

BRITISH TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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1> Which of the following languages was the official language of England for about 300 years, from 1066 till 1362?

- a. English
- b. Spanish
- c. French
- d. French

2> Which of the following items do most British police officers NOT carry?

- a. Gun
- b. CS/PAVA spray
- c. Batons
- d. Handcuffs

3> Which of the following canals is considered to be the oldest canal in England that is still in use?

- a. Slough Arm
- b. Foss Dyke
- c. Grand Union Canal
- d. Annery Kiln

4> Which religion is the most widely practised in England?

- a. Wicca
- b. Scientology
- c. Christianity
- d. Judaism

5> In what year did Shakespeare's Globe open its doors?

- a. 1925
- b. 1995
- c. 1883
- d. 1968

6> Which of these famous explorers was not British?

- a. Columbus
- b. Drake
- c. Cook
- d. Raleigh

7> Which London landmark is commonly known as The Gherkin?

- a. Big Ben
- b. 30 St. Mary Axe
- c. Broadgate Tower
- d. Wellington Arch

8> Where is Osborne House located?

- a. Guernsey
- b. Jersey
- c. The Isle of Wight
- d. The Isle of Skye

9> London held the Olympic Games in 2012. Before this when did London hold the games?

- a. 1956
- b. 1972
- c. 1948
- d. 1924

10> What was William Crooke's claim to fame?

- a. Photographer
- b. Novelist
- c. Explorer
- d. Scientist

11> Who was the last person hung in the UK?

- a. Steve Wight
- b. Peter Allen
- c. Dennis Nilsen
- d. Trevor Hardy

12> Which British criminal was dubbed "The Angel of Death"?

- a. Annie Walters
- b. Beverley Allitt
- c. Amelia Dyer
- d. Rosemary West

13> What is England's national sport?

- a. Rugby
- b. Cricket
- c. Rowing
- d. Tennis

14> Which family was behind the Red half of the War of the Roses?

- a. Lancaster
- b. York
- c. Tudor
- d. Windsor

15> Which country launched the "Invincible" Armada against England?

- a. Germany
- b. Spain
- c. United States
- d. France

Answers:

- 1> French - William of Normandy became King of England in 1066.
- 2> Gun - Every force in the United Kingdom has firearms-trained officers available should the need arise.
- 3> Foss Dyke - The Foss Dyke was built by the Romans around 120 CE.
- 4> Christianity - It has been since the Early Middle Ages.
- 5> 1995 - This theatre is about 230 meters from the original site of the Globe Theater.
- 6> Columbus - Columbus was Italian by birth.
- 7> 30 St. Mary Axe - The tower was designed by Foster and Partners.
- 8> The Isle of Wight - This house was built as a summer home for Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert.
- 9> 1948 - London should have had the games in 1944 but they were cancelled due to the war.
- 10> Photographer - William was a noted British portrait photographer.
- 11> Peter Allen - Peter was executed on the 13th of August 1964. Gwynne Owen was also executed on this date.
- 12> Beverley Allitt - This woman was a pediatric nurse.
- 13> Cricket - Many people think that the national sport should be soccer.
- 14> Lancaster - The York family was the White Rose.
- 15> Spain - Spain launched this armada in 1588.