

SCIENCE TRIVIA QUESTIONS X



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1> What word describes trees of the genus Fraxinus, as well as something you get when you burn those trees?

- a. Pine
- b. Straw
- c. Ash
- d. Smoke

2> What fish is named for the Trinidadian clergyman who donated samples of them to the British Museum?

- a. Guppy
- b. Trout
- c. Piranha
- d. Herring

3> Because perspiration pools in your umbilicus, lint is attracted there and left behind when it dries out. Where?

- a. Nostril
- b. Navel
- c. Ear
- d. Anus

4> What part of your body would move if you flicked your carpal bones?

- a. Elbow
- b. Knee
- c. Wrist
- d. Toes

5> What lagomorph can rotate each of its ears nearly 270 degrees so that it can pinpoint sounds, and not to improve its TV's reception?

- a. Giraffe
- b. Cat
- c. Rabbit
- d. Cheetah

6> If you remember your high school biology, you remember that X and Y chromosomes have something to do with whether you turn out to be a boy or a girl. What combination means pink cribs and dolls for Christmas?

- a. XY
- b. XX
- c. YX
- d. YY

7> This controversial sleeping pill is a benzodiazepine depressant. George HW Bush used it until 1992, when it was banned in Britain, which linked it to confusion, hallucinations and hostility. What is it?

- a. Halcion
- b. Xanax
- c. Valium
- d. Librium

8> If somebody gives a doctor the finger, the doctor can name the finger. What would he call it?

- a. Pollex
- b. Annularius
- c. Medius
- d. Auricularius

9> What Mongolian "desert rat" has been a popular pet since Victor Schwentker used it for research in the 1950s?

- a. Hamster
- b. Gerbil
- c. Rabbit
- d. Guinea pig

10> Sometimes called "hillbilly heroin," what prescription drug did Rush Limbaugh get himself addicted to?

- a. Tramadol (Ultram)
- b. Methadone (Dolophine)
- c. OxyContin (Oxycodone)
- d. Celecoxib (Celebrex)

11> True bugs are in the order Hemiptera, so the June bug isn't a real bug. What is it?

- a. Cockroach
- b. Beetle
- c. Arthropod
- d. Tick

12> Something "bovine" has something to do with cattle. Take away a B, and you get "ovine," an adjective that describes what fellow even-toed ungulate?

- a. Deer
- b. Sheep
- c. Goats
- d. Pigs

13> According to Gray's Anatomy, what would you find on either side of a vomer?

- a. Nostrils
- b. Halves of the upper lip
- c. Eyebrows
- d. Dimples of a chin

14> What animal, for which a car company and an NFL team are named, is also the largest cat in the Americas?

- a. Mountain lion
- b. Jaguar
- c. Cougar
- d. Puma

15> On September 10, 1984, this was the first clue answered on Alex Trebek's

Jeopardy. Animals for \$100. These rodents first got to America by stowing away on ships.

- a. What are bats?
- b. What are rats?
- c. What are mice?
- d. What are squirrels?

16> What flightless pigeon became extinct in 1681, only 80 years after its discovery?

- a. Carolina parakeet
- b. Dodo
- c. Passenger pigeon
- d. Kiwi

Answers:

1> Ash - Ash makes excellent firewood, as well as smoking or barbecue wood.

2> Guppy - The guppy is one of the most popular freshwater aquarium fish species in the world.

3> Navel - All placental mammals have a navel.

4> Wrist - A total of 13 bones form the wrist - eight carpal bones and five metacarpal bones.

5> Rabbit - The male rabbit is called a buck and the female is called a doe. A young rabbit can be referred to as a kitten or kit.

6> XX - If a sperm carrying a Y chromosome fertilizes the egg, a boy will be conceived.

7> Halcion - The American Food and Drug Administration have deemed its use at low doses as up to standard.

8> Medius - The human hand has 27 bones.

9> Gerbil - Gerbils are communal animals and most often live in groups in the wild.

10> OxyContin (Oxycodone) - OxyContin is commonly prescribed for the relief of moderate to severe pain.

11> Beetle - Beetles are found in all major habitats, except marine and polar regions.

12> Sheep - One of the first animals to be domesticated for farming, sheep are raised for fleece, meat and milk.

13> Nostrils - The vomer is one of the unpaired facial bones of the skull.

14> Jaguar - The jaguar is classified as a near threatened species and its numbers are declining.

15> What are rats? - The best-known rat species are the black rat and the brown rat, which both originated in Asia.

16> Dodo - The Dodo was a flightless bird that was prevalent to the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.