Pub quiz: 60 questions in 6 rounds

Host sheet with answers · 60 questions in 6 rounds · answers checked 14 November 2026

Round 1: General knowledge

1. On a standard dartboard, which number sits at the very top? **20**
2. How many keys does a standard modern piano have? **88**
3. In which city is the Brandenburg Gate? **Berlin**
4. Which Shakespeare play features the characters Rosencrantz and Guildenstern? **Hamlet**
5. What is the largest internal organ in the human body? **The liver**
6. How many sides does a 50p coin have? **Seven**
7. What colour is the Central line on the London Underground map? **Red**
8. Which artist painted The Persistence of Memory, with its melting clocks? **Salvador Dalí**
9. In the NATO phonetic alphabet, which word stands for the letter Q? **Quebec**
10. What is the only even prime number? **Two**

Round 2: Geography

1. What is the capital of New Zealand? **Wellington**
2. Which river flows through the centre of Paris? **The Seine**
3. Which river, the longest in Great Britain, rises in Wales and flows into the Bristol Channel? **The River Severn**
4. In which country is Mount Kilimanjaro? **Tanzania**
5. What is the smallest country in the world by area? **Vatican City**
6. What is the highest mountain in Wales? **Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon)**
7. Which sea separates the east coast of Italy from Croatia? **The Adriatic Sea**
8. What is the capital of Canada? **Ottawa**
9. Which US state is the largest by area? **Alaska**
10. Which strait separates Spain from Morocco? **The Strait of Gibraltar**

Round 3: History

1. In which year was the Battle of Hastings fought? **1066**
2. Who was the first woman to become Prime Minister of the United Kingdom? **Margaret Thatcher**
3. Which ocean liner sank on its maiden voyage in April 1912? **RMS Titanic**
4. In which year did the Berlin Wall fall? **1989**
5. How many wives did Henry VIII have? **Six**
6. Who was the first person to walk on the Moon? **Neil Armstrong**
7. In which year did the Great Fire of London break out? **1666**
8. Which is the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing? **The Great Pyramid of Giza**
9. Which queen reigned over the United Kingdom from 1837 to 1901? **Queen Victoria**
10. In which year did women in the UK gain the vote on the same terms as men? **1928**

Round 4: Science and nature

1. What is the hardest naturally occurring mineral? **Diamond**
2. How many bones are there in a typical adult human body? **206**
3. Which gas do plants take in from the air for photosynthesis? **Carbon dioxide**
4. Which gas makes up about 78% of dry air in Earth's atmosphere? **Nitrogen**
5. Which is the largest living species of cat? **The tiger**

6. To the nearest degree Celsius, at what temperature does water boil at sea level? **100**
7. What is the collective noun for a group of lions? **A pride**
8. Which chemical element has the atomic number 1? **Hydrogen**
9. How many hearts does an octopus have? **Three**
10. What is the fastest land animal? **The cheetah**

Round 5: Food and drink

1. Which fruit is the main ingredient of guacamole? **Avocado**
2. Gouda cheese is named after a city in which country? **The Netherlands**
3. Which type of pasta has a name that means "little worms" in Italian? **Vermicelli**
4. Which spice comes from the flower of a crocus? **Saffron**
5. Which pulse is the main ingredient of hummus? **Chickpeas**
6. Which dish is the centrepiece of a Burns supper, and has a Robert Burns poem recited to it before it is cut open? **Haggis**
7. Which grain is Japanese sake made from? **Rice**
8. Which Italian dessert has a name that means "pick me up"? **Tiramisu**
9. Which nut is the main ingredient of marzipan? **Almonds**
10. Which Derbyshire town gives its name to a tart and a pudding? **Bakewell**

Round 6: Books, art and music

1. Who wrote Pride and Prejudice? **Jane Austen**
2. How many strings does a standard violin have? **Four**
3. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel? **Michelangelo**
4. In the Harry Potter books, what is the name of Harry's owl? **Hedwig**
5. Which composer wrote The Four Seasons? **Antonio Vivaldi**
6. Which detective lives at 221B Baker Street? **Sherlock Holmes**
7. Who wrote the novel Nineteen Eighty-Four? **George Orwell**
8. In which Italian city is Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet mainly set? **Verona**
9. Which English artist painted The Hay Wain? **John Constable**
10. Who wrote A Christmas Carol? **Charles Dickens**

Tie-breaker (closest answer wins)

1. How tall, in metres, is the Elizabeth Tower, the clock tower of the Palace of Westminster that houses Big Ben? **96 metres (96.3 m to be exact)**