

# Refugee week sample quiz

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## *Sample questions for a fundraising quiz*

### Principles

- Questions for diverse global student intake
- Question language graded for understanding an explanation for EFL learners (ideally mixed ability teams)
- Questions to generate team discussion and inclusion

### World Geography (20 points)

1. Which country has the longest coastline? (Canada)
2. Which is the largest country in the European Union by area? (France)
3. Which country has the most land borders with other countries? (China – 16)
4. There are three countries with dragons on their flags – can you name any? (**1 point each**)
  - a. Wales
  - b. Bhutan
  - c. Malta (you need to look closely in the top left!)
5. I am walking in a jungle and I see a jaguar – which continent am I on? (South / Central America\*)
6. Let's travel the world! For the super pedants - the rules for these questions are – the directions are **cardinal**: they are based on latitude and longitude lines on the globe (show a globe if poss). They are NOT based on magnetic compass directions (which fluctuate) OR flat map projections which can distort. (**1 point each**)
  - a. I am on a ship in New York. I sail due East – which is the first country I reach? (Portugal)
  - b. Now I'm on a plane in Paris. I fly due South – which is the first country I fly over? (Algeria)
  - c. Now I'm in Montevideo (Uruguay). I sail due East – which is the first country I reach? (South Africa)
  - d. Now I'm in a plane in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia). I fly due East. Which is the first country I fly over? (Egypt)
  - e. Now I'm in a plane in Beijing. I fly due East. Which is the first country I fly over? (North Korea / Democratic People's Republic of North Korea)
  - f. Now I'm in a rowing boat in Land's End (far western point of England) and I row South. What is the first country I reach? (Spain)
7. What is the capital city of... (**1 point each**)
  - a. Brazil? (Brasilia)
  - b. Australia? (Canberra)
  - c. Vietnam? (Hanoi)
  - d. Morocco? (Rabat)
8. What is the highest mountain in the world (English name)? Everest
9. That mountain is also the border between two countries – which countries? (**1 point each**)
  - a. China
  - b. Nepal

\*Jaguars range through South, Central, and some reports from very southern USA.

## UK culture, history and geography (20 points)

1. Which UK music groups had these members? (**1 point each**)
  - a. Noel and Liam Gallagher (Oasis)
  - b. Emma Bunton, Mel C, Mel B, Geri Halliwell and Victoria Beckham (The Spice Girls)
  - c. John Lennon and Paul McCartney (the Beatles)
  - d. Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson & Zayn Malik (One Direction)
2. Who wrote the Harry Potter books? (J.K. Rowling)
3. How many children does Prince William have? (Three)
4. Which Roman emperor built a wall across the north of England to guard the empire? (Hadrian – Hadrian’s wall)
5. Which football team has won the most English Premier League titles? (Manchester United)
6. What is the tallest mountain in the United Kingdom and where is it? (**1 point each**)
  - a. (Ben Nevis)
  - b. (Scotland)
7. Which fictional character lived at 221B Baker Street? (Sherlock Holmes)
8. The English love a cup of tea – but where does tea drinking come from? (China – as it became popular, the India plantations grew)
9. From which language does English take these words? – alchemist, algebra, ghoul (Arabic)
10. From which language does English take these words? – castle, soldier, beef (French)
11. What colour flower is the symbol of the England Rugby team? (a red rose)
12. How many wives did English king Henry VIII have? (Six – their fates: divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived).
13. Who won the Oscar for Best Actress in 2018? (Olivia Coleman)
14. Which city is the capital of Northern Ireland? (Belfast)
15. Which artist has had the most UK number one hit singles (clue – he isn’t British!)? (Elvis Presley with 21 – Beatles second with 17)
16. Which traditional English sport involves these things – ball, bats, pads, stumps, bails and a wicket? (Cricket)

## World - General knowledge (10 points)

1. Where was Ghengis / Chingis Khan almost certainly born (name of the country which now exists in that area)? (Mongolia)
2. Which multi-award winning female artist was a member of the girl group Destiny’s Child? (Beyoncé)
3. What does ‘Nike’ (the sports clothing brand) mean? (Nike is the name of the Greek Goddess of victory – the Romans called her ‘Victoria’)
4. Which country has won the most medals at Olympic Summer Games\*? (United States of America – interesting aside, second is still the Soviet Union which collapsed in 1991 – NOT Russia, which is 10<sup>th</sup>.)
5. Fiji has won one Olympic Gold medal, in 2016. Which team sport did they win? (Rugby 7s – accept rugby!)
6. What is the largest animal in the world (English name)? (Blue whale / Balaenoptera musculu)
7. Which Italian astronomer first observed moons orbiting around Jupiter? (Galileo Galilei)
8. Which pop group had hits with Waterloo, The Winner Takes it All and Mamma Mia, and which country do they come from? (1 point each)
  - a. (Abba)
  - b. (Sweden)
9. Raisins, currants and sultanas are food made of dried ...what? (grapes).

\* Olympic summer games since 1896, as defined by International Olympic Committee.

\*\* other astronomers did independently observe these too, but Galileo is arguably the main one in terms of subsequent influence and changing Western thought). He is also the only Italian!

## Sequences – what's next? (10 points)

1. John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron, ... (Teresa May - order of UK Prime Ministers)
2. Beijing, Athens, London, Rio de Janeiro .... (Tokyo - host cities for summer Olympic games – Tokyo is 2020)
3. My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, Yeezus, The Life of Pablo, ... ('Ye' - Kanye West albums in order 2010, 2013, 2016, 2018).
4. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars ... (Jupiter - order of planets going away from Sun)
5. Russia, Canada, United States, China, ... (Brazil - order of land area from largest down)
6. Red, Orange, Yellow, Green ... (Blue – order of colours in rainbow / colours along the spectrum)
7. Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, ... (Pig - order of animals in Chinese calendar – we are in year of the pig [June 2019])
8. St Petersburg, Petrograd, Leningrad, ... (St Petersburg or Sankt Peterburg – name changes for the city over the last 110 years or so)
9. Brazil, Italy, Spain, Germany, ... (France – order of World Cup winners from 2006 to 2018)
10. Birdman, Spotlight, Moonlight, The Shape of Water, ... (The Green Book – winners of Best Picture from 2014 to 2018)

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## *Answer sheet for a fundraising quiz*

**Team name:**

### **World geography**

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### **UK culture, history and geography**

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Total /20

### World general knowledge

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### Sequences

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Total /10

Grand total /60