TEN SECONDS SMARTER · QUIZ NIGHT KIT FREE SAMPLE

Born in 1966 Quiz Night

50 fact-checked questions about 1966, 5 rounds

Made for milestone birthdays, class reunions and anniversaries. Family-friendly

Host script



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How to run this quiz FREE SAMPLE

This free sample is one complete round. Allow about **20 min** for the whole night. Everything you need is in this kit: show the slides, read from this script, hand out the answer sheets, and keep score in the spreadsheet.

Before the night

- Print one set of answer sheets per team (one page each) and a few spares. Have pens ready.
- Open the slides on the laptop connected to your screen or projector. They work in PowerPoint, Keynote and Google Slides.
- Use **Presenter View** so you see the answers in the speaker notes while the room sees only the question. Test this before guests arrive.
- Open the scoreboard spreadsheet and type in the team names as they arrive.
- Skim this script once so you know how to pronounce everything.

Running order

Welcome, teams and rules	**5 min**
Round 1: 1966 Headlines	**12 min**
Wrap-up	**3 min**
Total (approx.)	**20 min**

Each round

1. Show the round title slide and read the line under **Read out**.
2. Show each question and read it aloud twice. Allow about 30–45 seconds per question.
3. On the **Pens down** slide, collect the sheets (or have teams swap with a neighbour to mark).
4. Click through the answers. Read the fact after each one: it keeps the energy up while you mark.
5. Enter the round scores in the spreadsheet before the next round starts.

Marking

- One point per correct answer (10). No half points.
- Check the **Accept** notes under each answer: they list alternatives to allow and near-misses to reject.
- Be generous with spelling if the answer is clearly the right one.
- The quizmaster’s decision is final. Disputes can wait for the break.

Ties and prizes

- Still tied? Ask a number question of your own (e.g. “How many minutes did tonight’s quiz last?”). Closest answer wins.
- Prizes don’t need to be big: bragging rights, a round of drinks, or chocolate.

Answer key at a glance FREE SAMPLE

For quick marking. Full questions, accepted alternatives and facts follow, round by round.

Round 1 · 1966 Headlines

1. Australia
2. The Beatles
3. Twister
4. London
5. Montreal
6. It's a Small World
7. AstroTurf
8. Yves Saint Laurent
9. The Whitney Museum of American Art
10. Lincoln Center

ROUND 1 · FREE SAMPLE

1966 Headlines

Write your answer

READ OUT

Ten moments that made the news in 1966.

1 EASY

Which country switched to decimal currency on 14 February 1966, replacing its pound with a new dollar?

ANSWER **Australia**

Say: *The changeover rate was two new dollars for every old pound.*

2 EASY

Which band played the last paid concert of their career at Candlestick Park, San Francisco, on 29 August 1966?

ANSWER **The Beatles**

Accept / notes: Beatles

Say: *They never played another paid concert after that night.*

3 EASY

Which party game became a hit after Eva Gabor played it with Johnny Carson on The Tonight Show in May 1966?

ANSWER **Twister**

Say: *That TV moment came on 3 May 1966 and turned the game into a major success.*

4 MEDIUM

In April 1966, Time magazine put which city on its cover as "The Swinging City"?

ANSWER **London**

Say: *Time's cover story pronounced London the global hub of youthful creativity, hedonism and excitement.*

5 MEDIUM

Which Canadian city opened its underground metro system on 14 October 1966?

ANSWER **Montreal**

Accept / notes: Montréal

Say: *It is run by the STM, the Société de transport de Montréal.*

6 MEDIUM

Which Disneyland ride, with dolls from cultures around the world, opened in Fantasyland on 28 May 1966?

ANSWER **It's a Small World**

Accept / notes: Small World; It's a Small World After All

Say: *Walt Disney announced it in February 1966 as part of a $23 million expansion of the park.*

7 MEDIUM

Which artificial grass, first sold as ChemGrass, was renamed after it was installed at a famous Texas stadium in 1966?

ANSWER **AstroTurf**

Accept / notes: Astro Turf; Do NOT accept ChemGrass (its earlier name, given in the question)

Say: *The stadium was the Houston Astrodome, and the turf took its new name from it.*

8 HARD

Which French fashion designer introduced "Le Smoking", a tuxedo suit for women, in 1966?

ANSWER **Yves Saint Laurent**

Accept / notes: Saint Laurent; YSL

Say: *His other 1960s trends included pea coats, smock tops and safari jackets.*

9 **Which New York art museum moved into a new Marcel Breuer-designed building on Madison Avenue in 1966?** HARD

ANSWER **The Whitney Museum of American Art**

Accept / notes: Whitney; Whitney Museum

Say: *It stayed at 945 Madison Avenue until 2014.*

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10 **The new Metropolitan Opera House opened in 1966 as part of which New York City arts complex?** HARD

ANSWER **Lincoln Center**

Accept / notes: Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

Say: *It replaced the original 1883 Metropolitan Opera House at Broadway and 39th Street.*

End of Round 1: show the **Pens down** slide, collect sheets, then reveal the answers.

Sources

Every answer in this kit was checked against the page below.

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