

PUB QUIZ

Aim: to practice present and past simple question forms (writing & speaking)

Level: Pre-Intermediate to Intermediate

Age: Adults

Procedure:

Warmer: Ask students if they've ever played Trivial Pursuit. Are they good at it? What areas are they good at in particular? Tell them they're going to play a similar game, called a Pub Quiz. (You might even want to offer the winning group a prize as an incentive!)

Stage 1: Divide the class into groups of three or four. For smaller groups, students can form pairs or work individually. Each team receives a set of cards with a fact on each one (there are forty cards in total, so it's up to you how many cards you give each team. The more cards, the longer the game).

Stage 2: Appoint a secretary for each group. Each group looks at their cards and makes the statement into a question. For example, if the card says: "Anne Bolyne had eleven fingers", the students form the question: "How many fingers did Anne Bolyne have?". The secretary writes the questions on a separate piece of paper. Set a time limit. Monitor and help if students have difficulty forming their questions.

Stage 3: Now it's time to play. Each team takes it in turn to ask the other teams their questions. The team members confer and the secretary writes the answers on a piece of paper. After all the questions have been asked, go through the answers together. Award one point for each correct answer. You can use any spare cards as bonus questions for teams with an equal score.

Suggestions:

You could get students to make up their own questions based on current affairs or things related to their own country. You could also stick to one area, for example music for teenage groups.

Note: Some of the 'facts' in the pub quiz are disputed.

THE QUESTIONS

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Ping Pong is also known as table tennis	A standard piano has 36 black keys	Mickey Mouse has eight fingers in total	Nicolas Copernicus is considered to be the father of modern astronomy	Portuguese is the official language of Brazil
Pretoria is the capital of South Africa	California is that state that produces the greatest quantity of oranges	The Canary Islands are also known as Las Islas Afortunadas	Narciso was the name of the Greek boy who fell in love with his own reflection	Napoleon was terrified of cats
Real Madrid won the first European Champions League Cup	E.T got drunk on beer when Elliott left him alone in the house	New Zealand is further south than Australia	Cider comes from apples	Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer
Indianapolis is the capital of Indiana	It takes a hen one year to lay 19 dozen eggs	Jerusalem is the capital of Israel	Mexico is the biggest country in Central America	Gibraltar is the only place in Europe where monkeys live in the wild
Cancer is your star sign if you were born on the 15 th July	The Arctic Ocean is twelve times smaller than the Pacific Ocean	"A" is the first letter of the Russian alphabet	"sunk" is the past participle of "sink"	Sicily is the biggest island in the Mediterranean Sea
Robbie Williams is from Stoke-on-Trent	Rin-Tin-Tin was a German Shepherd	A bee has four wings	Popeye's girlfriend is called Olive	Abraham Lincoln was the tallest American president
Hanover is in Germany	Anne Bolyne had eleven fingers	The Beatles come from Liverpool	Tony Blair's youngest son is called Leo	7 million people live in London

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