

Trivia Showdown: Ultimate Guide

Duration: 30 minutes

Players: 4 teams, ideally 5-6 people per team, but this can be scaled for larger groups.

Materials: A list of trivia questions (or a trivia app), a timer, and something to track the score (paper, whiteboard, or digital).

How to Play:

- 1. Set Up Teams:**
 - Split your group into two teams. If you have a larger group, divide them into equal teams.
 - Each team can come up with a fun team name to add some personality.
- 2. Game Flow:**
 - Start the timer for each round (20 seconds to answer).
 - Ask one question to one team. If they answer correctly within 20 seconds, they earn 1 point.
 - If the first team answers incorrectly, the other teams have a chance to “steal” the question and get the point.
 - After each question, alternate between teams to keep things moving.
- 3. Scoring:**
 - Keep track of the score on a whiteboard.
 - You can decide how many rounds to play or the number of points a team should earn to win.
- 4. Bonus Round (Optional):**
 - For an added twist, have a “double point” question in the final round. These can be harder questions or something silly, like “What’s the most popular dog breed in the world?”

50 Trivia Questions (50 more questions below)

(Answers are provided at the bottom, after the questions)

Pop Culture:

1. Who won the first season of *American Idol*?
2. What is the name of the fictional country in *Black Panther*?
3. Which actor played Iron Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe?
4. In what year did the movie *Titanic* release?
5. Who performed the song "Shape of You"?
6. Which artist had a viral hit with “Old Town Road”?
7. What was the title of the first *Star Wars* movie released in 1977?
8. Who is the best-selling female music artist of all time?
9. What TV show features a group of people stuck on a deserted island after a plane crash?

10. Which animated movie features a snowman named Olaf?

History:

11. Who was the first president of the United States?
12. What year did World War II end?
13. Which ancient civilization built the pyramids in Egypt?
14. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?
15. What famous ship sank on its maiden voyage in 1912?
16. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis?
17. What year did the Berlin Wall fall?
18. Which empire was ruled by Julius Caesar, Augustus, and Nero?
19. Who was the famous British Prime Minister during World War II?
20. Which country was formerly known as Persia?

Science:

21. What is the chemical symbol for water?
22. How many planets are in our solar system?
23. Who developed the theory of relativity?
24. What is the powerhouse of the cell?
25. What is the largest organ in the human body?
26. What gas do plants absorb from the atmosphere during photosynthesis?
27. Who is credited with the discovery of penicillin?
28. Which element is represented by the symbol "O"?
29. What is the most common element in the Earth's crust?
30. What planet is known as the "Red Planet"?

Random Facts:

31. What is the largest animal on Earth?
32. In what country did the game of chess originate?
33. What is the longest river in the world?
34. What is the national animal of Canada?
35. How many bones are in the adult human body?
36. What is the smallest country in the world?
37. What is the only bird that can fly backward?
38. Which country has the most natural lakes?
39. What is the most consumed beverage in the world, after water?
40. Which month of the year has exactly 28 days?

Bonus/Challenging Questions:

41. What is the tallest mountain on Earth?
42. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
43. In what year was the first iPhone released?
44. What animal can live without its head for several days?
45. What is the term for a baby kangaroo?
46. Which element has the atomic number 79?
47. Who invented the first practical telephone?
48. What is the capital city of Canada?

49. Who wrote the *Harry Potter* series?
 50. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
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Answer Key:

Pop Culture:

1. Kelly Clarkson
2. Wakanda
3. Robert Downey Jr.
4. 1997
5. Ed Sheeran
6. Lil Nas X
7. *Star Wars: A New Hope*
8. Celine Dion
9. *Lost*
10. *Frozen*

History:

11. George Washington
12. 1945
13. Ancient Egyptians
14. Amelia Earhart
15. RMS Titanic
16. Nikita Khrushchev
17. 1989
18. Roman Empire
19. Winston Churchill
20. Iran

Science:

21. H₂O
22. 8
23. Albert Einstein
24. Mitochondria
25. Skin
26. Carbon dioxide
27. Alexander Fleming
28. Oxygen
29. Oxygen
30. Mars

Random Facts:

31. Blue whale
32. India
33. Nile River

34. Beaver
35. 206
36. Vatican City
37. Hummingbird
38. Canada
39. Tea
40. Every month has at least 28 days

Bonus/Challenging Questions:

41. Mount Everest
42. Leonardo da Vinci
43. 2007
44. Cockroach
45. Joey
46. Gold
47. Alexander Graham Bell
48. Ottawa
49. J.K. Rowling
50. Mercury

50 More Trivia Questions

Pop Culture:

1. Which singer is known as the "King of Pop"?
2. In *Friends*, what is the name of Ross and Monica's father?
3. Who played the character of Jack Dawson in *Titanic*?
4. What was the title of the first *Harry Potter* movie?
5. What is the name of the fictional coffee shop in *Friends*?
6. Which pop star famously wore a meat dress to the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards?
7. What year did the TV show *Game of Thrones* first air?
8. Who won the first season of *The Voice* (USA)?
9. What was the first animated feature film ever created by Disney?
10. Who is the voice of the character of Woody in *Toy Story*?

History:

11. Who was the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress?
12. In which year did the U.S. land the first man on the Moon?
13. Who was the last pharaoh of ancient Egypt?
14. Which country was the first to grant women the right to vote?
15. In what year did the United States declare independence?
16. Who is known as the "Father of India" for his role in India's independence movement?
17. What country was once known as Zaire?
18. Who was the famous English king who had six wives?
19. Which battle marked the turning point of the American Civil War?

20. Who was the first emperor of China?

Science:

21. What is the hardest natural substance on Earth?
22. What is the chemical symbol for gold?
23. How many bones are in the adult human body?
24. What is the second most abundant gas in Earth's atmosphere?
25. What is the largest planet in our solar system?
26. What is the smallest unit of life?
27. What is the main ingredient in glass?
28. Who is credited with developing the first practical light bulb?
29. Which gas makes up most of the Earth's atmosphere?
30. What is the only planet that rotates clockwise?

Random Facts:

31. What country is known as the Land of the Rising Sun?
32. Which animal can hold its breath for up to 2 hours underwater?
33. What does the word "karaoke" mean in Japanese?
34. What is the longest-running Broadway show of all time?
35. In which city can you find the famous landmark, the Eiffel Tower?
36. How many continents are there on Earth?
37. What is the capital of Japan?
38. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
39. What's the only mammal capable of flight?
40. How many stripes are there on the flag of the United States?

Bonus/Challenging Questions:

41. What is the capital city of New Zealand?
42. Who invented the first successful airplane?
43. What is the world's largest desert?
44. Who directed the movie *Jaws*?
45. What year did the Berlin Wall go up?
46. What is the smallest country in the world by land area?
47. Which planet is closest to the sun?
48. In what year did the Titanic sink?
49. What was the first video game to be commercially successful?
50. What country produces the most coffee in the world?

Answer Key:

Pop Culture:

1. Michael Jackson
2. Jack Geller

3. Leonardo DiCaprio
 4. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
 5. Central Perk
 6. Lady Gaga
 7. 2011
 8. Javier Colon
 9. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*
 10. Tom Hanks
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History:

11. Jeanette Rankin
 12. 1969
 13. Cleopatra VII
 14. New Zealand
 15. 1776
 16. Mahatma Gandhi
 17. The Democratic Republic of the Congo
 18. King Henry VIII
 19. Battle of Gettysburg
 20. Qin Shi Huang
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Science:

21. Diamond
 22. Au
 23. 206
 24. Oxygen
 25. Jupiter
 26. Cell
 27. Sand
 28. Thomas Edison
 29. Nitrogen
 30. Venus
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Random Facts:

31. Japan
32. The elephant seal
33. "Empty orchestra"
34. *The Phantom of the Opera*
35. Paris, France
36. 7
37. Tokyo
38. Strawberry

39. Bat

40. 13

Bonus/Challenging Questions:

41. Wellington

42. The Wright brothers (Orville and Wilbur Wright)

43. The Antarctic Desert

44. Steven Spielberg

45. 1961

46. Vatican City

47. Mercury

48. 1912

49. *Pong*

50. Brazil