



# Warm-up quiz

No points, just for fun and to warm up your grey matter for the quiz to come.



1. Who wrote *Animal Farm*?  
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2. What is the motto of the Special Air Services (SAS)?  
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3. Who was William Shakespeare's wife?  
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4. Which planet in our solar system is closest to the sun?  
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5. Which year did the Great Fire of London take place?  
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6. The number 20 is sandwiched between which two numbers on a dartboard?  
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7. Bones was the nickname of the doctor in which 1970s science fiction series?  
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8. What is the chemical name for chalk?  
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8. How many points is the pink ball worth in snooker?  
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9. Ne stands for which chemical in the Periodic Table?  
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10. Cymbopogon citrates is a common ingredient of Thai cooking. What is it better known as?  
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11. Which elephant ears are larger? Indian or African?  
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12. Who was the author of *A Christmas Carol*?  
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13. What do the five Olympic rings represent?  
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14. What are the ten events in a decathlon?  
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15. In what sport could you get a birdie, bogie or par?  
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16. What does a philatelist study?  
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17. What is the actual colour of a black box flight recorder?  
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18. What are the six weapons in a game of Cluedo?  
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19. In which sport is the position of Centre, Goal Defence and Wing Defence?  
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20. Where does the American flag fly 24 hours a day, but is never raised or lowered?  
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**Answers**  
 1. George Orwell. 2. Who Dares Wins. 3. Anne Hathaway (not Mrs Shakespeare). 4. Mercury. 5. 1666. 6. 5 and 1. 7. Star Trek. 8. Calcium Carbonate. 8. 6. 9. Neon (a Noble gas). 10. Lemon grass. 11. African. 12. Charles Dickens. 13. The five continents. (Every flag of the world contains at least one colour of the Olympic rings). 14. 100 metres, long jump, shotput, high jump, 400 metres, 110 metres hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and the 1500 metres. 15. Golf. 16. Stamps. 17. Orange (for easier location). 18. Candlestick, dagger, lead piping, rope, revolver and spanner. 19. Netball. 20. The moon.