

One of the oldest cities of the world, from time immemorial, at times the biggest city of the world, home of the oldest underground network. It has been burned, plagued and bombed, is the capital of England and the UK. So, half of today's quiz is about the global city that goes by the name of **London**

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3. Which British rock star and Woodstock legend died in 2014?
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 - a. Sewage in the River Thames [massive amounts of]
5. Which New York City borough is primarily neither an island nor located on an island?
 - a. Bronx
6. How big was Greater London's population in the mid-year estimate of 2013? [*Hint: Not the Metropolitan Area*]
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 - c. 9.4m
7. Relaunched in 2005 and celebrating its 50th birthday in 2013, what is the longest running science fiction TV series?
 - a. Doctor Who
8. What is the name of Metropolitan Police Service's headquarter?
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9. What is Hobophobia?
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10. For about 94 years London was the biggest city in the world. Which city overtook it in 1925?
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11. Where does the name of the German seventies rock band "Ton Steine Scherben" allegedly derive from?
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12. How many employees are there in the Metropolitan Police Service in London?
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16. Which country is the biggest producer of soybeans?
 - a. Brasil
17. True or False: The City of London is the smallest city in England
 - a. true
18. Which online social networking service used a fail whale in the past?
 - a. Twitter
19. In 1599 the Lord Chamberlain's Men, a playing company including Shakespeare, build a theatre near the south bank of the River Thames. What was it called?
 - a. The Globe Theatre
20. What is the defining ingredient of Curaçao (apart from alcohol, of course) [Hint: Also not the colour, there is blue, green, red and orange Curaçao. The original is colorless]
 - a. Orange / Laraha (a type of orange)
21. The London Underground was originally powered by what?
 - a. Steam (planned: compressed air)
22. In the 1991 movie "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves", the sheriff threatens to cut Robin Hood's heart with what?
 - a. a Spoon
23. What is the name the giant ferris wheel on the south bank of River Thames in central London?
 - a. London Eye
24. In what year was the popular online encyclopedia Wikipedia founded?
 - a. 2001
25. What is the name of the famous drawbridge in the heart of London?
 - a. Tower bridge
26. George Orwell, author of 1984 wrote another well-known dystopian novel. Name the title
 - a. Animal Farm / Farm der Tiere
27. Pictures: St. Paul's cathedral
28. Pictures: Westminster Abbey
29. Pictures: Buckingham palace
30. Name five rivers of London
 - a. River Thames, River Lea, The Walbrook, The River Fleet, The Tyburn, The Tyburn Brook, Hackney Brook, The River Moselle, Muswell Stream, The River Westbourne, Counter's Creek, Stamford Brook, River Brent, River Rom, Earl's Sluice, The River Peck, The River Neckinger, The River Effra, The Falconbrook, The Graveney River, The River Quaggy, The Beverley Brook, Sudbrook

Reserve

1. Name the tallest building of London (and the EU)
 - a. The Shard [not widely known?]
2. Which famous fictional city from a bestselling and knighted english author is partially modelled after 18th/19th century London? [too unspecific?]
 - a. Ankh-Morpork
3. A building in London featured in an episode of each Doctor Who and Sherlock, where it was a underground base for UNIT and the place where Moriarty was arrested respectively
 - a. Tower of London
4. What public space and tourist attraction in central London is named after a decisive naval victory against france and spain?
 - a. Trafalgar Square?
5. What is cyberphobia? [autophobia?]
6. *In 2014 a popular web comic writer published a bestselling book about scientific answers to highly hypothetical and/or absurd questions. Name at least two out of three: The author's name, The web comic or the book's title [within 24 hours after announcement it was a bestseller on amazon, six month before release]*
 - a. *Randall Munroe, XKCD, "What if?"*



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