TEN SECONDS SMARTER · QUIZ NIGHT KIT FREE SAMPLE

Born in 1976 Quiz Night

50 fact-checked questions about 1976 — 5 rounds

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

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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: 1976 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 · 1976 Headlines

1. Concorde
2. 200th (the Bicentennial)
3. Toronto
4. Brighton
5. The two-dollar bill
6. Washington, D.C.
7. Mount Everest
8. California
9. Jelly Belly
10. Microsoft

ROUND 1 · FREE SAMPLE

1976 Headlines

Write your answer

READ OUT

Ten firsts, openings and big moments from 1976.

1 EASY

In January 1976, which supersonic airliner began scheduled passenger flights with British Airways and Air France?

ANSWER **Concorde**

Say: *The first flights left Paris-Roissy and London Heathrow on the same day, 21 January 1976.*

2 EASY

On 4 July 1976, the United States celebrated which anniversary of its Declaration of Independence?

ANSWER **200th (the Bicentennial)**

Accept / notes: 200; Bicentennial; Bicentenary

Say: *Official Bicentennial events had begun more than a year earlier, in April 1975.*

3 EASY

The CN Tower, then the world's tallest free-standing structure, opened to the public in June 1976 in which city?

ANSWER **Toronto**

Say: *It opened on 26 June 1976, and its construction cost of about CA$63 million was repaid in fifteen years.*

4 MEDIUM

In 1976, Anita Roddick opened the very first Body Shop in which English seaside resort?

ANSWER **Brighton**

Say: *She opened it to earn an income for herself and her two daughters while her husband was away in South America.*

5 MEDIUM

In April 1976, the US Treasury reissued which banknote, timed to reach banks on Thomas Jefferson's birthday?

ANSWER **The two-dollar bill**

Accept / notes: $2 bill; $2 note; two-dollar note

Say: *The Series 1976 notes became available from banks on 13 April 1976.*

6 MEDIUM

In March 1976, the first section of which city's Metro subway system opened, with free rides for everyone on opening day?

ANSWER **Washington, D.C.**

Accept / notes: Washington; Washington DC

Say: *The first 4.6 miles (7.4 km) of the Red Line had just five stations.*

7 MEDIUM

Nepal's Sagarmatha National Park, created in 1976, contains which famous mountain?

ANSWER **Mount Everest**

Accept / notes: Everest

Say: *The park covers 1,148 km² (443 sq mi) of the Himalayas in Nepal's Solukhumbu District.*

8 HARD

In a famous blind wine tasting held in Paris in May 1976, wines from which US state beat the best of France?

ANSWER **California**

Say: *A wine from Napa County was rated best in each category, to the wine world's surprise.*

9 **Which gourmet jelly bean brand was first sold in 1976, in eight flavors including Very Cherry and Root Beer?** HARD

ANSWER **Jelly Belly**

Accept / notes: Jelly Bellys; Jelly Belly jelly beans

Say: *The first beans were sold at Fosselman's ice cream parlor in Alhambra, and the name was a tribute to blues musician Lead Belly.*

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10 **Which software company was officially registered in the US state of New Mexico in November 1976?** HARD

ANSWER **Microsoft**

Accept / notes: Micro-Soft; Microsoft Corporation

Say: *It was registered with the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Mexico.*

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.

Round 1 · 1976 Headlines

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