

Ref. 01455

Source CDCB 238

IN BIOLOGY, WHAT WORD MEANS THE MATERIAL ON WHICH A SEDENTARY ORGANISM LIVES OR, IN BIOCHEMISTRY, A COMPOUND INVOLVED IN AN ENZYME-CATALYSED REACTION?

SUBSTRATE

Ref. 04468

Source

AFTER OXYGEN AND HYDROGEN, WHAT IS THE MOST ABUNDANT ELEMENT BY MASS IN THE HYDROSPHERE, THE PORTION OF THE EARTH'S CRUST COMPRISING THE OCEANS, SEAS AND OTHER WATERS?

CHLORINE

Ref. 02171

Source PDS 284

IN PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY, WHAT TERM IS USED FOR THE SPACE CONTAINING ALL THE POINTS IN AN ATOM OR MOLECULE AT WHICH THE SQUARE MODULUS OF THE WAVE FUNCTION OF AN ELECTRON HAS AN APPRECIABLE MAGNITUDE?

ORBITAL

Ref. 08002

Source June 07

ACCORDING TO THE SONNET BY SHELLEY, THE WORDS "LOOK ON MY WORKS, YE MIGHTY, AND DESPAIR" ARE CARVED ON THE RUINED STATUE OF WHICH ANCIENT TYRANT?

OZYMANDIAS

(the poem of that name; inspired by the ruined statue of Rameses the Second)

Ref. 08003

Source OCELANG 584

WHAT WORD DERIVES FROM THE NAME OF A CAPE IN CORSICA, AND REFERS TO SMALL CIRCULAR DEFENSIVE TOWERS ERECTED ALONG THE BRITISH COAST DURING THE NAPOLEONIC WARS?

MARTELLO

(Cape Mortella, Corsica, where such a tower proved difficult for the British to capture in 1794)

Ref. 08005

Source CEEL 283

THE WORDS OF WHICH POLITICAL LEADER WERE COLLECTED IN THE SO-CALLED 'LITTLE RED BOOK', FIRST PRODUCED IN 1964?

MAO TSE-TUNG / MAO ZEDONG

(correctly 'Quotations from Mao Tse-Tung')

Ref. 08004

Source OCELANG 250

WHICH COUNTY WAS FORMED IN 1974 FROM THE FORMER COUNTIES OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND, AND A PART OF NORTH WEST YORKSHIRE?

CUMBRIA

Ref. 08006

Source CBH 654

WHAT, ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT OF 1986, IS DEFINED AS, QUOTE: 'AN ACT OF COLLECTIVE VIOLENCE BY TWELVE OR MORE PERSONS IN PURSUIT OF COMMON PURPOSE'?

RIOT

Ref. 08009 Source OCF 534

WHICH PROPRIETARY NAME WAS DEVISED IN 1934 FOR A PRODUCT MANUFACTURED BY THE COMPANY ESTABLISHED BY OLE KIRK CHRISTIANSEN, THE NAME DERIVING FROM THE DANISH FOR 'PLAY WELL'?

LEGO
(from: leg godt)

Ref. 08016 Source CODE 343

THE NAME OF WHICH DRINK COMES FROM THE SPANISH FOR 'BLEEDING', AND IS BASED ON RED WINE, OFTEN WITH BRANDY AND FRUIT JUICES?

SANGRIA
(sangria, bleeding; Latin: sanguis, blood)

Ref. 08015 Source CODE 230

WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO THE TYPE OF COMPOSITE ORGANISM WHICH CONSISTS OF A FUNGUS (THE MYCOBIONT), AND AN ALGA (THE PHYSICBIONT), LIVING IN SYMBIOTIC ASSOCIATION?

LICHEN

Ref. 08018 Source June 07

WHAT NAME IS USED FOR THE PERSON, FOR EXAMPLE THE MAYOR OR THE SHERIFF, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF A PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION?

RETURNING OFFICER

Ref. 08019 Source DCM 372

IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, WHO WAS THE YOUNGEST SON OF LAOMEDON, AND, IN LATER YEARS, KING OF TROY DURING THE SIEGE BY THE GREEKS?

PRIAM

Ref. 08030 Source June 07

WHICH HERBACIOUS AFRICAN PLANT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST OIL-YIELDING PLANTS TO BE CULTIVATED AND BEARS PODS WHICH CAN SNAP OPEN, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR ITS NAME BEING USED AS AN INVOCATION IN THE ARABIAN NIGHT'S TALE 'ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES'?

SESAME
(Sesamum orientale)

Ref. 08026 Source UEB 172

A PLAQUE OUTSIDE THE FARRIERS ARMS IN ST ALBANS IN HERTFORDSHIRE COMMEMORATES THE FIRST BRANCH MEETING IN 1972 OF WHICH ORGANISATION, LAUNCHED AS A DRINKERS' REVOLT AGAINST KEG BEER?

CAMRA
(Campaign for Real Ale)

Ref. 08038 Source CLASSICAL 1000 p11

BRAHMS, SCHUMANN, LISZT, LUTOSLAWSKI AND RACHMANINOV ARE AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE WRITTEN VARIATIONS ON THEMES BY WHICH VIRTUOSO VIOLINIST?

(NICCOLO) PAGANINI

Ref. 08044

Source PDG 69

WHICH WORD, DERIVING FROM THE SPANISH FOR 'TUBE', IS USED FOR A DEEP VALLEY WITH VERTICAL SIDES, EXCAVATED BY A RIVER AND GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH REJUVENATION?

CANYON
(Spanish: canon, tube)

Ref. 08074

Source 2011

SELENITE, SATIN SPARE AND ALABASTER ARE VARIETIES OF WHICH COMMON SULPHATE MINERAL FROM WHICH, BY DEHYDRATION, PLASTER OF PARIS IS DERIVED?

GYPSUM

Ref. 08052

Source EBCDROM

WITH A NAME MEANING 'SOUTHERN CAPITAL', WHICH CITY WAS THE CAPITAL OF NATIONALIST CHINA FROM 1928 TO 1937, AND FROM 1946 TO 1949?

NANKING
(Nanjing)

Ref. 08082

Source WORDSWORTH ENC

SAID TO BE THE REGION WHERE THE FIRST URBAN CIVILISATION EVOLVED, WHICH PART OF LOWER MESOPOTAMIA BETWEEN BABYLON AND THE PERSIAN GULF INCLUDED THE CITY STATES OF URUK, ERIDU AND UR?

SUMER

Ref. 08090

Source HUTCH DIC OF THE

THE LIBRETTIST LORENZO DA PONTE IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS COLABORATION WITH WHICH 18TH CENTURY COMPOSER?

MOZART
(The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni and Cosi Fan Tutte)

Ref. 08109

Source COLLINS DIC OF LA

WHAT WAS DESCRIBED BY ARISTOTLE AS "REASON FREE OF PASSION"; BY DEMOSTHENES AS "THE INVENTION AND GIFT OF THE GODS"; IN GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S 'IOLANTHE' AS "THE TRUE EMBODIMENT OF EVERYTHING THAT'S EXCELLENT" AND BY MR BUMBLE IN 'OLIVER TWIST' AS "A ASS - A IDIOT"?

THE LAW

Ref. 08103

Source June 07

THE POWDERED ASH OF BURNED KELP AND OTHER SEAWEEDES IS A SOURCE OF WHICH ELEMENT OF THE HALOGEN GROUP, USED IN PHOTOGRAPHY, IN MEDICINE AS AN ANTISEPTIC, AND IN MAKING DYES?

IODINE

Ref. 08115

Source COCEL

THE PAINTER JOSEPH SEVERN WAS THE FRIEND AND COMPANION OF WHICH POET, JOURNEYING WITH HIM TO ITALY IN 1820 WHERE HE CARED FOR HIM UNTIL HIS DEATH FROM TUBERCULOSIS IN ROME IN 1821?

JOHN KEATS

Ref. 08120 Source HUTCH DIC OF SCIE

USED TO TREAT WOUNDS IN THE GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY AND OTHER HOSPITALS IN THE REGION DURING THE 1860s, WHICH CHEMICAL WAS INTRODUCED BY JOSEPH LISTER AS THE FIRST ANTISEPTIC?

CARBOLIC ACID a.k.a. PHENOL

Ref. 08149 Source EB96 24:767+

IN ASTRONOMY, WHICH WORD FOLLOWS 'HORSEHEAD', 'CYGNUS LOOP', 'GUM', 'LAGOON' AND 'NORTH AMERICAN'?

NEBULA

Ref. 08124 Source CHAMBERS DIC OF

'THE BRITISH GAZETTE' WAS THE TITLE OF A PROPAGANDA JOURNAL ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE WAKE OF WHICH MAJOR POLITICAL EVENT OF 1926?

THE GENERAL STRIKE

Ref. 08153 Source EB96 7:105

WHICH TWO-WORD FRENCH PHRASE DENOTES THE POLITICAL DOCTRINE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL PURSUING HIS OWN ENDS WILL ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULTS FOR SOCIETY, AND THAT THE STATE'S FUNCTION IS TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND SECURITY, NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE INDIVIDUAL?

LAISSEZ FAIRE
(popularised in Britain under the influence of Adam Smith)

Ref. 08159 Source EB96 3:200

WHICH BLUE-FLOWERED PERENNIAL WITH A LONG, FLESHY TAPROOT MAY BE EATEN IN A SALAD OR AS A VEGETABLE, BUT WHEN GROUND AND ROASTED IS ADDED TO COFFEE FOR FLAVOUR, OR USED AS A COFFEE SUBSTITUTE?

CHICORY

Ref. 08166 Source OCM124/encarta

WHICH EUROPEAN COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ANTHEM IS 'LA BRABANCONNE', AND WAS WRITTEN AND COMPOSED IN 1830, THE YEAR OF THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE?

BELGIUM
(its independence from the Netherlands, agreed by the London Conference of 1830-31)

Ref. 08160 Source CHAMBERS DIC

WHAT FIVE-LETTER WORD CAN MEAN A PROPPED-UP GROUP OF SHEAVES OF CORN, A MASS OF THICK HAIR, A SUDDEN JARRING, OR A STATE OF EXTREME PHYSICAL COLLAPSE CAUSED BY TRAUMA?

SHOCK

Ref. 08185 Source GuaN&O

WHAT WAS DEFINED BY MARSHALL McLUHAN AS "ANYTHING YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH"; BY SIR HERBERT READ AS "PATTERN INFORMED BY SENSIBILITY", AND BY JAMES JOYCE AS "THE HUMAN DISPOSITION OF SENSIBLE OR INTELLIGIBLE MATTER FOR AN AESTHETIC END"?

ART

Ref. 08193 Source EBCDR0M

BY OBSERVING THE MOTION OF DROPLETS OF OIL IN AN ELECTRIC FIELD, THE AMERICAN PHYSICIST ROBERT A. MILLIKAN WAS ABLE TO DEDUCE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CHARGE ON WHICH PARTICLE? ELECTRON

Ref. 09113 Source Whitaker's Alm

SET RUNNING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A DECADE TO MARK THE 2002 NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK, THE MARINE CHRONOMETER DESIGNATED 'H4' WAS BUILT BY WHICH 18TH CENTURY ENGINEER?

JOHN HARRISON
(the timepiece which solved the problem of longitude, of course, for which he finally won his £20,000 prize)

Ref. 08207 Source NODE 1111

WHAT NAME MEANS 'WEST' IN ARABIC, AND IS APPLIED TO THE REGION OF NORTH AFRICA BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND EGYPT, COMPRISING THE COASTAL PLAIN AND ATLAS MOUNTAINS, TOGETHER WITH ALGERIA AND TUNISIA?

MAGHREB or MAGHRIB

Ref. 09139 Source Grads xtra

IN WHICH OPERA BY VERDI IS THE TITLE CHARACTER A HUNCH-BACKED COURT JESTER, CURSED BY THE COUNT OF MONTERONE?

'RIGOLETTO'
(first performed 1851)

Ref. 09146 Source Whit 01:110/NRM

DISLEY, CHIPPING SODBURY, STANDEGE, TOTLEY AND SEVERN ARE AMONG THE LONGEST STRUCTURES OF WHAT KIND ON THE RAILWAYS OF BRITAIN?

TUNNELS

Ref. 09185 Source Grads xtra

BORN IN 1791, WHICH SCIENTIST WAS HUMPHREY DAVY'S ASSISTANT AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTION? HE WAS THE FIRST TO LIQUEFY CHLORINE, PRODUCED THE FIRST DYNAMO, AND FIRST STATED THE BASIC LAWS OF ELECTROLYSIS?

MICHAEL FARADAY
(stated the laws of electrolysis in his 'Experimental Researches on Electricity', 1839-55)

Ref. 09176 Source Harrap's Bk of 1000 pl

ANXIOUS, NIBBLES, CHINO, PEPE, INDIO AND LUIS, LED BY BERNARDO, ARE MEMBERS OF THE 'SHARKS' AND FEATURE IN WHICH MUSICAL, FIRST STAGED IN 1957?

'WEST SIDE STORY'

Ref. 09220 Source DictofDays32/EB/COL

WHAT NAME COMES FROM THE GREEK FOR 'SCORCHING STAR', AND IS GIVEN TO THE STAR FORMERLY BELIEVED TO ADD ITS HEAT TO THAT OF THE SUN ON THE 'DOG DAYS', OR THE HOTTEST DAYS OF THE YEAR?

SIRIUS
(Greek: seirios aster, scorching star. Otherwise 'Dog Star' or 'Alpha Canis Majoris')

Ref. 09232 Source NODE711/SOED

IN GEOMETRY, WHAT TERM INDICATES THE FIXED POINTS FROM WHICH THE DISTANCES TO ANY POINT OF A GIVEN CURVE ARE CONNECTED BY A LINEAR RELATION?

FOCI

Ref. 09259 Source WB17p464/OCED304

THE ABILITY OF A METAL TO BE HAMMERED INTO VARIOUS SHAPES IS MALLEABILITY, WHAT DESCRIBES ITS ABILITY TO BE DRAWN OUT INTO FINE WIRES?

DUCTILITY

Ref. 09256 Source EB8 p236Animal Life

WHICH ANIMAL PHYLUM IS GENERALLY CLASSIFIED INTO EIGHT MAJOR GROUPS, INCLUDING TRYBLIDIA, SCAPHOPODA, CEPHALOPODA, BIVALVIA AND GASTROPODA?

MOLLUSCA or MOLLUSCS

Ref. 09264 Source Ultimate Atlas of Worl

FRANCE, SPAIN AND WHICH OTHER COUNTRY HAVE A COASTLINE ON BOTH THE ATLANTIC AND THE MEDITERRANEAN?

MOROCCO

Ref. 09267 Source ME250 / CEED 227HE

THE ENGLISH SCIENTIST SIR JAMES CHADWICK WAS AWARDED THE 1935 NOBEL PRIZE FOR PHYSICS FOR HIS DISCOVERY THREE YEARS EARLIER OF WHICH PARTICLE, AFTER ANALYSING THE RADIATION EMITTED BY BERYLLIUM WHEN BOMBARDED WITH ALPHA PARTICLES?

NEUTRON

Ref. 11002 Source OX DINER'S DIC

LITTLE TUBES, ANGEL HAIR, LITTLE STRINGS, QUILL PENS AND LITTLE WORMS ARE THE ENGLISH VERSIONS OF FIVE ITALIAN TERMS THAT ARE ALL VARIETIES OF WHAT SORT OF FOODSTUFF?

PASTA

(Cannelloni, capelli d'angelo, spaghetti, penne & vermicilli)

Ref. 09294 Source NODE 557, 2108

THE COMBINED VACCINE D.P.T. OFFERS PROTECTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND WHICH OTHER BACTERIAL DISEASE, CHIEFLY AFFECTING CHILDREN?

PERTUSSIS or WHOOPING COUGH

Ref. 11003 Source EB95 4:132

WHICH FOURTEENTH CENTURY WORK OF LITERATURE TRACES TH JOURNEY OF THE POET, GUIDED BY VIRGIL, FROM THE INFERNO THROUGH PURGATORY TO PARADISE, WHERE THE WRITER IS MET BY BEATRICE?

THE DIVINE COMEDY

(La Divina Coommedia - by Dante)

Ref. 11004

Source NY TIMES BK - SOPR

WHAT IS THE SURNAME OF THE CHARACTERS LIVIA, CARMELA, MEADOW AND TONY IN A TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES DEVISED BY DAVID CHASE AND SET IN NEW JERSEY?

SOPRANO

(From 'The Sopranos', HBO & Channel 4)

Ref. 11010

Source FILMS OF AH.p248 D TEL A-Z OF ALMOS

WHOSE FINAL APPEARANCE IN A FEATURE FILM WAS IN SILHOUETTE AT THE OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS IN 1976, IN 'FAMILY PLOT', THE LAST OF MANY CAMEO APPEARANCES, DATING BACK HALF A CENTURY, IN FILMS HE DIRECTED?

ALFRED HITCHCOCK

Ref. 11007

Source EB96 6:649

WHICH INFLUENTIAL POPE OF THE DELLA ROVERE FAMILY, WHO DIED IN 1513, COMMISSIONED RAPHAEL'S FRESCOS IN THREE ROOMS OF THE VATICAN, AND COMMISSIONED MICHELANGELO TO PAINT THE CEILING OF THE SISTINE CHAPEL?

JULIUS THE SECOND

Ref. 11020

Source

WHO HAS WRITTEN POEMS ENTITLED 'THE DANCING HIPPO', 'THE PRAGUE MILKBOTTLE' AND 'ANNE FRANK HUIS', ALL PUBLISHED BEFORE HE BECAME POET LAUREATE IN 1999?

ANDREW MOTION

Ref. 11031

Source OCEL

TRADITIONALLY SAID TO BE A TRACT OF LAND, NOW SUBMERGED, BETWEEN LAND'S END AND THE SCILLY ISLES, WHAT PLACE IN MALORY'S 'MORTE D'ARTHUR' WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF TRISTRAM; ITS NAME ALSO BEING USED BY TENNYSON, WHO MAKES IT THE PLACE OF THE LAST BATTLE BETWEEN ARTHUR AND MORDRED?

LYONESSE

Ref. 11579

Source OED

WHAT GENERAL TERM IS DERIVED FROM THE GREEK FOR 'FAT', IS APPLIED TO ANY OF A CLASS OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS THAT ARE FATTY ACIDS OR THEIR DERIVATIVES, AND ARE INSOLUBLE IN WATER BUT SOLUBLE IN ORGANIC SOLVENTS?

LIPIDS

(the Greek: lipos, fat)

Ref. 11575

Source CDC

IN CHEMISTRY, WHICH UNIT IS USED TO EXPRESS SOLUTION CONCENTRATION BY THE AMOUNT OF SOLUTE, IN MOLES, DIVIDED BY THE MASS OF SOLVENT IN KILOGRAMS?

MOLALITY

(not MOLARITY in which the volume measured is the solution, not the solute)

Ref. 12104

Source Times Obit 220297

THE MUSICIAN ERIC FENBY, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF NINETY IN 1997, HAS A PLACE IN MUSIC HISTORY BECAUSE OF HIS DEVOTION FOR SIX YEARS TO WHICH BLIND AND PARALYSED COMPOSER, HELPING HIM TO COMPLETE SEVERAL PIECES BY DICTATION?

(FREDERICK) DELIUS

Ref. 12174 Source EB

WHICH PAINTING BY THEODORE GERICAULT DEPICTS THE SURVIVORS OF FRENCH SHIPWRECK WHO, ADRIFT AT SEA, WERE DECIMATED BY STARVATION BEFORE BEING RESCUED?

THE RAFT OF THE MEDUSA

Ref. 13061 Source Philips III Enc.

89.97 DAYS FOR MERCURY, 224.7 DAYS FOR VENUS, 11.86 YEARS FOR JUPITER AND 164.8 YEARS FOR NEPTUNE. THESE ARE ALL MEASUREMENTS OF WHAT?

ORBITAL PERIOD / TIME TAKEN TO ORBIT THE SUN / SIDEREAL PERIOD

Ref. 12594 Source EB

WHICH LITERARY FIGURE WAS BORN IN 1777 AND IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE GREAT GERMAN DRAMATISTS OF THE 19TH CENTURY, HIS WORKS INCLUDING 'THE PRINCE OF HOMBURG', 'MICHAEL KOHLHAAS' AND 'THE MARQUISE OF O'?

HEINRICH VON KLEIST
(if they answer SCHILLER he was earlier, born 1759;
GOETHE earlier still, born 1749)

Ref. 13062 Source PHILIPS III. Enc.

DISCOVERED BY THOMAS GRAHAM IN 1861, WHAT PROCESS FOR SEPARATING PARTICLES FROM A SOLUTION BY DIFFERING RATES OF DIFFUSION THROUGH A SEMI-PERMEABLE MEMBRANE IS BEST KNOWN THROUGH THE INVENTION IN 1943 BY WILLEM KOLFF OF A MACHINE WHICH PURIFIES THE BLOOD?

DIALYSIS

Ref. 13074 Source EB

WHAT IS THE COMMON NAME OF THE TRIANGULAR-SHAPED SEEDS OF 'FAGOPYRUM ESCULENTUM'? IT IS A STAPLE GRAIN IN EASTERN EUROPE, WHERE IT IS OFTEN CALLED KASHA, AND IS THE BASIC INGREDIENT OF JAPANESE SOBA NOODLES.

BUCKWHEAT
(aka saracen corn, beechwheat, brank)

Ref. 13077 Source EB

ITS NAME TAKEN FROM AN ARABIC WORD, WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO A PASTE OF CRUSHED SESAME SEEDS, USED AS AN INGREDIENT OF HUMMUS, OR MIXED WITH GARLIC AND LEMON JUICE TO MAKE A SALAD DRESSING?

TAHINI / TAHINE

Ref. 13075 Source elex.library.adelaide.o

THE WHALE, UNICORN, LION AND ELEPHANT ARE AMONG THE ANIMALS THAT FEATURE IN THE TITLES OF ESSAYS PUBLISHED BETWEEN 1936 AND 1941 BY WHICH AUTHOR?

GEORGE ORWELL

Ref. 13078 Source EB

ALSO CALLED THE BOREAL FOREST, WHAT TERM IS RUSSIAN IN ORIGIN AND IS GIVEN TO THE OPEN CONIFEROUS FOREST THAT LIES SOUTH OF THE TUNDRA BELT AND GROWS ON SWAMPY GROUND OFTEN COVERED WITH LICHEN?

TAIGA

Ref. 13096

Source w royalmail

THE POSTCODES TR19 7AA AND KW1 4YR BELONG TO WHICH TWO PLACES IN BRITAIN, OFTEN LINKED AS THE STARTING POINT AND DESTINATION OF SPONSORED JOURNEYS?

LAND'S END AND JOHN O'GROATS

Ref. 13139

Source w.xr

CLIFFS OF WHAT SEDIMENTARY ROCK ARE A DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF THE GAUJA RIVER IN LATVIA, BRIDGNORTH IN SHROPSHIRE, ABU SIMBEL ON THE NILE AND THE ANCIENT CITY OF PETRA IN JORDAN?

SANDSTONE

Ref. 13102

Source w.xr

WHICH EUROPEAN PENINSULA IS DOMINATED BY THE CENTRAL TABLELAND KNOWN AS THE MESETA?

IBERIAN (accept SPAIN AND PORTUGAL)

Ref. 13145

Source w.garde

A WARNING NOT TO PURSUE OR ENGAGE ONESELF IN A MATTER, FOR WHAT DOES THE ABBREVIATION D-E-G-T, USED IN INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS, STAND?

"DON'T EVEN GO THERE"

Ref. 13153

Source EB

BORN AROUND 500 AD, THE EMPRESS THEODORA, A MAJOR FIGURE IN PROCOPIUS'S 'SECRET HISTORY', WAS THE WIFE OF WHICH BYZANTINE EMPEROR?

JUSTINIAN (THE FIRST)

Ref. 13167

Source HF

IN MUSIC, WHAT TERM DESCRIBES AN UNACCOMPANIED EXHIBITION PASSAGE IN THE STYLE OF AN IMPROVISATION, INSERTED BY THE SOLOIST AT THE CLIMAX OF A CONCERTO?

CADENZA

Ref. 13155

Source collins atlas

THE MALAY WORD 'PULAU', WHICH APPEARS IN PLACE NAMES SUCH AS PULAU PINANG, DENOTES WHAT GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES?

ISLAND

Ref. 13173

Source HF

WHAT THREE-LETTER WORD DENOTES AN ECCENTRIC CURVED WHEEL ON A SHAFT THAT TRANSFORMS ROTARY MOTION INTO RECIPROCATING MOTION?

CAM

Ref. 13188 Source EB96

WHICH COMPOUND HAS A HIGH RATING ON THE MOHS SCALE OF HARDNESS, HAS THE CHEMICAL SYMBOL W.C., AND IS OFTEN USED ON THE CUTTING EDGES OF SAWS AND DRILLS TO GIVE RESISTANCE TO WEAR?

TUNGSTEN CARBIDE

Ref. 13247 Source ChambersDict/ConcOx

WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO THE STORED FORM OF CATTLE FODDER PRODUCED BY A LIMITED FERMENTATION OF GREEN FODDER PRESSED DOWN AND STORED IN A PIT OR AIRTIGHT CONTAINER?

SILAGE (or ENSILAGE)

Ref. 13211 Source EB96 9:803

OF WHICH FABRIC WAS THE ITALIAN 'PUNTO IN ARIA' AN EARLY FORM, DEVELOPED IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY AND SO CALLED BECAUSE IT WAS CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT THE BACKING OF A WOVEN FABRIC?

LACE

(punto in aria: lace in air)

Ref. 13251 Source ConcOxDGeog/ConcO

IN THE U.K., NAMES ENDING WITH 'NESS', SUCH AS SHEERNESS, USUALLY INDICATE WHAT TYPE OF GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE?

HEADLAND or PROMONTORY

Ref. 13253 Source EB

WHICH VENETIAN-BORN COMPOSER WAS NICKNAMED 'IL PRETE ROSSO', OR 'THE RED PRIEST', IN REFERENCE TO BOTH THE COLOUR OF HIS HAIR AND HIS ORDINATION IN 1703?

(ANTONIO) VIVALDI

Ref. 13278 Source

THE HARE-HAWES-CUTTING ACT OF 1933 PAVED THE WAY FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF WHICH ASIAN COUNTRY FROM THE USA?

THE PHILIPPINES

Ref. 13270 Source bonus bkdown

IN MUSIC, WHAT SIGN IS PRINTED IN FRONT OF AN INDIVIDUAL NOTE TO INDICATE A CHROMATIC ALTERATION FROM THE KEY-SIGNATURE, OR TO CANCEL IT?

ACCIDENTAL

Ref. 13299 Source ORD, Collins Music

WHAT LINKS: AN EXPRESSION USED IN LEAVE-TAKING; THE SOUTHERNMOST POINT OF GREENLAND, AND HAYDN'S SYMPHONY NUMBER 45 IN F SHARP MINOR?

FAREWELL (Cape Farewell)

Ref. 13300 Source w.space"

THE SO-CALLED "SUMMER TRIANGLE" IN THE NIGHT SKY CONSISTS OF THE STARS DENEK, VEGA AND WHICH OTHER STAR, BRIGHTEST OF THE CONSTELLATION AQUILA?

ALTAIR

Ref. 13391 Source NODE 1338

ETESIAN, HARMATTAN, PAMPERO, PUNA AND SOLA'NO ARE ALL NAMES GIVEN TO EXAMPLES OF WHAT METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENON?

WINDS

(Mediterranean, African, Argentinian, Peruvian and Spanish respectively)

Ref. 13376 Source H Paperback guide to t

IN BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL AND CULTURAL TERMS, WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO THE REGION OF THE NORTH PACIFIC THAT INCLUDES THE MARIANAS, CAROLINES, MARSHALLS, KIRIBATI AND NAURU?

MICRONESIA

(NOT Melanesia, which is to the south. NOT Polynesia, which is to the south and east)

Ref. 13400 Source ATLAS / OWE 861

WITH MALIN HEAD AS ITS NORTHERNMOST POINT, WHICH IS THE MOST NORTHERLY COUNTY IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND?

DONEGAL

Ref. 13481 Source Wordsworth Encyclopa

THE 'ACADÉMIE FRANCAISE' WAS FOUNDED IN 1635 BY WHICH PRELATE AND STATESMAN, WHO INSCRIBED THE WORDS 'TO IMMORTALITY' ON ITS SEAL?

CARDINAL RICHELIEU

(its members, restricted to 40 in number at any one time, being known as The Immortals)

Ref. 13601 Source ORD w.bart

FLOWING 600 MILES NORTHWARDS INTO THE ATLANTIC, THE ESSEQUIBO IS THE LONGEST RIVER OF WHICH SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY?

GUYANA

Ref. 13576 Source OS

IN THE TEMPERATURE RANGE FROM NOUGHT TO ONE HUNDRED DEGREES CELSIUS, AT WHICH TEMPERATURE IS WATER AT ITS MOST DENSE?

FOUR DEGREES CELSIUS

Ref. 13924 Source Brewer Curious Titles

FIRST RECORDED IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1989 AND REFERRING TO A SUPPOSED CONDITION IN WHICH MEN ARE UNABLE TO RESIST OFFERING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, EVEN THOSE OUTSIDE THEIR SPHERE OF EXPERTISE, FOR WHAT DO THE INITIALS M.A.S. STAND?

MALE ANSWER SYNDROME

Ref. 14002 Source HA

WHICH LANDLOCKED COUNTRY ON THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY CHINA, ON THE NORTH-EAST AND EAST BY VIETNAM, ON THE SOUTH BY CAMBODIA, ON THE WEST BY THAILAND, AND ON THE NORTH-WEST BY MYANMAR?

LAOS

Ref. 14010 Source Mac Dic Contemp. P&

WHAT PHRASE IS USED AS A DESCRIPTION OF THE HUMAN SPECIES AND WAS FIRST POPULARISED BY THE BRITISH ZOOLOGIST DESMOND MORRIS IN THE TITLE OF HIS STUDY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR IN 1967, IN WHICH HE JUSTIFIED HIS CHOICE OF NOMENCLATURE BY POINTING OUT A SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND

THE NAKED APE

Ref. 14006 Source OCF

THE PLANT 'VIGNA RADIATA', NATIVE TO INDIA, IS THE SOURCE OF WHICH SMALL ROUND BEAN, USED IN CHINA TO MAKE FEN SI, OR CELLOPHANE NOODLES, BY PRESSING THE STARCH OF THE BEAN THROUGH A SIEVE?

MUNG BEAN

Ref. 14012 Source Mac Dic Contemp. P&

A BOTTLE-RACK, A BICYCLE WHEEL AND A METAL URINAL, THE LATTER GIVEN THE TITLE 'FOUNTAIN' AND SIGNED 'R. MUTT', ARE AMONG THE OBJETS TROUVÉ, OR READY-MADES, EXHIBITED BY WHICH FRENCH-BORN DADAIST?

MARCEL DUCHAMP

Ref. 14015 Source

'POLY-METHYL METHA-CRYLATE', A CLEAR, LIGHTWEIGHT THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL MANUFACTURED IN SHEETS OR MOULDED INTO SOLID OBJECTS AND USED FOR AIRCRAFT CANOPIES, BOAT WINDSHIELDS, CHEAP CAMERA LENSES, WATCH GLASSES AND TAIL LIGHTS, CALLED PLEXIGLAS AND LUCITE IN AMERICA, IS

PERSPEX

Ref. 14021 Source Mac Dic Contemp. P&

WHICH QUANTUM PROPERTY WAS INTRODUCED BY MURRAY GELL-MANN IN 1953 TO EXPLAIN WHY SOME MESONS HAVE ABNORMALLY LONG LIFETIMES, AND WAS DEFINED BY HIM AS THE PROPERTY THAT MUST BE CONSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF AN EQUATION DESCRIBING A STRONG OR ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERACTION, BUT NOT A

STRANGENESS

Ref. 14016 Source Mac Dic Contemp. P&

"THOSE WHO SAY THEY GIVE THE PUBLIC WHAT IT WANTS BEGIN BY UNDERESTIMATING PUBLIC TASTE AND END BY DEBAUCHING IT." THIS COMMENT COMES FROM THE 1962 PILKINGTON REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF WHICH BRITISH INDUSTRY?

BROADCASTING (accept TELEVISION)

Ref. 14026 Source OS

IN ROALD DAHL'S 'CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY', FOUR CHILDREN ACCOMPANY CHARLIE ON HIS VISIT TO WILLY WONKA'S FACTORY; THINK BEFORE YOU BUZZ FOR THIS - GIVE ME THE FULL NAMES OF ALL FOUR.

VERUCA SALT / VIOLET BEAUREGARD / AUGUSTUS GLOOP / MIKE TEEVEE

Ref. 14030 Source Nicknames - Noble

WHICH WORD DERIVES FROM THE NAME OF AN ENGLISH CITY, ORIGINALLY MEANT THE AMBLING PACE AT WHICH PILGRIMS UNDERTOOK THE JOURNEY TO THE SHRINE OF THOMAS A BECKET, AND NOW INDICATES THE EASY, JOGGING TROT OF A HORSE?

CANTER
(from Canterbury, sometimes called The Canterbury Gallop or Pace)

Ref. 14041 Source OCF

WHAT NAME, ORIGINALLY FRENCH, IS GIVEN TO A COMBINATION OF ALMONDS AND BOILED SUGAR, WHERE THE NUTS HAVE BEEN COOKED WITH SUGAR SYRUP AND THE MIXTURE COOLED AND GROUND TO A POWDER, THE RESULT BEING USED AS AN INGREDIENT IN CHOCOLATES OR DESSERTS?

PRALINE
(after Count Press-Praslin, whose cook invented it)

Ref. 14036 Source CBD

"NATURE DOES NOTHING WITHOUT SOME PURPOSE; AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING MAN A POLITICAL ANIMAL SHE HAS ENDOWED HIM ALONE AMONG THE ANIMALS WITH THE POWER OF REASONED SPEECH." WHO WROTE THESE WORDS IN HIS WORK ENTITLED 'POLITICS'?

ARISTOTLE
(Book One, Chapter Two)

Ref. 14049 Source CDM

THE MEDICAL CONDITION 'OTITIS MEDIA' IS AN INFLAMMATION IN WHICH PART OF THE BODY? EAR (INNER EAR) (specifically, the lining of the inner ear)

Ref. 14053 Source HE

THE LATIN PHRASE 'CASUS BELLI' MEANS GROUNDS OR JUSTIFICATION FOR WHAT? WAR / CONFLICT

Ref. 14058 Source CDST

'PROMPT' OR 'DELAYED', DESCRIBING THEIR ORIGIN, AND 'FAST' OR 'THERMAL', DESCRIBING THEIR VELOCITY, ARE TWO WAYS OF DELINEATING WHICH TYPE OF PARTICLES? NEUTRON(S)

Ref. 14057 Source

WHICH LETTER OF THE GREEK ALPHABET IS USED FOR THE TERM 'MICRO-' IN THE SYMBOLS FOR UNITS SUCH AS MICROGRAM OR MICROAMPERE? MU / μ (accept M or the 12th letter)

Ref. 14059 Source HE

WHICH CITY ON THE ADRIATIC HAS THE ITALIAN NAME RAGUSA, WAS FORMERLY A ROMAN STATION AND WAS FOR A LONG TIME AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, PASSING TO AUSTRIAN RULE FROM 1814 TO 1919, AND MORE RECENTLY, IN 1991, BEING BESIEGED BY YUGOSLAV FEDERAL FORCES AND SUBJECTED TO FREQUENT SHELLING THAT DUBROVNIK

Ref. 14073 Source (CDST)

PROTEUS, DESPINA AND GALATEA WERE ALL DISCOVERED IN 1989, AND ARE SATELLITES OF WHICH PLANET OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM?

NEPTUNE

Ref. 14082 Source (DOPH)

THE HUNGARIAN-BORN BRITISH PHYSICIST DENNIS GABOR WAS AWARDED THE 1971 NOBEL PRIZE FOR PHYSICS FOR HIS INVENTION OF WHAT?

HOLOGRAPHY

Ref. 14080 Source (CDST)

WHICH TERM DESCRIBES THE DEFORMATION OF AN OBJECT IN WHICH PARALLEL PLANES REMAIN PARALLEL, BUT ARE DISPLACED RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER IN A DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THEMSELVES?

SHEAR

Ref. 14087 Source (ODPH)

IN DECIMAL NOTATION, WHAT IS THE EQUIVALENT OF THE HEXADECIMAL 'ONE A'?

TWENTY-SIX

Ref. 14090 Source (MHCEST)

IN ASTRONOMY, WHAT IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE PATH IN THE SKY TRACED BY THE SUN ON ITS APPARENT ANNUAL JOURNEY AS THE EARTH MOVES ROUND IT?

ECLIPTIC

(so-called because the lunar and solar eclipses can only occur when the moon crosses it)

Ref. 14214 Source

ITS ETHNIC GROUPS INCLUDING THE FANG AND THE ESHIRA, WHAT COUNTRY IS BORDERED BY CAMEROON, EQUATORIAL GUINEA AND CONGO, AND BECAME INDEPENDENT FROM FRANCE IN AUGUST 1960?

GABON

Ref. 14211 Source

ITS EXPONENTS INCLUDING JAMES JOYCE AND VIRGINIA WOOLF, WHAT THREE-WORD TERM DENOTES A LITERARY STYLE IN WHICH A CHARACTER'S THOUGHTS, FEELINGS AND REACTIONS ARE DEPICTED IN A CONTINUOUS FLOW UNINTERRUPTED BY OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION?

STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Ref. 14217 Source

WHAT TERM, TAKEN FROM THE GERMAN, IS USED OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY, SPECIFICALLY THAT BETWEEN BISMARCK AND THE PAPACY DURING THE 1870S?

KULTURKAMPF

Ref. 14219 Source

IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, FOR WHAT DO THE LETTERS T.I.C. STAND?
TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

Ref. 14233 Source

THE WORD 'PROROGUE', MEANING TO CURTAIL OR DISCONTINUE A SESSION, IS MOST OFTEN USED OF WHAT KIND OF INSTITUTION?
PARLIAMENT / LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Ref. 14229 Source

IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY, MORaine, KAME, ESKER AND DRUMLIN ARE FEATURES CAUSED BY WHAT AGENCY?
GLACIERS / GLACIATION / ICE

Ref. 14252 Source BD

DERIVED FROM A GREEK WORD MEANING 'BLUISH GREEN', WHICH CONDITION CAN RESULT WHEN THE AQUEOUS HUMOUR IN THE EYE FAILS TO DRAIN PROPERLY, ALLOWING PRESSURE TO BUILD UP?
GLAUCOMA

Ref. 14260 Source OXQ

"I WOULD NOT OPEN WINDOWS INTO MEN'S SOULS" IS A COMMENT ON RELIGIOUS POLICY ATTRIBUTED TO WHICH MONARCH?
ELIZABETH THE FIRST

Ref. 14279 Source w.xr /ORD /OxELang

DERIVED FROM A LATIN WORD MEANING 'HISS', WHAT NAME IS GIVEN IN PHONETICS TO A SPEECH SOUND PRODUCED BY THE TURBULENT PASSING OF AIR BETWEEN TWO ARTICULATORS, FOR EXAMPLE THE INITIAL CONSONANT SOUNDS OF THE WORDS 'SILLY', 'SHEEPISH' AND 'ZODIAC', AND DR SEUSS'S 'ZIZZER ZAZZER ZUZZ'?
SIBILANT
(from the verb: sibilare)

Ref. 14265 Source

CEDED BY SWEDEN TO RUSSIA IN 1809, WHICH COUNTRY BECAME AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC IN 1917, REMAINED NEUTRAL DURING THE COLD WAR, AND JOINED THE EUROPEAN UNION IN 1995?
FINLAND

Ref. 14286 Source

THE ACRONYM 'TIG' REFERS TO A GAS SHIELDED, ARC-WELDING PROCESS. FOR WHAT THREE WORDS DO THE INITIALS T.I.G. STAND?
TUNGSTEN INERT GAS
(the weld zone is protected by an inert gas to prevent atmospheric oxidation of molten metal)

Ref. 14297 Source ORD

WHAT WORD MEANS BOTH 'TO SPOIL BY MISQUOTING OR MISPRONOUNCING', AND 'AN IMPLEMENT COMPRISING TWO OR MORE WOODEN CYLINDERS TURNED BY A HANDLE'?

MANGLE

Ref. 14309 Source

HOW MANY TIME ZONES SPAN THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, THAT IS, EXCLUDING ALASKA, HAWAII AND THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS?

FOUR

Ref. 14304 Source

CONSTITUTING THE MAJOR PART OF A WOODY STEM OR ROOT, WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO THAT PART OF THE VASCULAR SYSTEM THAT CONVEYS WATER AND DISSOLVED MINERALS FROM THE ROOTS TO THE REST OF THE PLANT?

XYLEM

Ref. 14318 Source

WHICH YEAR - AND I'LL GIVE YOU THREE YEARS EITHER WAY - SAW THE BIRTH OF SOMERSET MAUGHAM, HARRY HOUDINI, ARNOLD SCHOENBERG, GERTRUDE STEIN AND WINSTON CHURCHILL?

1874 (so accept 1871 to 1877)

Ref. 14328 Source

WHAT LETTER PRECEDES THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS, WHEN 1 IS THE MINUET AND TRIO IN G, 297 IS THE 'PARIS' SYMPHONY AND 492 IS 'THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO'?

K (they are Koechel numbers)
(the chronological index of Mozart's work by Ludwig Ritter von Koechel)

Ref. 14338 Source

WHAT COMMON NAME IS GIVEN TO ANALEPSIS, A LITERARY DEVICE BY WHICH EVENTS OF A STORY ARE RELATED AT A POINT IN THE NARRATIVE AFTER LATER EVENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECOUNTED?

FLASHBACK / RETROSPECTION

Ref. 14336 Source

LAMBIC, SAISON, WITBIER (pron. vitt-beer) AND TRAPPIST ARE VARIETIES OF BEER CHARACTERISTIC OF WHICH EUROPEAN COUNTRY?

BELGIUM

Ref. 14341 Source OxPhl/OxQ

DESCRIBED BY ARISTOTLE AS THE MEAN BETWEEN TIMIDITY AND RASHNESS, WHAT PERSONAL QUALITY IS, ACCORDING TO NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, RAREST AROUND TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING?

COURAGE

Ref. 14360 Source Atlas

IN INDONESIA, WHAT ISLAND IS SITUATED BETWEEN
JAVA AND LOMBOK?
BALI

Ref. 14381 Source

WHAT WORD CAN MEAN: THE DEGREE OF SLOPE OF
A STAGE, AUDITORIUM OR STEERING-COLUMN; A
DISSOLUTE MAN OF FASHION, AND A LONG-
HANDLED IMPLEMENT WITH A TOOTHED CROSSBAR
AT ONE END?
RAKE

Ref. 14362 Source ORD

THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT OF
SEPTEMBER 1979 ENABLED THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF WHICH INDEPENDENT NATION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA?
ZIMBABWE

Ref. 14385 Source

TAKEN FROM THE FRENCH FOR A TRAIL,
RACETRACK OR RUNWAY, WHAT TERM IS USED IN
SKIING TO DENOTE A RUN OF COMPACTED SNOW?
PISTE

Ref. 14386 Source w.walrways, ORD

'JOINT CO-OPERATION', 'MUTUAL AGREEMENT',
'NECESSARY REQUISITE', 'PAST HISTORY', 'RAZE TO
THE GROUND' AND 'TEMPORARY RESPITE' HAVE
ALL BEEN CITED AS EXAMPLES OF WHAT ERROR OF
STYLE, ITS NAME DERIVED FROM A GREEK WORD
MEANING 'SAME'?
TAUTOLOGY
(Greek: tauto, same)

Ref. 14390 Source

WHAT TERM REFERS TO THE CURVE FORMED BY A
PERFECTLY FLEXIBLE, UNIFORMLY DENSE, AND
INEXTENSIBLE CABLE SUSPENDED FROM ITS
ENDPOINTS?
CATENARY

Ref. 14388 Source

WHAT MEANING IS SIGNIFIED BY THE SEMANTEMES
'KYOH' IN THE NAMES 'KYOTO' AND 'TOKYO', AND
'JING' IN 'BEIJING' AND 'NANJING'?
CAPITAL (CITY)

Ref. 14394 Source

THOUGHT TO BE THE LARGEST LIVING FISH, WHAT
IS THE COMMON NAME OF 'RHINOCODON TYPUS', A
DOCILE CREATURE THAT FEEDS ON PLANKTON AND
SMALL FISH?
WHALE SHARK

Ref. 14401 Source

DENOTING AN UNCONDITIONAL MORAL OBLIGATION DERIVED FROM PURE REASON, THE TERM 'CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE' IS ASSOCIATED WITH WHICH GERMAN PHILOSOPHER, BORN IN 1724?
IMMANUEL KANT

Ref. 15121 Source A-Z OF E'THING mont

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHEETS OF A4 PAPER THAT CAN BE CUT FROM A SHEET OF A1?
EIGHT

Ref. 14553 Source OxPF / OxO

ACCORDING TO VIVIEN LEIGH, "SHAW IS LIKE A TRAIN. ONE JUST SPEAKS THE WORDS AND SITS IN ONE'S PLACE." WHICH PLAYWRIGHT DID SHE SAY, "IS LIKE BATHING IN THE SEA - ONE SWIMS WHERE ONE WANTS"?
SHAKESPEARE

Ref. 15701 Source ORD

AN ISOHYET IS A LINE ON A MAP CONNECTING AREAS THAT, WITHIN A GIVEN PERIOD, HAVE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF WHAT?
PRECIPITATION / RAINFALL

Ref. 15725 Source

AN EXAMPLE BEING THE SECURITY BLANKET CLUTCHED BY LINUS VAN PELT IN THE 'PEANUTS' COMIC STRIP, WHAT TWO-WORD TERM DID THE BRITISH PSYCHOANALYST DONALD WINNICOT COIN FOR FAMILIAR ITEMS SUCH SOFT TOYS WHICH ARE USED BY A CHILD TO STAVE OFF ANXIETY DURING TIMES OF STRESS?
TRANSITIONAL OBJECT
(his 'Transitional Objects and Transitional Phenomena', 1951)

Ref. 15734 Source EB 11:302 & 7:819

WHICH CITY IS THIS? ORIGINALLY A ROMAN MILITARY OUTPOST, ITS CURRENT NAME HAS THE IMPLIED MEANING OF 'A TOWN AT THE CROSS-ROADS'; A BISHOPRIC FROM THE 4TH CENTURY, IT WAS ANNEXED BY GERMANY IN 1871 AND REVERTED TO FRENCH RULE AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR. IT HAS THREE UNIVERSITIES, AND IS A
STRASBOURG

Ref. 15726 Source

RECKONED BY MANY TO BE AT LEAST AS EFFECTIVE AS MEDICATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF ANXIETY DISORDERS, FOR WHAT DO THE LETTERS C.B.T. STAND?
COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR(AL) THERAPY

Ref. 15796 Source

WHAT TERM IS USED IN LATIN-AMERICAN MUSIC FOR THE INSTRUMENT RESEMBLING A XYLOPHONE WHICH ORIGINALLY USED RESONATING GOURDS BUT NOW HAS WIDER WOODEN BARS THAN A XYLOPHONE, SOUNDING AN OCTAVE DEEPER?
MARIMBA

Ref. 15764

Source

BELIEVED TO BE THE RESULT OF A METEOR IMPACT ABOUT FIFTY THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THE BARRINGER CRATER IS LOCATED IN WHICH STATE OF THE U.S.A.?

ARIZONA

Ref. 15787

Source TB

WHAT WORD DENOTES: IN NEUROLOGY, AN INVOLUNTARY MOTOR RESPONSE ELICITED BY A DEFINED STIMULUS AND, IN GEOMETRY, AN ANGLE OF GREATER THAN 180 AND LESS THAN 360 DEGREES?

REFLEX

Ref. 15784

Source TB

IN WHAT FIELD OF ACTIVITY WERE THE AMERICANS SAMUEL GOMPERS, EUGENE DEBS AND CESAR CHAVEZ NOTED FIGURES?

LABOUR MOVEMENT / LABOUR LEADERS

Ref. 15795

Source TB

BORN IN HUDDERSFIELD IN 1963, WHICH POET IS NOTED FOR COLLECTIONS SUCH AS 'ZOOM!', 'XANADU' AND 'CLOUD CUCKOOLAND' AND FOR THE NOVEL 'LITTLE GREEN MAN'?

(SIMON) ARMITAGE

Ref. 15797

Source TB

WHICH POET WROTE THESE LINES: "A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOR EVER: / ITS LOVELINESS INCREASES; IT WILL NEVER / PASS INTO NOTHINGNESS"?

(JOHN) KEATS (in 'Endymion')
(1795-1821)

Ref. 15826

Source CA05

THE RIVER SHANNON SEPARATES THE PROVINCE OF LEINSTER IN THE EAST OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC FROM WHICH PROVINCE IN THE WEST?

CONNAUGHT / CONNACHT

Ref. 15801

Source TB

EXPRESSING A GREETING TO A PLANET OR ITS INHABITANTS, WHAT TWO WORDS ARE USED IN INTRODUCTORY TUTORIALS FOR TEACHING A PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE AND FOR MANY BEGINNERS ARE THEIR FIRST PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE?

"HELLO, WORLD"
(a computer program that prints out "Hello, world!" on a display device)

Ref. 15846

Source TB05

THE MEDIEVAL REBECK IS GENERALLY HELD TO BE THE FORERUNNER OF WHICH MODERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

VIOLIN

Ref. 15860 Source TB05

SAID TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BECAUSE IT RESEMBLES THE SHAPE OF A MOBIUS STRIP, THE LEMNISCATE CURVE IS THE SYMBOL OF WHAT MATHEMATICAL CONCEPT?

INFINITY

(the curve resembles the figure 8 on its side)

Ref. 15884 Source BV05

WHAT NAME, TAKEN FROM THAT OF AN AMERICAN PHYSICAL CHEMIST, IS USED FOR THE TWO-DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION OF A MOLECULE ON PAPER?

LEWIS STRUCTURE

(Gilbert Newton Lewis, 1875-1946)

Ref. 15865 Source TB05

ROSEMARY SUTCLIFF'S 'SWORD AT SUNSET' AND MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY'S 'THE MISTS OF AVALON' ARE RETELLINGS OF THE STORY OF WHICH LEGENDARY RULER?

KING ARTHUR

Ref. 15906 Source BV05

EXPLOITED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MAGNETO-OPTICAL DISKS, WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO THE CRITICAL TEMPERATURE ABOVE WHICH A MAGNETIC MATERIAL LOSES ITS MAGNETISM?

CURIE POINT

Ref. 16003 Source SD05

IMPORTANT IN FORECASTING WEATHER AND OFTEN AN INVALUABLE AID TO AIRCRAFT, WHICH NARROW BELTS OF PREDOMINANTLY WESTERLY STRONG WINDS, AT LEVELS IN THE ATMOSPHERE FROM FIVE TO ELEVEN KILOMETRES, CAN SOMETIMES BE SEEN AS HIGH CIRRUS CLOUD MOVING ACROSS THE SKY AT HIGH SPEED?

JET STREAM

Ref. 16089 Source TB05

WHICH 17TH-CENTURY POET WROTE THESE LINES: "HOW VAINLY MEN THEMSELVES AMAZE / TO WIN THE PALM, THE OAK, OR BAYS, / AND THEIR INCESSANT LABOURS SEE / CROWN'D FROM SOME SINGLE HERB OR TREE, / WHOSE SHORT AND NARROW VERGED SHADE / DOES PRUDENTLY THEIR TOILS UPBRAID;""?

(ANDREW) MARVELL (1621-78)

(opening lines of

'Thoughts in a Garden')

Ref. 16006 Source SD05

DENOTING THE TWO PRINCIPAL MEDIEVAL FRENCH DIALECT GROUPS, THE TERMS LANGUE D'OC AND LANGUE D'OÏL REFER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE WORDS FOR WHAT?

YES / OUI / AFFIRMATIVE PARTICLE

Ref. 16108 Source

USUALLY CONSISTING OF A HIGH-RESISTANCE WIRE-WOUND COIL WITH A SLIDING CONTACT, THE DEVICE USED TO VARY ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE WITHOUT INTERRUPTING THE CURRENT, AS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN DIMMING LIGHTS, IS KNOWN BY WHAT NAME?

RHEOSTAT

(a rheostat is essentially a potentiometer, but that term usually describes the 3-terminal, circular type widely used for volume control in radios and televisions, not often designed to handle very high voltage and current)

Ref. 16121 Source CA2006

FORMERLY EXTRACTED FROM SALT BEDS BUT NOW OBTAINED FROM SEA WATER, WHICH MEMBER OF THE HALOGEN GROUP IS THE ONLY NON-METALLIC ELEMENT THAT IS LIQUID AT ROOM TEMPERATURE?

BROMINE

Ref. 16150 Source BV06 LIE

IN MAMMALIA THE DURA MATER, ARACHNOID LAYER AND PIA MATER FORM WHAT TISSUE THAT ENCLOSES THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM?

MENINGES (pr: men-IN-gees)

Ref. 16138 Source BV2006

WHICH METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENON WAS NAMED 'THE CHRIST CHILD' BY SOUTH AMERICAN FISHERMEN BECAUSE IT TYPICALLY OCCURS AROUND CHRISTMAS?

EL NIÑO (accept ENSO or EL NIÑO SOUTHERN OSCILLATION)
(El Nino de Navidad meaning Christ Child)

Ref. 16192 Source TB2006

TRAFFIC CROSSING FROM PAKISTAN TO CHINA AT THE KHUNJERAB PASS, AND FROM THAILAND TO LAOS AT THE MEKONG BRIDGE, MUST OBSERVE WHAT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN RULES OF THE ROAD?

SWITCH FROM DRIVING ON THE LEFT TO DRIVING ON THE RIGHT
(accept the answer if they identify the switch without specifying left to right)

Ref. 16200 Source TB2006

WITH MORE THAN 110 MILLION INHABITANTS, WHAT IS THE MOST POPULOUS ISLAND IN THE WORLD?

JAVA
(Honshu is second with around 100m, GB is third)

Ref. 16203 Source TB06 LIE

NAME TWO OF THE FIVE AFRICAN COUNTRIES THROUGH WHICH THE GREENWICH MERIDIAN PASSES.

ALGERIA, MALI, BURKINA FASO, TOGO, GHANA

Ref. 16201 Source TB2006

ISTANBUL, VIENNA, SAIGON, HAVANA AND BRIGHTON ARE AMONG THE SETTINGS OF NOVELS PUBLISHED BETWEEN 1932 AND 1958 BY WHICH AUTHOR?

GRAHAM GREENE
(‘Stamboul Train’, ‘The Third Man’, ‘The Quiet American’, ‘Our Man in Havana’, ‘Brighton Rock’)

Ref. 16223 Source TB2006

WHAT PRESENT PARTICIPLE CAN, AS AN ADJECTIVE, DENOTE: OF CORN, UNREAPED; OF WATER, STAGNANT; OF A JUMP, PERFORMED FROM REST, AND OF AN INVITATION, REMAINING IN FORCE INDEFINITELY?

STANDING

Ref. 16227 Source TB2006

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1981, THE MACQUARIE
DICTIONARY CONCENTRATES ON THE USE AND
DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH IN WHICH COUNTRY?
AUSTRALIA

Ref. 16238 Source TB2006

THE TERMS ACROLECT AND BASILECT REFER TO
HIGH- AND LOW-PRESTIGE VERSIONS OF WHAT?
LANGUAGE

Ref. 16232 Source TB2006

BISHOP, SEDUCER, ANGEL, VILLAIN, DUKE AND
TRAITOR ARE AMONG NOUNS TO WHICH MAY BE
ADDED WHICH FOUR-LETTER PREFIX, DERIVED
FROM A GREEK WORD MEANING 'CHIEF'?
ARCH

Ref. 16259 Source TB2006

WHICH E.U. MEMBER STATE COMPRISES THE
HISTORICAL TERRITORIES OF BOHEMIA, MORAVIA
AND SILESIA?
CZECH REPUBLIC / CZECHIA

Ref. 16309 Source TB2006

THE CLAIM OF ARCHDUKE CHARLES TO THE
THRONE OF WHICH COUNTRY WAS A CASUS BELLII
OF THE CONFLICTS CONCLUDED BY THE TREATIES
OF UTRECHT AND RASTATT IN 1713 AND '14?
SPAIN
(War of the Spanish Succession, 1702-'13)

Ref. 16321 Source TB2006

A CONCEPT DEVELOPED BY THE CANADIAN
NUTRITIONIST DAVID JENKINS, FOR WHAT DO THE
LETTERS G.I. STAND?
GLYCAEMIC INDEX

Ref. 16314 Source TB2006

WHICH YEAR SAW THE FIRST WINTER OLYMPICS
TAKE PLACE IN CHAMONIX IN FRANCE, THE DEATHS
OF LENIN AND FRANZ KAFKA, THE BIRTH OF DORIS
DAY, THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MALLORY AND
IRVINE ON MOUNT EVEREST, AND BRITAIN'S FIRST
LABOUR GOVERNMENT, UNDER RAMSAY
MACDONALD?
1924

Ref. 16324 Source TB2006

AUSTENITE, MARTENSITE AND PEARLITE ARE
SUBSTANCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION
AND TREATMENT OF WHAT COMMON ALLOY?
STEEL

Ref. 16333

Source TB2006

THINK ABOUT THIS BEFORE YOU BUZZ. IN THE SECOND MILLENNIUM OF THE COMMON ERA, WHICH CENTURY SAW THE SMALLEST NUMBER OF REIGNING MONARCHS ON THE THRONE OF ENGLAND OR, AFTER 1707, GREAT BRITAIN?

THIRTEENTH

(with only three: John 1199-1216; Henry III 1216-72; Edward I 1272-1307. Nearly right: C19 - 4 monarchs; C12, C14, C18 5 monarchs)

Ref. 16372

Source JC06

THE ITALIAN CHEMIST STANISLAO CANNIZZARO GAVE HIS NAME TO A REACTION HE DISCOVERED WHEREBY WHAT TYPE OF SUBSTANCE IS CONVERTED INTO AN ACID AND AN ALCOHOL IN THE PRESENCE OF A STRONG ALKALI?

ALDEHYDE

Ref. 16341

Source TB2006

PRECEDING BEAUCHAMP, BURNETT, TURVILLE AND TRUSSEL IN THE NAMES OF ENGLISH VILLAGES, WHAT LOCALITY NAME APPEARS IN THE NAMES OF FOUR UNDERGROUND AND THREE RAILWAY STATIONS IN WEST LONDON?

ACTON

(villages in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Glos. and Staffs)

Ref. 16604

Source SB06

LOCATED 6,500 LIGHT YEARS AWAY IN THE CONSTELLATION OF TAURUS, WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO THE NEBULA WHICH IS THE REMNANT OF A SUPERNOVA SEEN ON EARTH IN THE YEAR 1054?

CRAB

Ref. 16614

Source JC06

FROM THE GREEK FOR 'BREATHLESS', WHICH NOUN DENOTES TEMPORARY CESSATION OF BREATHING, ESPECIALLY DURING SLEEP?

APNOEA

(Greek: apnous)

Ref. 17130

Source TB06

WHICH POET WROTE THESE LINES: 'BUT, I, BEING POOR, HAVE ONLY MY DREAMS; / I HAVE SPREAD MY DREAMS UNDER YOUR FEET; / TREAD SOFTLY BECAUSE YOU TREAD ON MY DREAMS'?

W.B. YEATS

(He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven)

Ref. 16872

Source TB06

IN ZOOLOGY, THE TERM 'PREHENSILE' INDICATES THAT A LIMB OR TAIL IS CAPABLE OF DOING WHAT? GRASPING / SEIZING / HOLDING

Ref. 17132

Source SD06

REFERRING TO ITS ABILITY TO SUCK OUT THE CONTENTS OF AN EGG LEAVING ONLY THE SHELL, WHICH MAMMAL'S NAME IS ALSO A VERB MEANING TO MAKE WORDS AMBIGUOUS, OR DELIBERATELY TO MAKE STATEMENTS EVASIVE OR MISLEADING?

WEASEL

Ref. 17134 Source SD06

THUBAN, IN THE CONSTELLATION DRACONIS, COULD CLAIM IT IN ABOUT 2700 B.C., AND VEGA, IN THE CONSTELLATION LYRAE WILL QUALIFY FOR IT IN THE YEAR 14,000; WHAT ASTRONOMICAL TITLE IS THIS, CURRENTLY GIVEN TO ALPHA URSAE MINORIS?

POLE STAR (or NORTH STAR)

Ref. 17137 Source SD06

ORIGINALLY MEANING A METAL SPIKE PASSED THROUGH A HOLE IN THE END OF A FIXED AXLE ON A CART OR CARRIAGE TO STOP THE WHEEL FALLING OFF, WHAT WORD IS USED FIGURATIVELY TO MEAN A PERSON OR THING VITAL TO AN ENTERPRISE?

LINCHPIN

Ref. 17136 Source SD06

'THE RING OF WORDS', PUBLISHED IN 2006, EXPLORES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY AND WHICH AUTHOR, WHO WORKED ON THE DICTIONARY'S STAFF AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR? THE BOOK DISCUSSES HIS CREATIVE USE OF WORDS SUCH AS 'ATTERCOP', 'MATHOM', 'WAYBREAD' AND

J.R.R. TOLKIEN

Ref. 17138 Source SD06

'GOSSIMA', 'WHIFF WHAFF' AND 'FLIM FLAM' WERE EARLY NAMES FOR WHAT GAME? INVENTED IN THE 1880S, IT BECAME POPULAR IN EDWARDIAN ENGLAND AND HAS BEEN AN OLYMPIC SPORT SINCE 1988, THE 2004 MEN'S GOLD MEDAL WINNER BEING KOREAN?

TABLE-TENNIS / PING-PONG

Ref. 17141 Source SD06

IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF PLANTS, '-PHYTA' IS THE STANDARD SUFFIX FOR A DIVISION NAME. WHAT IS THE STANDARD FIVE-LETTER SUFFIX FOR THE NAME OF A FAMILY, USED FOR EXAMPLE IN THE SCIENTIFIC NAMES OF THE ROSE, MINT AND LILY FAMILIES?

-ACEAE
(rosaceae, lamiaceae, liliaceae)

Ref. 17147 Source SD06

WHICH GERMAN WORD MEANING 'BEING THERE' OR 'EXISTENCE', WAS A KEY CONCEPT IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF MARTIN HEIDEGGER, UNDERLYING HIS BELIEF THAT THE HUMAN CONDITION IS ONLY EXPLICABLE BY OUR INTERACTIONS IN THE WORLD?

DASEIN

Ref. 17144 Source SD06

WHICH PUBLICATION OF 1623 INCLUDES IN ITS PRELIMINARY PAGES A LIST OF TWENTY-SIX ACTORS, INCLUDING RICHARD BURBAGE, WILLIAM SLYE, WILLIAM KEMPE AND JOHN SHANCKE, UNDER THE HEADING 'THE NAMES OF THE PRINCIPALLE ACTORS IN ALL THESE PLAYES'?

FIRST FOLIO (OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS)

Ref. 17155 Source SD06

WHAT NAME, MEANING 'SLING', WAS GIVEN TO A SERIES OF CIVIL RIOTS IN FRANCE IN THE MID-SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, THE INSURGENTS, WHO WERE REBELLING AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF CARDINAL MAZARIN, BEING LIKENED TO NAUGHTY SCHOOLBOYS USING SLINGS?

FRONDES

Ref. 17169

Source TB06

ITS TITLE A TWO-LETTER PERSONAL PRONOUN,
WHICH DYSTOPIC WORK BY THE RUSSIAN YEVGENY
ZAMYATIN DID GEORGE ORWELL ACKNOWLEDGE
AS AN INFLUENCE ON HIS '1984'?

'WE'

Ref. 17171

Source TB06

ACCORDING TO A PRONOUNCEMENT ATTRIBUTED
TO BOTH LEONHARD EULER AND KARL GAUSS,
WHAT "IS THE QUEEN OF THE SCIENCES"?

MATHEMATICS

Ref. 17170

Source TB06

'OF THE MONKS' IS A LITERAL TRANSLATION OF
THE NAME OF WHICH U.S. STATE CAPITAL,
SITUATED ON A TRIBUTARY OF THE MISSISSIPPI?

DES MOINES (IOWA)

Ref. 17173

Source TB06

WHAT SIX-LETTER WORD IS BOTH AN INTRANSITIVE
VERB MEANING 'TO MOVE OR SWERVE ABOUT
WILDLY, OFTEN DOWNHILL', AND A NOUN
DENOTING AN INDIVIDUAL'S PROGRESSION
THROUGH A SPECIFIC OCCUPATIONAL SEQUENCE?

CAREER

Ref. 17178

Source TB06

BORN IN CATALUNYA IN 1893, WHICH ARTIST'S
WORK INCLUDES 'THE HARLEQUIN'S CARNIVAL',
'THE TILLED FIELD' AND 'CONSTELLATIONS'?

(JOAN) MIRO
(1893-1983; Dali was born in 1904; Picasso was born in
Andalucia in 1881)

Ref. 17184

Source TB06

WHAT SINGLE-DIGIT NUMBER LINKS: THE SO-
CALLED 'NAKED-EYE PLANETS'; THE PILLARS OF
ISLAM; THE BOOKS OF THE JEWISH TORAH, AND
THE CLASSICAL 'ELEMENTS', INCLUDING AETHER?

FIVE
(Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn; faith, prayer,
fasting, alms, pilgrimage to Mecca; Genesis, Exodus,
Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Ref. 17183

Source TB06

IN LIFE SCIENCES, WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO THE
PHENOMENON OF A PLANT'S INVOLUNTARY
RESPONSE TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULUS
THAT HAS DIRECTIONAL ORIENTATION ?

TROPISM

Ref. 17185

Source TB06

WHICH POET WROTE THE FOLLOWING LINES: 'WHEN
I CONSIDER HOW MY LIGHT IS SPENT / ERE HALF
MY DAYS IN THIS DARK WORLD AND WIDE / AND
THAT ONE TALENT WHICH IS DEATH TO HIDE /
LODGED WITH ME USELESS, THOUGH MY SOUL
MORE BENT / TO SERVE THEREWITH MY MAKER,
AND PRESENT / MY TRUE ACCOUNT...?'

(JOHN) MILTON
(*'On His Blindness'*)

Ref. 17191 Source TB06

WHAT FIVE-LETTER WORD FOLLOWS 'BLUE' IN THE NAME OF A GROUP OF AVANT-GARDE ARTISTS FROM 1911; 'PALE', IN THE NAME OF A CHAMPION BEER FROM SHEFFIELD AND 'EASY' IN THE TITLE OF A 1969 FILM STARRING PETER FONDA AND DENNIS HOPPER?

RIDER

('Pale Rider' after the Clint Eastwood film, Champion Beer of Britain 2004)

Ref. 17193 Source TB06

IN ASTRONOMY DENOTING THE POINT AT WHICH A HEAVENLY BODY IN THE EARTH'S ORBIT IS FURTHEST FROM THE EARTH, WHAT SIX-LETTER WORD IS USED IN A GENERAL SENSE TO MEAN THE HIGHEST OR CULMINATING POINT, FOR EXAMPLE OF POWER OR SUCCESS?

APOGEE

Ref. 17192 Source TB06

IN WHICH SHAKESPEARE PLAY DO THE FOLLOWING LINES APPEAR: 'THERE IS A TIDE IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN, / WHICH, TAKEN AT THE FLOOD, LEADS ON TO FORTUNE / OMITTED, ALL THE VOYAGE OF THEIR LIFE / IS BOUND IN SHALLOWS AND IN MISERIES'?

JULIUS CAESAR

(Act 4, Scene 3)

Ref. 17194 Source TB06

THE MEDICAL CONDITION KNOWN AS HYPO-NATREMIA DENOTES ABNORMALLY LOW LEVELS OF WHAT SUBSTANCE IN THE BODY?

SODIUM (accept SALT)

Ref. 17195 Source TB06

IN METALLURGY, THE COATING PROCESS KNOWN AS ANODISING IS ASSOCIATED WITH WHICH METAL?

ALUMINIUM (sometimes MAGNESIUM, so accept this)

Ref. 17217 Source JC06

WHICH MAJOR CITY WAS THE CAPITAL OF THE CISALPINE REPUBLIC, CREATED BY NAPOLEON IN 1797 BY UNITING TERRITORY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER PO?

MILAN

Ref. 17210 Source JC06

IN CRYSTALLOGRAPHY, TWO MINERALS OF SIMILAR CHEMICAL COMPOSITION WHICH HAVE THE SAME CRYSTAL STRUCTURE ARE KNOWN BY WHAT TERM, FROM THE GREEK FOR 'EQUAL' AND 'FORM'?

ISOMORPHS

Ref. 17222 Source JC06

ALFIERI, ETTORE, CARLO, BINDO AND ERNESTO WERE THE FIVE BROTHERS INVOLVED IN THE MOTOR INDUSTRY WHO SHARED WHAT SURNAME, THAT OF A FAMOUS MODEL OF CAR FIRST DEVELOPED IN BOLOGNA IN THE 1920s ?

MASERATI

Ref. 17223 Source JC06

THE NAME OF WHAT MOLLUSC COMPLETES JONATHAN SWIFT'S OBSERVATION IN HIS WORK 'POLITE CONVERSATION', 'HE WAS A BOLD MAN THAT FIRST EAT AN...'?

OYSTER

Ref. 17232 Source JC06

ANSWER AS SOON AS YOU BUZZ. WHAT IS THE NEXT TRIANGULAR NUMBER AFTER 36 ?

FORTY-FIVE (45)

Ref. 17229 Source JC06

AIMING TO LIMIT THE EMISSION OF CERTAIN 'GREENHOUSE GASES', WHICH 1997 PROTOCOL CAME INTO FORCE ON FEBRUARY 16TH, 2005 ?

KYOTO (PROTOCOL)

Ref. 17256 Source JC06

'LITTLE FORTRESS' IS THE ORIGINAL MEANING OF WHAT NAME, THAT OF BOTH A COUNTRY OF NORTHWESTERN EUROPE AND ITS CAPITAL?

LUXEMBOURG
(originally Lucilinburhuc)

Ref. 17260 Source JC06

THE NAME OF WHICH FASCIST POLITICIAN, A LEADER OF THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL UNITY PARTY, HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH COLLABORATIONIST TREASON SINCE HIS DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD IN 1945?

(VIDKUN) QUISLING

Ref. 17272 Source JC06

WHAT IS THE CORRECT MATHEMATICAL TERM FOR THE FOURTH TYPE OF TRANSFORMATION, ALONG WITH REFLECTION, ROTATION AND ENLARGEMENT?

TRANSLATION
(where an object 'slides' to alter its position)

Ref. 17264 Source JC06

FOR HIS WORK ENTITLED 'ON HEARING THE FIRST CUCKOO IN SPRING', WHICH INSTRUMENT DID FREDERICK DELIUS USE TO EVOKE THE EPONYMOUS BIRD?

CLARINET

Ref. 17278 Source TB06 LIE

FROM THE CLUSTERS IN WHICH IT GROWS, WHAT IS THE COMMON NAME OF CITRUS PARADISI, THOUGHT TO HAVE DEVELOPED AS A HYBRID OF THE POMELO?

GRAPEFRUIT

Ref. 17283 Source TB06

THE FIFTH SYMPHONY OF WHICH COMPOSER IS COMMONLY SUBTITLED 'A SOVIET ARTIST'S REPLY TO JUST CRITICISM'?

(DMITRI) SHOSTAKOVICH
(1906-75)

Ref. 17285 Source TB06

IN THE WORDS OF JOHN STUART MILL, WHICH ETHICAL THEORY ASSERTS THAT "ACTIONS ARE RIGHT IN PROPORTION AS THEY TEND TO PROMOTE HAPPINESS, WRONG AS THEY TEND TO PRODUCE THE REVERSE OF HAPPINESS"?

UTILITARIANISM

Ref. 17284 Source TB06

ETYMOLOGICALLY UNRELATED, WHAT FOUR-LETTER HOMOGRAPH CAN DENOTE: THE S.I. BASE UNIT OF AMOUNT OF SUBSTANCE; A MAMMAL OF THE FAMILY TALPIDAE; A MASSIVE BREAKWATER OR BERTHING FACILITY, AND A SMALL, OFTEN SLIGHTLY RAISED DARK BLEMISH ON THE SKIN?

MOLE

Ref. 17286 Source TB06

WHAT FIVE-LETTER WORD DENOTES: A RAPID ALTERNATION OF ADJACENT MUSICAL NOTES, ALSO KNOWN AS A SHAKE; A FLUTTERING OR TREMULOUS SOUND MADE BY BIRDS, AND THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE 'R' SOUND WITH A VIBRATION OF THE TONGUE?

TRILL

Ref. 17287 Source TB06

WHAT TWO VERBS FOLLOW 'REDUCE' IN THE ENVIRONMENTALIST SLOGAN SOMETIMES CALLED THE 'THREE Rs'?

REUSE - RECYCLE

Ref. 17294 Source TB06

FOUNDED IN 1845, THE 'STRAITS TIMES' IS AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN WHICH ASIAN COUNTRY?

SINGAPORE
(the 'New Straits Times' is published in Malaysia)

Ref. 17293 Source TB06

IN WHICH ENGLISH COUNTY ARE THE NON-METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS OF RUSHCLIFFE, BROXTOWE, BASSETLAW AND GEDLING?

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Ref. 17295 Source TB06

OFTEN SEEN AS A SYMBOL OF CONNUBIAL FIDELITY, WHICH CHARACTER IN HOMER'S ODYSSEY IS THE NARRATOR OF A 2006 NOVEL BY MARGARET ATWOOD?

PENELOPE
(The Penelopiad)

Ref. 17296

Source TB06

THE CONCEPT OF 'ELAN VITAL' OR 'VITAL PRINCIPLE' IS ASSOCIATED WITH WHICH PHILOSOPHER, BORN IN PARIS IN 1859?

(HENRI) BERGSON

Ref. 17563

Source JC07

WHICH EUROPEAN ARTIST USED HIS OWN NAME TO COMPLETE THIS REMARK: "MY MOTHER SAID TO ME, IF YOU ARE A SOLDIER, YOU WILL BECOME A GENERAL. IF YOU ARE A MONK, YOU WILL BECOME THE POPE. INSTEAD, I WAS A PAINTER, AND BECAME...."?

"...PICASSO!"

Ref. 17300

Source Cent06

WHAT TERM IS USED FOR THE UPPER HARMONICS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL NOTE PRODUCED BY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, WHICH GREATLY AFFECT THE TIMBRE OF THAT INSTRUMENT?

OVERTONES

Ref. 17784

Source SD07

WHICH YEAR SAW ALL OF THE FOLLOWING? THE EXPULSION OF TROTSKY FROM THE SOVIET UNION, THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF TINTIN, THE SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE, THE FIRST ACADEMY AWARD CEREMONY, AND THE WALL STREET CRASH?

1929

Ref. 18299

Source TB07

ITS NAME MEANING 'PURE' OR 'PELLUCID', WHICH CHINESE DYNASTY WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE INVADING MANCHUS WHEN THEY CAPTURED BEIJING IN 1644? IT WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1911 AND REPLACED BY A REPUBLIC.

QING / CH'ING (pron. Ching)

Ref. 18805

Source TB08

238 IS THE ATOMIC MASS NUMBER OF THE MOST ABUNDANT ISOTOPE OF WHICH ELEMENT? IT HAS THE ATOMIC NUMBER 92 AND THE CHEMICAL SYMBOL U.

URANIUM

Ref. 18802

Source TB08

WHAT LINKS: THE GIVEN NAMES OF THE 14TH AND 32ND U.S. PRESIDENTS; AN EXPLORER WHO DIED SEEKING THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE IN 1847, AND A SINGER KNOWN AS THE 'THE QUEEN OF SOUL'?

FRANKLIN

(Pierce, 1804-69; Roosevelt, 1882-1945; John, 1786-1847; Aretha, 1942-)

Ref. 18806

Source TB08

IN PHYSICS, WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO A COLLISION OF PARTICLES IN WHICH THE TOTAL KINETIC ENERGY OF THE PARTICLES IS CONSERVED?

ELASTIC (COLLISION)

Ref. 18807 Source TB08

ARRECIFE IS THE MAIN CITY OF WHICH ISLAND OF THE EASTERN ATLANTIC, NOTED FOR ITS VOLCANIC LANDSCAPE AND WHITE BEACHES AND SITUATED CLOSE TO FUERTEVENTURA?

LANZAROTE

Ref. 18813 Source TB08

WHAT SURNAME IS SHARED BY THE TENTH PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A, THE AUTHOR OF 'THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST', AND THE LEADER OF THE PEASANTS' REVOLT OF 1381?

TYLER
(John (served 1841-45), Anne, Wat)

Ref. 18808 Source TB08

FROM GREEK WORDS FOR 'EQUAL' AND 'TONGUE', WHAT NAME IS GIVEN TO A LINE ON A MAP DELIMITING THE AREA IN WHICH A GIVEN LINGUISTIC FEATURE OCCURS?

ISOGLOSS

Ref. 18815 Source TB08 LIE, 09 LIE

FROM AN ANGLO-SAXON WORD WITH COGNATES IN SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGES, WHAT IS INDICATED BY THE WORD 'CHIPPING' IN PLACE NAMES SUCH AS 'CHIPPING SODBURY' AND 'CHIPPING NORTON'?

MARKET
(similarly the many Swedish towns that end -koping)

Ref. 18867 Source SD08

CHILE AND WHICH OTHER COUNTRY ARE THE ONLY COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AMERICA THAT DO NOT SHARE A BORDER WITH BRAZIL?

ECUADOR

Ref. 18876 Source CA08

THE ARA-NYAKAS AND THE UPANISHADS SERVE AS AN EPILOGUE OR CONCLUSION TO WHICH BODY OF KNOWLEDGE SACRED TO HINDUS AND SET DOWN IN WRITING FROM AROUND 1,500 B.C.E.?

VEDAS
(meaning 'knowledge')

Ref. 18870 Source SD08

WHICH METAL OCCURS IN MINERAL ORES SUCH AS BORNITE, MALACHITE, AND AZURITE? ONE OF THE FIRST METALS KNOWN TO HUMANS, ITS MODERN USES INCLUDE ELECTRONIC APPARATUS AND COINAGE.

COPPER

Ref. 18882 Source CO08

ANSWER AS SOON AS YOU BUZZ. IN A THREE-BY-THREE MAGIC SQUARE CONTAINING THE NUMBERS ONE TO NINE, WHAT NUMBER APPEARS IN THE MIDDLE SQUARE?

FIVE (5)

Ref. 19004 Source CA08

DELIVERED AT A MILITARY BASE IN JANUARY 1978, EMILIO MARCOS PALMA IS THE FIRST PERSON KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN BORN ON WHICH CONTINENT?

ANTARCTICA

Ref. 19055 Source SS08

WHICH ORGAN OF THE BODY CONTAINS THE LOBED AIR SACS CALLED ALVEOLI?
LUNGS

Ref. 19005 Source CA08

SUSAN JOCELYN BELL, A RESEARCH STUDENT IN ASTROPHYSICS AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, IS CREDITED WITH THE FIRST DISCOVERY IN 1967 OF WHICH ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENON?

PULSAR

(a rapidly rotating neutron star which emits a beam of electromagnetic radiation in the form of radio waves)

Ref. 19089 Source TB08

WHAT TWO-WORD LATIN TERM DENOTES A MATTER THAT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY A JUDGE OR COURT OF LAW, AND IS THEREFORE PROHIBITED FROM PUBLIC DISCUSSION?

SUB JUDICE

(Latin: under a judge)

Ref. 19109 Source TB08

'I SHUT MY EYES IN ORDER TO SEE'. THESE ARE THE WORDS OF WHICH FRENCH ARTIST, WHO LEFT HIS FAMILY AND CAREER AS A STOCKBROKER TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO ART, MOVING TO TAHITI IN 1891?

(PAUL) GAUGUIN
(1848-1903)

Ref. 19155 Source CM08

WHICH OF SHAKESPEARE'S HISTORY PLAYS OPENS WITH THE CHORUS INVOKING 'A MUSE OF FIRE, THAT WOULD ASCEND / THE BRIGHTEST HEAVEN OF INVENTION'?

'HENRY THE FIFTH'

Ref. 19112 Source TB08

'THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF MIND' AND 'THE SCIENCE OF LOGIC' ARE AMONG THE WORKS OF WHICH GERMAN PHILOSOPHER, BORN IN 1770 AND PARTICULARLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONCEPT OF DIALECTIC?

(GEORG WILHELM FRIEDRICH) HEGEL
(1770-1831)

Ref. 19165 Source CM08

WHAT TERM IS USED TO DESCRIBE MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS SUCH AS DRUGS TESTS IN WHICH THE IDENTITIES OF THE CONTROL GROUP ARE KNOWN NEITHER TO THE SUBJECTS NOR TO THE EXPERIMENTER?

DOUBLE-BLIND (TRIAL)

(NOT intervention study, randomized controlled trial, cross-over trial)

Ref. 19183

Source CM08

WHICH IS THE LONGEST RIVER IN THE U.K. THAT DOES NOT EMPTY INTO THE SEA UNDER ITS OWN NAME?

(RIVER) TRENT

(c.280 km long, debouches into the Humber; both the Severn (354 km) and the Thames (346 km) empty into the sea)

Ref. 19516

Source TB09

WHAT SURNAME LINKS: A SERIAL KILLER HANGED IN 1953; A PROMINENT AUTHOR OF MURDER MYSTERIES; A SCREEN STAR WHOSE ROLES HAVE INCLUDED PASTERNAK'S LARA AND THOMAS HARDY'S BATHSHEBA EVERDENE, AND THE BRITISH SPRINTER ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPRESSION 'B OF THE BANG'?

CHRISTIE

(John, Agatha, Julie, Linford)

Ref. 19200

Source CM08

THE BRITISH HISTORIAN OF SCIENCE JOSEPH NEEDHAM WROTE ABOUT PAPER-MAKING, PRINTING, THE COMPASS AND GUNPOWDER AS THE 'FOUR GREAT INVENTIONS' OF WHICH ANCIENT CIVILIZATION?

CHINA

Ref. 19826

Source TB09

FROM THE PRESENT PARTICIPLE OF AN ITALIAN VERB, WHAT TERM DENOTES A PERSON INTERESTED IN THE FINE ARTS AS A SPECTATOR RATHER THAN AS A PRACTITIONER, AND MOST OFTEN INDICATES A SUPERFICIAL DABBLER, OR ONE WITH A BROAD BUT SHALLOW ATTACHMENT TO A GIVEN FIELD?

DILETTANTE

Ref. 20322

Source SB09

WHAT GEOMETRICAL STRUCTURE LINKS: IN ASTRONOMY, A PLANETARY NEBULA IN AQUARIUS; IN MATHEMATICS, $X = \sin T$, $Y = \cos T$ AND $Z = T$; AND IN ZOOLOGY, A GENUS OF SNAILS?

HELIX

(the Helix Nebula NGC 7293; a smooth curve in three-space; the extensive genus which includes *helix aspersa*, the garden snail)

Ref. 20629

Source CM09

A PALE YELLOW GAS, A GREENISH-YELLOW GAS, A DARK BROWNISH-RED LIQUID, A PURPLE-BLACK SOLID AND A BLACK SOLID ARE FIVE RELATED ELEMENTS COMMONLY KNOWN BY WHAT NAME?

HALOGENS

(if they say Group 17 or Group VII(A), press for the name; fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, astatine) (F, Cl, Br, I, At)

Ref. 20609

Source CM09

ANSWER AS SOON AS YOU BUZZ. WHAT ARE THE ONLY TWO SINGLE-DIGIT PRIME NUMBERS THAT ARE NOT THE FINAL DIGIT OF ANY OTHER PRIME NUMBERS?

2 AND 5

Ref. 21003

Source SD10

FROM THE GREEK MEANING 'PROPHETESS', WHAT NAME WAS GIVEN TO THOSE FEMALE SEERS THROUGH WHOM THE GODS WERE SUPPOSEDLY ABLE TO SPEAK AND FORETELL THE FUTURE, SUCH AS THOSE AT THE SITES OF ERYTHRAE, DELPHI AND CUMAE?

SIBYL

(Gk: sibylla)

Ref. 21010 Source SD10

ARCHIMEDES' IS PI, PYTHAGORAS' IS THE SQUARE ROOT OF 2, BOLTZMANN'S IS REPRESENTED BY A LOWER CASE K, PLANCK'S BY H AND AVOGADRO'S BY N.A.; TO WHAT WORD FOR AN UNVARYING QUANTITY ARE THEIR NAMES LINKED?

CONSTANT

Ref. 21015 Source SD10

WHAT THREE-LETTER ADJECTIVE LINKS: GEORGES LEMAÎTRE'S 'HYPOTHESIS OF THE PRIMEVAL ATOM', THE PART OF THE CONNECTING ROD THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE CRANKSHAFT IN A CAR, AND THE NORTH AMERICAN NAME FOR THE CONSTELLATION ALSO KNOWN AS THE PLOUGH?

BIG

(Big Bang Theory, Big-end, Big Dipper)

Ref. 21011 Source SD10

ORIGINALLY A CATHOLIC PRIEST, WHICH PROTESTANT REFORMER WAS A CHAPLAIN TO EDWARD THE SIXTH? HE FLED TO GENEVA DURING THE REIGN OF MARY TUDOR AND RETURNED TO FOUND THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN 1560.

JOHN KNOX

Ref. 21017 Source SD10 LIE S17

WHAT IS THE ENGLISH NAME FOR THE MUSICAL SIGN KNOWN AS DIÈSE IN FRENCH, DIESIS IN ITALIAN, AND SOSTENIDO IN SPANISH?

SHARP

Ref. 21023 Source SD10

WHAT GREEK-DERIVED TERM DENOTES THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF HUMANS IN RELATION TO THEIR PHYSICAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND, MORE BROADLY, TO EFFICIENCY IN THE WORKPLACE?

ERGONOMICS

Ref. 21289 Source OB10

SEEN CLUTCHING A PIECE OF PAPER IN HIS LEFT HAND AND A QUILL PEN IN HIS RIGHT, WHICH FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY IS PORTRAYED LYING DEAD IN HIS BATH IN A 1793 PAINTING BY JACQUES-LOUIS DAVID?

(JEAN-PAUL) MARAT
(in 'The Death of Marat')

Ref. 21027 Source SD10

SUSLIK AND SHREW-FACED ARE AMONG GROUND-DWELLING SPECIES, AND ORIENTAL GIANT AND RED AMONG TREE-DWELLING SPECIES OF WHICH ANIMAL, WHOSE COMMON NAME COMES FROM THE GREEK FOR 'SHADE TAIL'?

SQUIRREL

(Gk: skiouros; skia, shade; oura, tail)

Ref. 21298 Source OB10

"IT TOOK THEM ONLY AN INSTANT TO CUT OFF THAT HEAD, BUT A HUNDRED YEARS MAY NOT PRODUCE ANOTHER LIKE IT." THESE WORDS OF THE MATHEMATICIAN JOSEPH LAGRANGE REFER TO THE DEATH BY GUILLOTINE IN 1794 OF WHICH FRENCH SCIENTIST, REGARDED AS THE FATHER OF MODERN CHEMISTRY?

(ANTOINE LAURENT) LAVOISIER
(words of the mathematician Joseph Lagrange)

Ref. 21466 Source TB10

LISTEN CAREFULLY. THE CODE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECT-DIAL PHONE CALLS TO THE UK; THE ATOMIC NUMBER OF ARSENIC, AND THE LENGTH OF A CRICKET PITCH IN YARDS ARE ALL MULTIPLES OF WHAT TWO-DIGIT NUMBER?

11 (ELEVEN)
(44, 33, 22)

Ref. 22523 Source EM11

WHICH TWO-DIGIT NUMBER LINKS: THE ANGLE AT WHICH SNOW IS MOST PRONE TO SLIDE INTO AN AVALANCHE; THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED EACH SEASON BY THE TEAMS IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE, AND THE SUM OF THE SQUARES OF THE FIRST THREE PRIMES?

38 (THIRTY-EIGHT)

Ref. 22341 Source EM11

QUOTE: 'THE STRUGGLE ITSELF TOWARDS THE HEIGHTS IS ENOUGH TO FILL A HUMAN HEART. ONE MUST IMAGINE THAT SISYPHUS IS HAPPY.' WHICH FRENCH LITERARY FIGURE MADE THIS OBSERVATION IN THE 1952 WORK 'THE MYTH OF SISYPHUS'?

(ALBERT) CAMUS

Ref. 22626 Source OB11

WHEN OPEC WAS FOUNDED IN 1960, WHICH COUNTRY WAS THE ONLY SOUTH AMERICAN MEMBER?

VENEZUELA
(original five members were Venezuela, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia)

Ref. 23000 Source SD S19

USED IN ACOUSTICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO INDICATE THE DEGREE TO WHICH A SOUND OR PICTURE REPRODUCED OR TRANSMITTED BY ANY DEVICE RESEMBLES THE ORIGINAL, WHAT WORD IS USED IN A MORE GENERAL SENSE TO MEAN FAITHFULNESS AND LOYALTY?

FIDELITY

Ref. 23010 Source SD S19

WHAT TYPE OF WHEAT WITH A HIGH PROTEIN CONTENT PRODUCES A HARDER FLOUR THAN THAT PRODUCED BY OTHER VARIETIES, AND IS USED TO MAKE PASTA? ITS NAME IS THE LATIN FOR THE ADJECTIVE 'HARD'.

DURUM

Ref. 23009 Source SD S19

A FLAT LAYER OF CARBON ATOMS TIGHTLY PACKED INTO A TWO-DIMENSIONAL HONEYCOMB ARRANGEMENT, WHICH MATERIAL IS BOTH THE THINNEST AND THE STRONGEST MATERIAL KNOWN TO SCIENCE, AND CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY BETTER THAN COPPER? EXPERIMENTS WITH IT LED TWO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS TO WIN THE

GRAPHENE

Ref. 23013 Source SD S19

SUBSTITUTING THE FINAL LETTER CHANGES THE FRENCH WORD FOR 'MONDAY' TO THE NAME OF WHICH ROCKY ISLAND IN THE BRISTOL CHANNEL?

LUNDY

Ref. 23015 Source SD S19

IN BRIDGE-BUILDING, WHAT TERM DENOTES A PROJECTING SUPPORT OR ARM OF GREAT LENGTH, TWO OF WHICH, STRETCHING OUT FROM ADJACENT PIERS, ARE USED TO SUPPORT A GIRDER WHICH UNITES THEM AND COMPLETES THE SPAN?

CANTILEVER

Ref. 23026 Source OB S19

WHICH CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTRE IN BRISTOL TAKES ITS NAME FROM A DOUBLE PORTRAIT OF 1434 BY JAN VAN EYCK?

ARNOLFINI
(from 'The Arnolfini Marriage')

Ref. 23016 Source SD S19

ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCUST TREE, OR ST JOHN'S BREAD, WHICH SMALL MEDITERRANEAN TREE OF THE LEGUME FAMILY PRODUCES LONG PODS THAT ARE USED AS AN ANIMAL FEED AND ALSO AS THE SOURCE OF A CHOCOLATE SUBSTITUTE?

CAROB (TREE)
(*Ceratonia siliqua*)

Ref. 23029 Source OB S19

FROM WORDS MEANING 'GLAZE' AND 'TO GRILL', WHAT TERM IN JAPANESE COOKERY DESCRIBES A DISH BASTED WITH SOY SAUCE AND RICE WINE AND THEN GRILLED?

TERIYAKI
(teri - glaze; yaki - to grill)

Ref. 23380 Source TF S19

PARTICULARLY ASSOCIATED WITH CONTINENTAL EUROPE DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE 18TH CENTURY, WHICH ARTISTIC STYLE IS THOUGHT TO DERIVE ITS NAME FROM EITHER A FRENCH WORD FOR 'SHELLWORK' OR THE ITALIAN WORD FOR THE EARLIER BAROQUE PERIOD?

ROCOCO
(Fr: rocaille; It: barocco)

Ref. 24187 Source JW S20

IN ZOOLOGY, WHAT TWO-WORD TERM DENOTES THE AIR-FILLED SAC THAT MAINTAINS BUOYANCY IN BONY FISHES?

SWIM BLADDER (accept GAS BLADDER, AIR BLADDER or FISH MAW)

Ref. 23551 Source TB S19

IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, WHICH FLAMMABLE GAS HAS THE MOLECULAR FORMULA C₃H₈?

PROPANE
(NOT propene, C₃H₆)

Ref. 24272 Source RM S20

MAGAZINE, ZENITH, GHOUL, GIRAFFE AND SOFA ARE AMONG ENGLISH WORDS THAT DERIVE ULTIMATELY FROM WHICH SEMITIC LANGUAGE?

ARABIC

Ref. 24541 Source TB S20

PILSNER, SEMTEX AND DOLLAR ARE ENGLISH WORDS THAT DERIVE ULTIMATELY FROM THE NAMES OF LOCATIONS IN WHICH PRESENT-DAY EUROPEAN COUNTRY?

CZECH REPUBLIC
(Plzen, Semtin, Joachimsthal)

Ref. 25726 Source SD S21

WHICH CHINESE DYNASTY WAS ESTABLISHED WHEN HERACLIUS WAS ON THE THRONE OF THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE? IT FELL EIGHT YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF ALFRED THE GREAT.

TANG
(NOT Tan, of course)

Ref. 24797 Source JW S20

IN BIOCHEMISTRY, WHICH ESSENTIAL AMINO ACID CONTAINS AN INDOLE RING? IT IS A PRECURSOR OF THE VITAMIN NIACIN AND THE NEURO-TRANSMITTER SEROTONIN.

TRYPTOPHAN
(sold for medical use as Tryptan)

Ref. 26139 Source Xmas14

GEORGE ARLISS BECAME THE FIRST BRITISH ACTOR TO WIN AN ACADEMY AWARD WHEN HE PORTRAYED WHICH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER IN A FILM OF 1929? THE FILM CONCERNS HIS PURCHASE OF A MAJOR INTEREST IN THE SUEZ CANAL IN 1875.

(BENJAMIN) DISRAELI
(one of three films Arliss made in which he played Disraeli)

Ref. 26205 Source JC S22

WHAT SINGLE-DIGIT NUMBER LINKS: THE LYRIC POETS OF ANCIENT GREECE; THE HISTORIC COUNTIES OF ULSTER; THE CIRCLES OF DANTE'S INFERNO, AND A SCRUM HALF IN RUGBY UNION?

NINE (9)

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QUOTE: 'A YOUNG AND RISING BATHING-PLACE, CERTAINLY THE FAVOURITE SPOT OF ALL THAT ARE TO BE FOUND ALONG THE COAST OF SUSSEX.' THIS IS JANE AUSTEN'S DESCRIPTION OF WHICH FICTIONAL RESORT, THE TITLE OF A NOVEL LEFT UNFINISHED ON HER DEATH IN 1817?

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