 96 of the world's 109 peaks taller than 24,000 feet.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: COOL EARTHQUAKE FACTS

9 **A. More than 500 feet**

By one estimate, the ocean's salt spread evenly over all of Earth's land would form a layer more than 500 feet thick, about as tall as a 40-story building.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: WHY IS THE OCEAN SALTY?

10 **B. More than 80 percent**

More than 80 percent of Earth's surface, counting both land and the sea floor, is of volcanic origin.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: HOW MANY ACTIVE VOLCANOES ARE THERE ON EARTH?

3 Animals, food and your body

10 QUESTIONS · CIRCLE ONE LETTER · FAMILIES AND ADULTS

Team _____ Score _____ / 10

1 About what share of an apple is air, which is why apples float?

(A) About 90 percent
(B) About 2 percent
(C) About 50 percent
(D) About 25 percent

2 In which part of the body is the smallest bone, the stapes?

(A) The wrist
(B) The ear
(C) The nose
(D) The big toe

3 Which salamander from Mexico can regrow a lost limb in a few weeks, without a scar?

(A) The mudpuppy
(B) The fire salamander
(C) The axolotl
(D) The hellbender

4 Where inside the body are most blood cells made?

(A) In bone marrow
(B) In the lungs
(C) In the stomach
(D) In the heart

5 Chocolate is made from the seeds of which tropical tree?

(A) The cacao tree
(B) The coffee tree
(C) The cashew tree
(D) The vanilla tree

6 What part of an elephant's body is a tusk?

(A) A rib bone
(B) A horn
(C) A tooth (an incisor)
(D) A claw

7 What are the three tiny middle-ear bones nicknamed?

(A) Hinge, lever and wheel
(B) Hammer, anvil and stirrup
(C) Spoon, fork and knife
(D) Drum, flute and bell

8 About how many gallons of maple sap does it take to make 1 gallon of maple syrup?

(A) About 2 gallons
(B) About 400 gallons
(C) About 40 gallons
(D) About 8 gallons

9 Some humpback whales swim about 3,000 miles from Alaska to Hawaii. What is the shortest time that trip is known to take?

(A) 3 days
(B) 28 days
(C) 9 days
(D) 90 days

10 About how many men have color vision deficiency, or "color blindness"?

(A) About 1 in 2
(B) About 1 in 12
(C) About 1 in 200
(D) About 1 in 1,000

3 Answer key: Animals, food and your body

HOST COPY · READ EACH ANSWER, THEN THE FACT

1. **D. About 25 percent**
   Apples float because about 25 percent of an apple is air.
   UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT EXTENSION: ALL ABOUT APPLES

2. **B. The ear**
   The smallest bone in the human body is the stapes, one of three tiny bones in the middle ear.
   CLEVELAND CLINIC: OSSICLES: FUNCTION & ANATOMY

3. **C. The axolotl**
   Scientists have found that an axolotl, a salamander from Mexico, can regrow a lost limb perfectly, in a few weeks and without a scar.
   SAN DIEGO ZOO WILDLIFE ALLIANCE: AXOLOTL

4. **A. In bone marrow**
   Most of your blood cells are made in bone marrow, the soft, spongy tissue inside many of your bones.
   NEMOURS KIDSHEALTH: BONES, MUSCLES & JOINTS

5. **A. The cacao tree**
   Chocolate is made from the seeds of the cacao tree. Each pod holds 30 to 50 of these seeds, called beans, which are fermented and dried before they are processed.
   IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION: FOR THE LOVE OF CHOCOLATE

6. **C. A tooth (an incisor)**
   Elephant tusks are really teeth. They are the only incisors an elephant has, and they keep growing throughout its life.
   SAN DIEGO ZOO WILDLIFE ALLIANCE: ELEPHANT

7. **B. Hammer, anvil and stirrup**
   The three tiny bones of the middle ear are the hammer, the anvil and the stirrup. They pass sound vibrations from the eardrum to the cochlea.
   CLEVELAND CLINIC: OSSICLES: FUNCTION & ANATOMY

8. **C. About 40 gallons**
   It takes about 40 gallons of maple sap, boiled down, to make just 1 gallon of maple syrup.
   OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION: SELECTING, STORING, AND SERVING OHIO MAPLE SYRUP

9. **B. 28 days**
   Some humpback whales swim from Alaska to Hawaii, a trip of about 3,000 miles, in as few as 28 days.
   NOAA FISHERIES: HUMPBACK WHALE

10. **B. About 1 in 12**
    About 1 in 12 men have color vision deficiency, which means they see colors differently than most people. It is most often passed down in families.
    NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE (NIH): COLOR BLINDNESS

4 Hard mode for grown-ups

10 QUESTIONS · CIRCLE ONE LETTER · ADULTS

Team _____ Score _____ / 10

1 Tungsten's name comes from Swedish words meaning what?

(A) Iron ore
(B) Heavy stone
(C) Bright light
(D) Hard metal

2 Around which U.S. city did the word OK most likely begin, in a fad of abbreviating misspellings, in the late 1830s?

(A) Chicago
(B) New Orleans
(C) Philadelphia
(D) Boston

3 About how much data could IBM's RAMAC, the first computer with a random-access disk drive, store?

(A) 5 megabytes
(B) 5 terabytes
(C) 500 megabytes
(D) 5 gigabytes

4 What did the famous Hollywood Sign originally advertise when it went up in 1923?

(A) A railroad line
(B) A movie studio
(C) A department store
(D) A real estate development

5 In what year did construction begin on the first Oval Office in the White House's West Wing?

(A) 1809
(B) 1859
(C) 1909
(D) 1949

6 On Isaac Newton's early temperature scale, what did the number 12 stand for?

(A) Boiling water
(B) Healthy human body temperature
(C) A hot summer day
(D) Melting iron

7 Samuel Clemens first used the pen name Mark Twain while writing for a newspaper in what is now which state?

(A) New York
(B) Nevada
(C) Missouri
(D) California

8 In 1912, Pierre de Coubertin, who inspired the Olympic art contests, won a gold medal in which field?

(A) Literature
(B) Architecture
(C) Painting
(D) Fencing

9 Which Italian harpsichord maker is credited with inventing the piano?

(A) Antonio Stradivari
(B) Andrea Amati
(C) Adolphe Sax
(D) Bartolomeo Cristofori

10 In which year was Iceland's parliament, the Althing, founded?

(A) 930
(B) 1530
(C) 1830
(D) 530

4 Answer key: Hard mode for grown-ups

HOST COPY · READ EACH ANSWER, THEN THE FACT

1 **B. Heavy stone**

Tungsten gets its name from old Swedish words meaning heavy stone. Its other name, wolfram, comes from a different mineral, wolframite.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY: TUNGSTEN: ELEMENT INFORMATION, PROPERTIES AND USES

2 **D. Boston**

The word OK most likely began around Boston in the late 1830s, as part of a fad of abbreviating misspellings. It likely stood for "oll korrect," a misspelling of "all correct."

WIKIPEDIA: OK

3 **A. 5 megabytes**

IBM's RAMAC, the first computer to use a random-access disk drive, took up much of a room and stored just 5 megabytes.

IBM: RAMAC

4 **D. A real estate development**

The Hollywood Sign first spelled "Hollywoodland." It went up in 1923 as a $21,000 billboard advertising a new housing development.

HOLLYWOOD SIGN TRUST: HOLLYWOOD SIGN: THE BIRTH OF AN ICONIC LANDMARK IN 1923

5 **C. 1909**

Construction of the first Oval Office began in the summer of 1909, and it was ready for President William Howard Taft by October of that year.

WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION: THE HISTORY OF THE OVAL OFFICE - WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

6 **B. Healthy human body temperature**

Isaac Newton once made a temperature scale where 0 was the freezing point of water and 12 was the temperature of a healthy human body.

NIST: KELVIN: HISTORY

7 **B. Nevada**

Samuel Clemens was a Mississippi riverboat pilot before he first used the pen name Mark Twain, while writing for a Nevada newspaper.

MARK TWAIN HOUSE & MUSEUM: MARK TWAIN BIOGRAPHY

8 **A. Literature**

Pierre de Coubertin, who inspired the Olympic art contests, won a gold medal in literature in 1912 for "Ode to Sport," which he entered under two fake names.

OLYMPEDIA: ART COMPETITIONS

9 **D. Bartolomeo Cristofori**

The piano's ancestor, the fortepiano, was invented around the year 1700 by Bartolomeo Cristofori, an Italian harpsichord maker who worked for the Medici family.

WIKIPEDIA: PIANO

10 **A. 930**

Iceland's parliament, the Althing, was founded in the year 930 at Thingvellir, more than a thousand years ago.

WIKIPEDIA: ALTHING

5 Memory Lane

10 QUESTIONS · CIRCLE ONE LETTER · SENIORS AND ANYONE WHO REMEMBERS

Team _____ Score _____ / 10

1 Which British band drew 73 million viewers to its first Ed Sullivan Show appearance?

(A) The Rolling Stones
(B) The Monkees
(C) The Beatles
(D) The Beach Boys

2 Which company introduced the Walkman portable cassette player in 1979?

(A) Panasonic
(B) Motorola
(C) Sony
(D) Atari

3 In what year did Disneyland open in Anaheim, California?

(A) 1935
(B) 1955
(C) 1965
(D) 1975

4 How many cameras filmed I Love Lucy in front of a live audience, a method that became standard for sitcoms?

(A) One
(B) Eight
(C) Three
(D) Five

5 What was Rubik's Cube called when Erno Rubik first built it?

(A) The Puzzle Block
(B) The Color Brick
(C) The Magic Cube
(D) The Hungarian Box

6 According to the U.S. Postal Service, what does ZIP stand for in ZIP Code?

(A) Zone Information Protocol
(B) Zonal Inbox Plan
(C) Zoning Improvement Plan
(D) Zoned Item Processing

7 Which toy starred in the very first television commercial ever made for a toy?

(A) Slinky
(B) Lincoln Logs
(C) Barbie
(D) Mr. Potato Head

8 What was the name of the computer the Census Bureau received in 1951 and calls the first commercial computer?

(A) ENIAC
(B) The Apple I
(C) The IBM 360
(D) UNIVAC

9 What was Mario originally called in the 1981 arcade game Donkey Kong?

(A) Jumpman
(B) Leaping Larry
(C) Plumber Pete
(D) Barrel Bob

10 In which two cities were the first Grammy Awards held at the same time in 1959?

(A) Los Angeles and New York
(B) Chicago and Nashville
(C) Miami and Dallas
(D) Memphis and Detroit

5 Answer key: Memory Lane

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1 **C. The Beatles**

The Beatles' first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show, in February 1964, drew 73 million viewers.

PBS: DECONSTRUCTING THE BEATLES

2 **C. Sony**

In 1979, Sony introduced the Walkman, a portable cassette player that let people carry their own music around.

WIKIPEDIA: WALKMAN

3 **B. 1955**

Disneyland in Anaheim, California, was dedicated on July 17, 1955, and opened to the public the next day.

WIKIPEDIA: DISNEYLAND

4 **C. Three**

I Love Lucy was filmed with three cameras in front of a live audience, a method that became the standard for TV situation comedies.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: THE CAST, CREW, AND SET - I LOVE LUCY: AN AMERICAN LEGEND

5 **C. The Magic Cube**

Hungarian teacher Erno Rubik built his first cube puzzle in 1974 and called it the Magic Cube. After it reached stores in 1980, buyers snapped up 100 million within two years.

THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY: RUBIK'S CUBE | NATIONAL TOY HALL OF FAME | THE STRONG

6 **C. Zoning Improvement Plan**

ZIP stands for Zoning Improvement Plan. The five-digit ZIP Code was launched in 1963 to help the Post Office handle growing amounts of mail.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE: INTRODUCTION OF THE ZIP CODE - U.S. POSTAL FACTS

7 **D. Mr. Potato Head**

Mr. Potato Head starred in the first TV commercial ever made for a toy. It helped Hasbro earn more than $4 million in just the first few months.

THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY: MR. POTATO HEAD | NATIONAL TOY HALL OF FAME | THE STRONG

8 **D. UNIVAC**

The Census Bureau calls UNIVAC the world's first commercial computer. It received one on March 31, 1951, built with more than 5,600 vacuum tubes.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU: 1960 UNIVAC

9 **A. Jumpman**

Mario made his debut in the 1981 arcade game Donkey Kong. He was first called Jumpman, until Nintendo of America staff named him after their warehouse owner.

THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY: DONKEY KONG - THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY

10 **A. Los Angeles and New York**

The first Grammy Awards, on May 4, 1959, were held in two cities at once: a dinner in Los Angeles and a matching event in New York City.

RECORDING ACADEMY (GRAMMY.COM): SINATRA TO THE CHIPMUNKS: 7 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 1ST GRAMMY AWARDS

Scorecard

Write team names in the first column. One point per right answer. Use the last two columns for a bonus round or the tiebreaker.

TEAM	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	ROUND 5	BONUS	TOTAL
Team 1							
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