

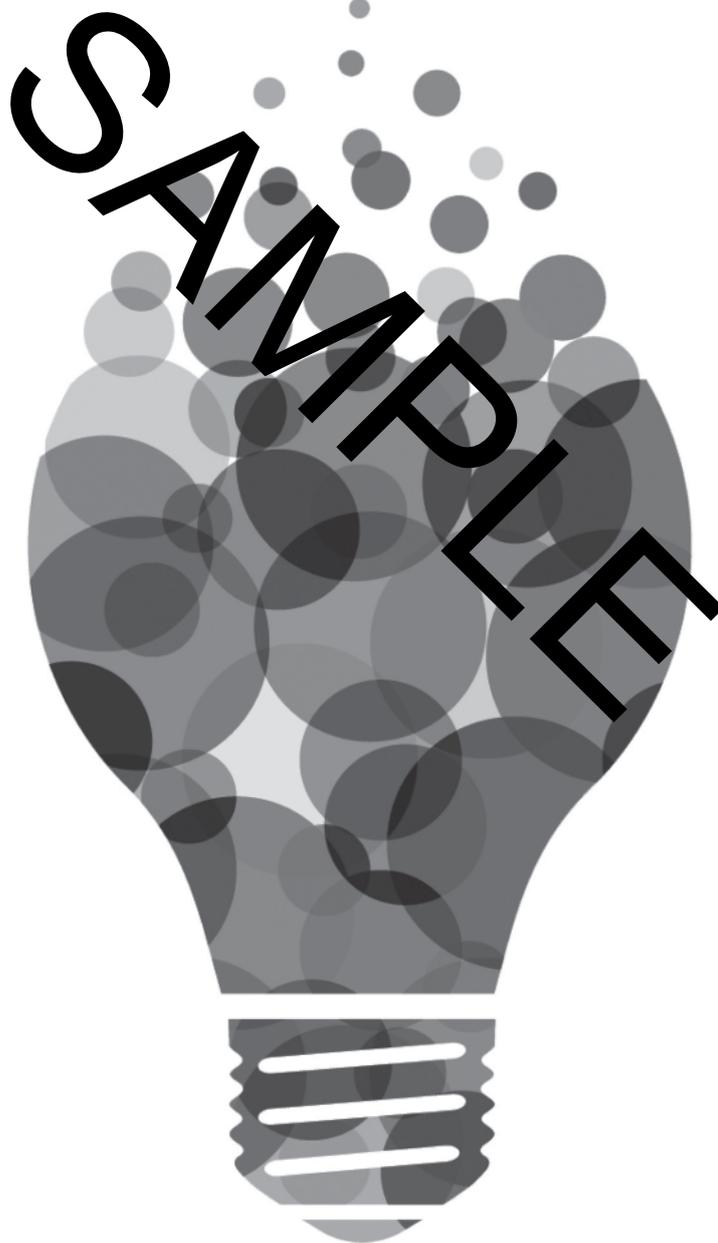


Year 4 - Year 6



# LET'S GET QUIZZICAL 1

Thematic quizzes and research activities for primary students.



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# Introduction

'Let's Get Quizzical' Book 1 is a collection of thematic research quizzes on a wide variety of subjects chosen to suit students in the 10 to 12 age range. Each page of quiz questions invites children to explore numerous facets of a topic, using a mix of resource materials: books, newspapers, journals, atlases, as well as the internet. At the bottom of each quiz page a research section is offered for extension work. These "Research and Report" activities encourage students to investigate a topic in more depth than the quiz questions allow. The quiz activities in this book will not only provide children with a useful and interesting store of general knowledge, they will also foster solid research techniques, which will come in very useful in their further studies.

## Teachers should note that:

1. The activities are designed to be research quizzes. Many answers will not be within the general knowledge of the student.
2. A lesson on research materials and techniques may be useful before beginning the quizzes. A brainstorming session on places to find information can encourage children to look beyond the internet as the sole source of knowledge. Other useful sources of information you may like to mention are: specialist dictionaries and encyclopedias, The Guinness Book of Records, atlases, language dictionaries, street directories, books of quotations, thesauruses, almanacs, yearbooks, identification guides, and governmental sources of information. It may also be useful to revise online searching techniques. These techniques can help the children avoid wading through irrelevant information to find one fact. Finally, the importance of reading an assignment carefully before tackling it should be stressed. Students can save themselves a lot of time and effort by identifying questions that could be answered from the same reference source BEFORE they start hunting out information. To reinforce the habit of careful reading, some of the questions are answered within the page itself - a format designed to reward organised quizzers!
3. Many of the questions are structured in such a way as to encourage students to rely on their own logic. For example, with a question asking "Who was taller, Napoleon Bonaparte, a French emperor, or Muhammad Ali, a famous American boxer?", it should not be necessary for students to find the exact height of both men. If they find a reference to Napoleon's lack of height, they can then deduce that Muhammed Ali is probably taller. Students should be encouraged to see this method of answering questions as a logical way to approach problems. In order to develop these skills, it is suggested that students be told all questions must be answered, even if they are unsure of the answers.

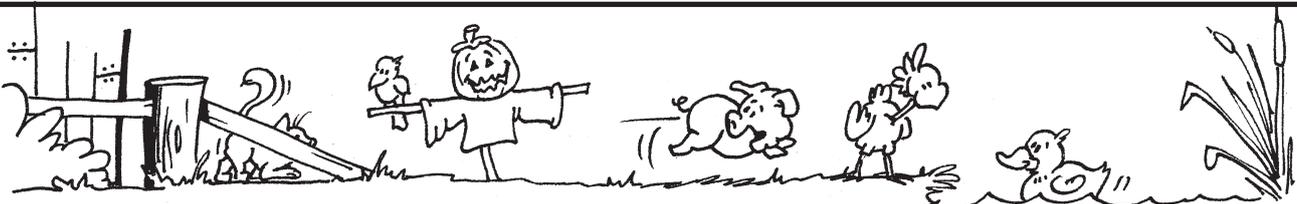
1. What are the 'withers' of a horse? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What animal does mutton come from? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which horse is bigger - a Clydesdale or a Shetland? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the name of the 1995 Australian movie about a pig that wanted to be a sheepdog? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ruminant means \_\_\_\_\_ chewer.
6. What two types of food do chickens provide? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Guernsey is a breed of what animal? \_\_\_\_\_
8. About how tall is a horse that measures 15 hands high? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How long does it take a chicken egg to hatch? a) 2 days b) 2 hours c) 14 days d) 21 days
10. Where does lanolin come from? \_\_\_\_\_
11. (mhiaro) \_\_\_\_\_ and (creesmah) \_\_\_\_\_ are two types of wool gained from goats.
12. Name the two main products which come from sheep. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Rhode Island Red and Orpington are breeds of which animal? \_\_\_\_\_
14. A female goat is called a \_\_\_\_\_
15. Name two industries centering around cattle. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Underline the two breeds of sheep which are raised for the high quality wool:  
a) Hereford b) Rambouillet c) Beltsford Small White d) Merino e) White Pekin.
17. Unscramble the letters to find a breed of dog famed for its sheep herding abilities:  
drreob icloel \_\_\_\_\_
18. What native Australian bird is starting to be farmed for its meat? \_\_\_\_\_
19. True or False: Horses became extinct in North America during the ice ages. \_\_\_\_\_
20. At what age does a lamb turn into a sheep? \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH AND REPORT

Many Australian farmers make their living by raising sheep for wool.

How much do you know about processing wool? This website will tell you about how wool is refined from the coat that a sheep wears to a coat that we would wear. <https://www.kidcyber.com.au/wool>.

Make some notes about the process and then present your information in an illustrated flow chart which finishes with a picture of a woollen product.



- How many horns does a unicorn have? \_\_\_\_\_
- Unscramble this word to find the name of a famous sword owned by King Arthur:  
Ibiexruca \_\_\_\_\_
- How many eyes does a Cyclops have? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does Pegasus have hair, scales or feathers? \_\_\_\_\_
- What month of the year is named after Mars, the Roman god of war? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which country has a statue of the sphinx? \_\_\_\_\_
- Santa \_\_\_\_\_ is the American name for Saint Nikolaus.
- Unscramble these letters to find a mythological Australian creature: pyinbu \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the Roman name for the Greek god Poseidon? \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete the table below:

| Day       | God day is named after | Day      | God day is named after |
|-----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Monday    |                        | Tuesday  |                        |
| Wednesday |                        | Thursday |                        |
| Friday    | Frey's Day             | Saturday |                        |
| Sunday    | Sun's Day              |          |                        |

- What household tool is a witch said to ride on? \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is a huge, fire-breathing, flying lizard.
- True or False: Viracocha was the ruler of the Incan gods. \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the correct spelling of Herculées? \_\_\_\_\_
- Define the word 'deity'. \_\_\_\_\_
- Semar is ... a) an ugly but wise Balinese monster b) the Indian goddess of grain c) an ancient Egyptian deity.
- Who is the enemy of the Norse god Loki - Odin or Nodin? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Egyptian god Horus and the animal called the griffin both have the same type of animal head. What animal head do they have? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many tasks did Hercules have to complete? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was Merlin's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

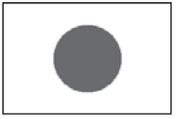
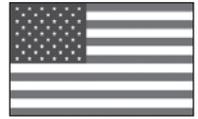
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Hercules was the son of Zeus. Zeus's wife, Hera, was jealous of Hercules and she cast a spell on him, making him kill his own children. As punishment for his infanticide, Hercules was set a number of tasks to perform.

This website will tell you more: <https://greece.mrdonn.org/greekgods/hercules.html>

- Find out what Hercules' Labours were, and how Hercules accomplished them.
- Choose one of the labours, and create a comic book about it.

☐ Name the country to which each of these flags belong.

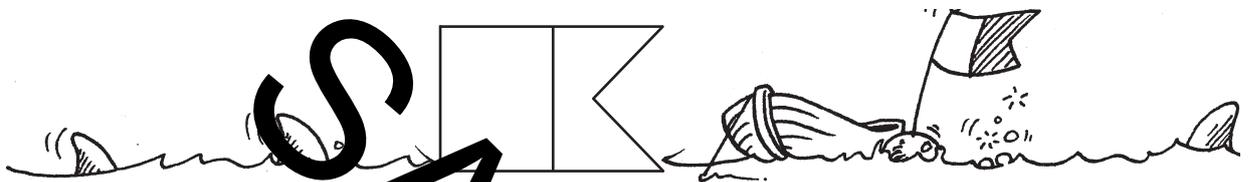


1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is the nickname for the American flag? \_\_\_\_\_

8. China and Russia both had red flags. What did the red stand for? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Colour the right part of this flag blue. This flag is flown at sea. What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_



10. What does it mean when a flag is flown at half-mast? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the name of the constellation on the Australian and New Zealand flags? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is the nickname for the British flag? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Flags used to be used to send Morse code. The flag is held upright for a dot, and \_\_\_\_\_ for a dash.

14. Who would fly the Jolly Roger? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What did the Jolly Roger have on it? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What is a tricolour flag? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Name two countries that have a tricolour flag. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Define semaphore. \_\_\_\_\_

19. Which Asian country has a flag which looks like the Stars and Stripes (US flag), without the stars? \_\_\_\_\_

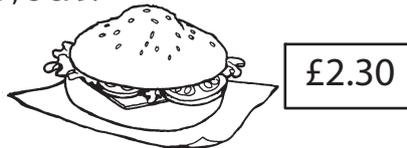
20. Which Asian country is the only country in the world to have a flag that is not a rectangle? \_\_\_\_\_

**RESEARCH AND REPORT**

Semaphore is a signalling system that often was used by ships. Flags were used to symbolise letters or whole words (for example, the "diver below" flag in question 9 signs two words with one flag). Both the colour and the position of the flags contribute to the meaning of the code. Research to find out how to semaphore the letters of the alphabet. Sign out a message for a friend. Can s/he decode your message?

- How many cents are in an American dollar? \_\_\_\_\_
- A nickel is an American unit of money. How many cents are in a nickel? \_\_\_\_\_
- Define 'barter'. \_\_\_\_\_
- Fill in the missing letter to complete the name of this Malaysian money: rin \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ it.
- True or False: Thailand and Indonesia use the same form of money. \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the name of Japanese money? a) yen b) zen c) ren.

Use this diagram for Questions 7, 8 & 9.



If £1 in English money equals \$2.20 ...

- How many apples could you buy with \$3.30? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many hamburgers could you buy with \$5.15? \_\_\_\_\_
- Could you afford a hamburger, drink and an apple if you had \$7.80? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which is larger in size, an Australian 50c coin or a \$1.00 coin? \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete this saying: "See a \_\_\_\_\_ pick it up, and all the day you'll have good luck".
- Which is worth more, a US nickel or a US dime? \_\_\_\_\_
- This is a verse from an old song called "Money, money, Money" performed by a Swedish group:  
 Money, money, money  
 Must be funny  
 In a rich man's world.  
 What was the name of the group? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the Thailand unit of money called? \_\_\_\_\_
- Dollars and cents have not always been used as our currency. What was the unit of currency before? \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete this saying: A fool and his money are \_\_\_\_\_.
- True or False: France, Switzerland and Germany all use a form of money called the Euro. \_\_\_\_\_
- I had 20c. My friend gave me twice as much money as I already had so I could buy a chocolate. If the chocolate cost half as much as I had altogether, how much money did I have left? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which metal has been the cause of 'fevers' and 'rushes'? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the type of money mentioned in this old nursery rhyme?  
 "Sing a song of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A pocket full of rye,  
 Four and twenty blackbirds,  
 Baked in a pie."



## RESEARCH AND REPORT

How is money made? Use this website to help you find out:  
<https://www.ramint.gov.au/fantastic-facts>  
 Write 10 important facts about the making of money.

Match the occupation with the task:

1. plumber

2. butcher

3. doctor

4. teacher

5. journalist

a. Uses equipment such as a stethoscope.

b. Asks a lot of questions.

c. Gets on well with kids (hopefully!)

d. Useful when your pipes are clogged.

e. Has to be handy with a knife.

6. What part of the body does a podiatrist work on? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Define 'apprenticeship'. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is it correct to say that a painter may be an artist, but an artist might not be a painter? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Would a horticulturist work with plants or fish? \_\_\_\_\_

10. A 'PR consultant' is an abbreviation for a ...

- a) portable rubbish consultant      b) park relay consultant      c) public relations consultant.

Define these unusual 'O' occupations:

11. Ombudsman: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Ophthalmologist: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Overseer: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Orthodontist: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Outrider: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Ornithologist: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Unscramble this word to find a person who sells medicine: tmsiceh. \_\_\_\_\_

18. A job advertisement asks for someone who can type 35 wpm. What does 'wpm' mean? \_\_\_\_\_

19. A nutritionist works with ...      a) food      b) dogs      c) starfish.

20. True or False: An architect has to know the names of all the species of monkeys to become qualified. \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH AND REPORT

What organisations are available to help people find work in your town or city? List all of the places where jobs could be advertised. (Try using Google to help you make your list.)

To finish your list, think of two unconventional ways that you could find work, e.g. offering to work free for a business for two weeks to prove how good you are at the job.

Present your list as a poster advertising how to find work.

1. Which country has a national costume made of tartan? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do garters hold up? \_\_\_\_\_
3. True or False: In the 1800s it was fashionable for European men to wear powdered wigs with pigtails. The pigtails were tied back with black satin ribbons \_\_\_\_\_
4. Does silk come from a worm? \_\_\_\_\_
5. On what part of your body would you wear clogs? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Tricorne hats were popular from the 1600s to the 1800s. How many points does a tricorne hat have? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is a sporran a pouch or a hat? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is a corset? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Unscramble this word to find an Indian garment: rias. \_\_\_\_\_
10. 'Teddy boys' in the 1950s wore
  - a) kettle hats
  - b) frying pan collars
  - c) drainpipe trousers.
11. Which culture wore togas? \_\_\_\_\_
12. On what part of your body would you wear a hulaclava? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the correct spelling of the word kimoani? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Name two colours you could expect to find on a camouflage jacket. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Would a poncho usually be worn in hot or cold weather? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is a fez? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What is more likely to be used for making a batik design - a sewing needle or a bowl of wax? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Traditionally, many Maori clothes were made from flax. Is flax an animal or a plant? \_\_\_\_\_
19. True or False: In the seventeenth century, boys wore dresses until they were six years old. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Are winkle-pickers shoes or gloves? \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH AND REPORT

Ballet costume designers have to think about more than appearance when they are designing a dance costume. Ballet shoes, tutus and tights are all designed to allow the dancers to move freely. Do some research to find out how the nature of ballet affects costume design. This website might help you:

<https://www.britannica.com/art/ballet-costume>

Draw up a design project, inventing either amazingly flexible, aerodynamic and attractive costumes, or shock-resistant and supportive ballet shoes.

1. What is the name of the low ground between two hills? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is a gondola, and in which city would you be most likely to find one? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which country did the hats called berets come from? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is Camembert a food or a piece of machinery? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many musicians are in a quintet? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What are the steps of a ladder called? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name the seven colours of the rainbow. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the imaginary line round the middle of the earth called? \_\_\_\_\_
9. The yellow part of an egg is called the \_\_\_\_\_
10. How was Peter Pan different from other children? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What form of transport is a junk? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Finish the name of this wonder of the world: The Great Wall of \_\_\_\_\_
13. Were the pyramids tombs or monuments? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What animal would you keep in an aquarium? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Worcestershire, tomato, cheese and plum are all types of \_\_\_\_\_
16. What occupation would you be in if you designed buildings? \_\_\_\_\_
17. How many notes are in an octave? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What tall building in Italy is famous because it is crooked? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. What was Thor the god of? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Write in the double letters of this river's name: M i \_ \_ i \_ \_ i \_ \_ i.



### RESEARCH AND REPORT

There are some really weird animals in our world. This YouTube video shows you 8 of the weirdest:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBL-CeDdvDU>

Select one of the animals described here and research and write 5 facts about it.

Draw a picture of your animal to finish off your report.