TEN SECONDS SMARTER · QUIZ NIGHT KIT FREE SAMPLE

2026 Year in Review Quiz Night

70 fact-checked questions on January–October 2026, in 7 rounds

Family-friendly; works for pubs, offices and ho

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: Sport in 2026	**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 · Sport in 2026

1. Cortina d'Ampezzo
2. Seattle Seahawks
3. Spain
4. Venezuela
5. Ferran Torres
6. India
7. New York Knicks
8. Rory McIlroy
9. Carolina Hurricanes
10. Golden Tempo

ROUND 1 · FREE SAMPLE

Sport in 2026

Write your answer

READ OUT

Ten sporting moments from January to October 2026.

1 EASY

In February 2026, the Winter Olympics were co-hosted by Milan and which other Italian town?

ANSWER **Cortina d'Ampezzo**

Accept / notes: Cortina

Say: *Milano Cortina 2026 were the first Olympic Games officially co-hosted by two cities.*

2 EASY

Which NFL team won Super Bowl LX in February 2026?

ANSWER **Seattle Seahawks**

Accept / notes: Seattle; the Seahawks

Say: *Seattle beat the New England Patriots 29–13 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.*

3 EASY

Which country won the men's FIFA World Cup final on 19 July 2026?

ANSWER **Spain**

Say: *Spain beat defending champions Argentina 1–0 after extra time for their second World Cup title, 16 years after the first.*

4 MEDIUM

In March 2026, which country won the World Baseball Classic for the first time?

ANSWER **Venezuela**

Say: *Eugenio Suárez's double in the top of the ninth inning gave Venezuela a 3–2 lead in the championship game.*

5 MEDIUM

Who scored the extra-time winning goal in the July 2026 men's World Cup final?

ANSWER **Ferran Torres**

Accept / notes: Torres

Say: *He scored from a Nico Williams header to give Spain a 1–0 victory.*

6 MEDIUM

Which country won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in March 2026, beating New Zealand in the final?

ANSWER **India**

Say: *India won by 96 runs, becoming the first team to win the T20 World Cup three times and the first to win it at home.*

7 MEDIUM

Which team won the NBA Finals in June 2026, its first championship since 1973?

ANSWER **New York Knicks**

Accept / notes: New York; the Knicks

Say: *The Knicks beat the San Antonio Spurs four games to one for their third NBA title.*

8 MEDIUM

Which golfer won the Masters in April 2026 for the second year in a row?

ANSWER **Rory McIlroy**

Accept / notes: McIlroy

Say: *He joined Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo and Tiger Woods as the only players to win the Masters in consecutive years.*

9 **Which NHL team won the Stanley Cup in June 2026?** HARD

ANSWER **Carolina Hurricanes**

Accept / notes: Carolina; the Hurricanes

Say: *Carolina beat the Vegas Golden Knights four games to two for their second Stanley Cup and first since 2006.*

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10 **Which horse won the 152nd Kentucky Derby in May 2026?** HARD

ANSWER **Golden Tempo**

Say: *Its trainer, Cherie DeVaux, became the first woman trainer to win the Kentucky Derby.*

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 · Sport in 2026

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