

Play the Trivia Game! Wheee!

Quiz the Folks at Your Table, Then Swap Cards with Another Table – They're All Different

1. Name the two couples from the class of '72 who married each other!
Answer: Ira Katz and Mindy Wertheimer, and Patty Ryon and Stephen Spiers.

2. Name the Chicago 7!

Answer: Tom Hayden, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, David Dillinger, Rennie Davis, Lee Weiner, and John Froiner.

Bonus question: Name the Chicago 8th!

Answer: Bobby Seale, future hawker of his own BBQ sauce.

3. From 1969–73, two New York Yankees pitchers won twenty games in a season. Who were they?

Answer: Mel Stottlemyre (1969) and Fritz Peterson (1970).

4. Which member of the Beatles was born seventy years ago today?

Answer: John Lennon (October 9, 1940).

5. Who won the 1971 Oscars for Best Actor and Best Actress?

Answer: Gene Hackman ("The French Connection") and Jane Fonda ("Klute").

6. On March 8, 1971, this heavyweight boxer lost for the first time in his career. Who was he, and who whupped him?

Answer: Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali at Madison Square Garden, temporarily derailing Ali's comeback.

7. This former New York Giants star spoke at Jericho High School in the fall of 1969, long before he married an extraordinarily irritating morning yak-fest TV personality.

Answer: Frank Gifford.

8. Name the two "hip" clothing stores for teens at Mid-Island Plaza circa 1970.

Answer: Chess King, Denny's Depot. Sid's Pants tried, but no cigar!

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1. Name the couples from the class of '73 who married each other!

Answer: Joyce Targove and Peter Mandelkern, Seth Cohan and Lori Small, and Lori Ross and Fred Schneider.

2. Nelson Rockefeller was the governor of New York when you were in high school. Who was his lieutenant governor?

Answer: Malcolm Wilson.

3. The first Super Bowl was held in Los Angeles on January 15, 1967. Who were the participants?

Answer: Bart Starr and the Green Bay Packers easily subdued the AFL's Kansas City Chiefs, 35–10.

4. This former Democrat and onetime B-movie actor was elected governor of California in 1966. Think it might be the start of a trend?

Answer: Ronald Reagan.

5. These two highly regarded rock musicians tried out for TV show "The Monkees," but were both rejected. Who were they?

Answer: Frank Zappa, Stephen Stills.

6. Name the senator who, beginning in May 1973, headed the Watergate Commission.

Answer: Senator Sam Ervin (D-NC).

7. In 1968 Yippie activist and future yuppie Jerry Rubin famously said, "Never trust anyone over thirty." How old was he at the time of his statement?

Answer: ... um, well, thirty. What's more, the phrase was actually originated in 1964 by Jack Weinberg of the Free Speech Movement at—where else?—the University of California at Berkeley.

8. Is Jericho (a) a village; (b) a town, (c) a hamlet, or (d) an omelet?

Answer: (c) a hamlet.

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1. This droll comedian, running for president of the United States on the "Straight Talkin' American Government" (STAG Party) ticket, actually garnered 200,000 votes in the 1968 national election.

Answer: Pat Paulsen from "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour."

2. Who won seven gold medals at the 1972 Summer Olympic Games in Munich, and in which sport?

Answer: swimmer Mark Spitz.

3. In 1968, to the delight of cardiologists everywhere, McDonald's introduced the Big Mac. Can you name the ingredients in order, according to the product jingle?

Answer: (1) Two all-beef patties, (2) ketchup, (3) sauce, (4) lettuce, (5) cheese, (6) pickles, (7) onions, (8) and a sesame seed bun.

4. This famous Motown singer portrayed this famous blues singer in the 1972 film "Lady Sings the Blues." Name them.

Answer: Diana Ross played Billie Holiday.

5. Which congressman represented your district from 1965 to 1981?

Answer: Lester L. Wolff.

6. Which film won the Academy Award for Best Picture at the 1973 Oscar Awards ceremony? (Its star won the Oscar for Best Actor.)

Answer: "The Godfather," starring Marlon Brando.

Bonus question: Brando refused to accept the award in protest of discrimination against Native Americans. Who did he send to pick up the Oscar in his place?

Answer: Sacheem Littlefeather, a Native American. Except that she wasn't, she was a little-known actress named Maria Cruz.

7. Name three of the WMCA (570 am) "Good Guys" circa 1969:

Answer: Dandy Dan Daniels, Harry Harrison, Jack Spector, Joe O'Brien, Frankie Crocker.

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1. The New York Nets of the ABA did not always play in the Nassau Coliseum, which didn't open until 1971. Where did they play during their maiden 1968-69 season, during which they finished a distant last?

Answer: Long Island Arena, in Commack.

2. On February 9, 1969, the Northeast was socked by a major snowstorm. How many days of school did you miss?

Answer: Not enough. Actually, three.

3. In 1970, President Richard Nixon declared this his favorite movie. Name the movie and its Oscar-winning star.

Answer: "Patton," starring George C. Scott.

4. Sorry to say, this was the biggest song of 1969?

Answer: "Sugar Sugar," by the Archies.

5. Now you know where you'll be vacationing in twenty-five years: This amusement park opened in 1972.

Answer: Disney World.

Related question: This theme park in the Bronx closed after four years to make way for Co-op City. Name it.

Answer: Freedomland. Rides included the Crystal Maze, Danny the Dragon, the Mine Caverns, and the Tornado Adventure.

6. The very first Earth Day was held on April 22 of what year?

Answer: 1970.

7. Name the three New York senators, all Republicans, who served from 1968 through 1973.

Answer: Jacob Javits, Charles Goodell (1968-70) and James Buckley (1971-77).

8. The 1967 summit between U.S. President Lyndon Johnson and Soviet premier Alexi Kosygin took place in what town in New Jersey?

Answer: Glassboro State College in Glassboro, N.J. New Jersey? Guess we didn't want to look like we were showing off or anything ...

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1. Four songs from the Broadway play "Hair" became Top 5 hits in 1969. Name them and the artists who recorded them:

Answer: (1) "Hair," the Cowsills; (2) "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In," the Fifth Dimension; (3) "Good Morning Starshine," Oliver; (4) "Easy to Be Hard," Three Dog Night.

2. Name five of the nine businesses at the Birchwood Shopping Center while you were growing up, and win a key to the hamlet:

(1) Jericho Post Office, (2) Waldbaums, (3) Flakowitz Bake Shop, (4) Mee's Chinese Kitchen (5) Darios Italian Restaurant, (6) Colony Card Shop, (7) Sandy's Restaurant, (8) J'Art Beauty Salon, (9) Birch Drug and Supply Co.

3. This portly pitcher won three games for Detroit, as the Tigers edged the defending World Champion St. Louis Cardinals 4 games to 3 in the 1968 World Series. Hint: He was later a New York Met.

Answer: Mickey Lolich.

5. Hubert Humphrey's initials were HHH. What did the middle "H" stand for?

Answer: Horatio.

6. Urban legends department: Rumors used to circulate that Mets pitcher Tom Seaver and Alice Cooper had been which child actors?

Answer: Seaver: Spanky of the "Our Gang" series; Alice: Eddie Haskell of "Leave It to Beaver."

7. As of January 1, 1971, you would never see these on TV again.

Answer: Commercials advertising cigarettes.

8. The Summer of Love actually kicked off with this countercultural event in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on January 14, 1967.

Answer: The Human Be-In.

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1. What was the name of the burger joint on the west side of Broadway, between Goodyear Tires and the Executive Diner?

Answer: Burger 'n' Shake.

2. This Hall of Famer and career-long member of the Boston Red Sox (boo!) was the last player to win the Triple Crown, in 1967.

Answer: Long Island native Carl "Yaz" Yastrzemski, with a .326 BA, 44 HR, 121 RBI.

3. Complete this lyric by Jimi Hendrix: "... Actin' funny, but I don't know why / _____!"

Answer: "Scuse me while I kiss the sky!" Not "Scuse me while I kiss this guy."

4. Young people won this all-important right on June 10, 1970.

Answer: The right to vote, as the voting age was lowered from twenty-one to eighteen.

5. Which television show allowed presidential candidate Richard Nixon to show his lighter side on September 16, 1968?

Answer: Tricky Dick appeared on "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In," uttering only the words "Sock it to ... me?" while wearing a befuddled expression. Opponent Hubert Humphrey declined the show's offer of a rebuttal. After losing by a narrow margin, Humphrey later regretted not having gone on the show, and actually believed that his decision had cost him the White House.

6. Ultimate Nerd Quiz: The first episode of "Star Trek" aired on September 8, 1966. Name it and describe its plot.

In "The Man Trap," the crew of the Enterprise must contend with a creature that sucks salt from human bodies, further proof of the benefits of a low-sodium earthling diet.

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1. Name Jericho's one and only head shop circa 1968-69, on the west side of Broadway, near Mid-Island Plaza.

Answer: Oddvark.

2. This Hall of Fame outfielder-manager came to the Baltimore Orioles in 1966 and promptly led them to a World Championship while winning the Triple Crown with a .316 BA, 49 HR, 122 RBI. His previous team's general manager had declared him washed up at thirty. Who is he?

Answer: Frank Robinson.

3. On May 14, 1970, ten days after the shootings at Kent State University, two students were shot and killed by National Guardsmen during a confrontation at another U.S. college. Yet it is little remembered. Can you name the university?

Answer: Jackson State University, in Jackson, Mississippi. Neither student who died was involved in the violent protest. One, in fact, was a high schooler walking home from his part-time job. In all, twelve students were struck by gunfire.

4. Complete this lyric from Cream's "White Room" (1968): "In a white room ..." with what and in where?

Answer: "... with black curtains, in the station."

5. Speaking of reunions ... In 1969 First Daughter Tricia Nixon invited her fellow alumnae of Finch College to a tea party at the White House. One of the invitees, a famous rock singer, arrived with a certain sixties radical in tow; they reportedly planned to spike President Nixon's tea with 600 micrograms of LSD. Who were they?

Answer: Grace Slick of Jefferson Airplane invited her pal Abbie Hoffman to escort her to the tea. However, White House security recognized them and prevented them from entering. Even Slick was on an FBI blacklist, to say nothing of Hoffman. And Richard Nixon, sadly, completed his term and a half without ever having been dosed.

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1. Best pizza to be found at Mid-Island Plaza, and maybe anywhere:
Answer: Pizza D'Amore.

2. This song by a hippie-dippyish folk singer, rang in the new year in 1972:

Answer: "Brand New Key," Melanie.

3. Name that quote!

"They can't run a bus, they can't serve in a government office, they can't run a lathe in a factory. All they can do is lay down in the park and sleep or kick policemen." That's vice prez Spiro Agnew waxing poetic about which group of people?

Answer: Hippies!

4. Mets fans still regard the November 10, 1971, trade of Nolan Ryan for Jim Fregosi as the worst in franchise history. Amazingly, the Mets also sent the California Angels three other players as part of the four-for-one deal. Name them.

Answer: LeRoy Stanton, Don Rose, Frank Estrada.

5. Who was the first act to play at the Woodstock Music & Art Fair? Who was the last?

Answer: Richie Havens, on day one; August 15 Jimi Hendrix, on day three, August 17 — although by the time he hit the stage, it was already the next morning.

6. This famous comic strip acknowledged Bob Dylan's turning thirty on May 24, 1971. And it wasn't ZAP comics, either.

Answer: In "Peanuts," Charles M. Schulz has a depressed Linus remarking on how old he felt upon learning that Dylan had hit the big three-oh.

7. The world's tallest building (at the time), it opened in 1973.

Answer: Chicago's Sears Tower, 14,454 feet tall.

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- This perennial All-Star first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals and later the Philadelphia Phillies became the first African-American baseball broadcaster in 1971, for the New York Yankees.

Answer: Bill White, who was introduced on the radio for the first time by broadcasting partner Whitey Ford. Therefore, Bill White's first words on the air were (you guessed it): "Thank you, Whitey!"
- Everybody remembers the names of the first two men on the moon, on July 20, 1969. Name the third astronaut on Apollo 11, whose job was to circle the moon while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin cavorted on the lunar surface down below?

Answer: Michael Collins.
- Name the main starters for the 1972-73 NBA Champ New York Knicks.

Answer: Walt Frazier, Dave DeBusschere, Bill Bradley, Willis Reed, Jerry Lucas, and Earl Monroe. Phil Jackson and Dean Meminger also saw lots of playing time.
- Complete this lyric: "In the year 2525 ..."

Answer: "... if man is still alive / If woman can survive / They may find ..." The career of Zager & Evans, who recorded this 1969 number one hit, did not even survive 1970.
- It may have helped Hillary Clinton, but committing this heinous act effectively ended Senator Edmund Muskie's bid for the 1972 presidential nomination.

Answer: His eyes teared up (gasp!) as the Democrat from Maine defended his wife to reporters in response to a nasty article about her in the "Manchester Union-Leader." Muskie always insisted that those weren't tears but melted snowflakes. In any event, his campaign quickly collapsed.
- What was the name of the record store at Mid-Island Plaza?

Answer: ABC Records.

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1. This futuristic airplane took its first flight on February 9, 1969.

Answer: The Concorde Supersonic Transport (SST). Only twenty were ever built.

2. Name the members of the class of 1973's junior class council during the 1971-72 school year.

Answer: John Innelli, president; Richard Alfieri, vice president, Robert Lenza, treasurer, and Susan Pollack, secretary. Clearly a good-ol'-boys network.

3. "... And for my next number, I'd like to sing a little ditty called 'Death to All Infidels.' Hope ya like it!" The class of '72 named the future Yusuf Islam its fave musician. What was his non-Muslim performing name in the 1960s and 1970s?

Answer: Cat Stevens.

4. Everybody remembers the names of the main cast members of TV's "The Partridge Family": Shirley Partridge (played by Shirley Jones), Keith (David Cassidy), Laurie (Susan Dey), and Danny (Danny "Future Train Wreck" Bonaduce.) What were the names of the two younger kids, who rarely had any lines and, all in all, were fairly useless?

Answer: Tracy and Chris Partridge. Who were they played by?

Honestly, do you really care?

Bonus question: What was the name of the "group"'s manager?

Answer: Reuben Kincaid, played by Dave Madden.

5. What were the twin themes of the 1964-65 New York World's Fair?

Answer: "Man's Achievements in an Expanding Universe" and "A Millennium of Progress." Also: "A World of Crappy, Overpriced Food."

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Answer: James Caan and Billy Dee Williams, respectively.

2. Who performed the first successful human heart transplant surgery on December 3, 1967, in Cape Town, South Africa?

Answer: Dr. Christiaan Barnard. Patient Louis Washkansky died after eighteen from pneumonia brought on by the immune system suppressing drugs he had to take posttransplant.

3. Who became the first vice president to take office without having run for election, on December 6, 1973?

Answer: Congressman Gerald Ford (R-MI), who was appointed by President Richard Nixon two months after the resignation of Spiro Agnew. A year later, Ford became president upon Nixon's own resignation. He was never elected to either position.

4. Led Zeppelin's first three albums were simply titled "Led Zeppelin," "Led Zeppelin II," and "Led Zeppelin III." The group's fourth LP, released in 1971 was its first not to bear a number. What was its title?

Answer: It didn't have a title, although it has become known as "ZOSO," taken from the inner sleeves, which contained four cryptic symptoms, each one representing a member of the band. ZOSO was Jimmy's Page symbol, which he designed himself.

5. The Cincinnati Reds played in the World Series four times from 1970 to 1976. Which four members of the Big Red Machine went on to the Hall of Fame?

Answer: first baseman Tony Perez, second baseman Joe Morgan, catcher Johnny Bench, and manager Sparky Anderson.

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1. Until the release of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," Capitol Records routinely chopped up the Beatles' English albums, which typically contained fourteen tracks, so that it could market more than the two LPs the Fab Four recorded per year. The U.K. version of 1966's groundbreaking "Revolver" has three songs not on the album released in the States. What are their titles?

Answer: (1) "And Your Bird Can Sing," "Dr. Roberts," and "I'm Only Sleeping," all John Lennon compositions.

2. Between the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy, and the riots outside the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, the world seemed to be falling apart in 1968. A week before the convention, which European country did the Soviet Union invade, further ratcheting up everyone's anxiety?

Answer: Czechoslovakia, on August 20, 1968.

3. This is more of a general Long Island question: Remember going to Jolly Roger catering and Smiley's Happyland arcade? Where was it?

Answer: Levittown, at the corner of Hempstead Turnpike and Wantagh Avenue. Demolished in the late 1970s, it is now the site of a (think really, really hard) strip mall.

4. Name the two New York Yankees lefthanders who during the 1972 season not only swapped wives but also kids, houses, and even the family dogs, in the scandalous so-called Life Swap.

Answer: Fred "Fritz" Peterson and Mike Kekich. Peterson and Susan Kekich have been married since 1974; Kekich and Chip Peterson broke up soon after the scandal hit the newspapers.

5. Fill in the missing word of dialogue from "The Graduate" (1967), starring Dustin Hoffman: "I want to say one word to you, Benjamin. Just one word." "Yes, sir." "Are you listening?" "Yes, I am." "-----." "Just how do you mean that, sir?"

Answer: Plastics!