

**Welsh League of Arizona's
Pub Quiz 2010
Toastmaster's Copy**

1. What rare breed of cat's name is Welsh?

- A. Cornish Rex
- B. Ocicat
- C. Cymric
- D. Nebelung

Answer: <C> Cymric

The Cymric is sometimes called the Longhaired Manx. This cat originated in North America, but the name means "Welsh". There is a belief that Wales had its own strains of tailless cats.

2. What is the largest inland body of water in Wales?

- A. Bala Lake
- B. Llyn Clywedog
- C. Lake Vyrnwy
- D. Llyn Dywarchen

Answer: <A> Bala Lake

Bala Lake is known in the Welsh language as Llyn Tegid. The only known population in Wales of gwyniad, a kind of land-locked herring, is found in Bala Lake.

3. Wales' royal motto is "Y Ddraig Goch Ddyry Cychwyn"?

True False

Answer: True

It is Welsh, meaning "The Red Dragon Leads the Way".

4. Written poetry in the Welsh language has been around for how long?

- A. Since the 14th Century AD
- B. Since the 10th Century AD
- C. Since the 5th Century AD
- D. Since the 1st Century BC

Answer: <C> Since the 5th Century AD

The oldest known examples were written by Aneurin and Taliesin and related the stories of ancient battles.

(John Good says that the written poetry actually dates from the 14th century)

5. Which famous children's author grew up in Cardiff?

- A. J.K. Rowling
- B. Elinor M Brent-Dyer
- C. Enid Blyton
- D. Roald Dahl

Answer: Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl grew up in Cardiff in a Norwegian family and was christened in the little Norwegian church in Cardiff Bay. Dahl's semi-autobiographical book 'Boy' is set in Wales.

6. From which city in the county of Anglesey would someone depart if they intended to ferry across the Irish Sea to Dublin?

- A. Humberside
- B. Birkenhead
- C. Holyhead
- D. Carlisle

Answer: <C> Holyhead

Holyhead, or Caergybi in Welsh, is at the western end of the A55 motorway. Holyhead is actually on its own island.

7. In 1980, British folk band Fiddler's Dram had a UK top three hit with "Day Trip to Bangor (Didn't We Have a Lovely Time)". It was inspired by a trip to which Welsh resort whose name didn't fit the tune so well?

- A. Rhyl
- B. Borth
- C. Colwyn Bay
- D. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch

Answer: <A> Rhyl

This catchy tune has been parodied by Jasper Carrott as "Day Trip to Blackpool" and has been covered in Swedish as "Näktergalens ö".

8. Which King in England built a long-running earthen 'dyke' throughout most of the border of Wales in an attempt to keep the Welsh in Wales and prevent them from raiding England?

- A. King Offa
- B. King Alfred
- C. William of Hastings
- D. King Edward I

Answer: <A> King Offa

'Offa's Dyke' as it is known was built as an ancient mound and ditch fortification by Offa the King of Mercia roughly 1200 years ago in or around 784A.D. It is approximately 176 miles, stretching from Sedbury Cliffs (nr Chepstow) to Prestatyn.

9. What is the least populated city in Wales (and the United Kingdom)?

- A. Aberystwyth
- B. Newport
- C. Wrexham
- D. St. Davids

Answer: <D> St. Davids

St.Davids is the smallest city in Britain (population 1,500) and is located on the western coast of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, it was granted city status because of the presence of the cathedral.

10. Cardiff has the record for the oldest shop of which kind?

- A. Bakery
- B. Sweet
- C. Record
- D. Grocers

Answer: <C> Record

'Spillers', located on the Hayes, was established in 1894 and began by selling sheet music.

11. The U.K. is famous for its "M" series of super highways, only one of which enters Wales. Which one?

- A. M1
- B. M20
- C. M6
- D. M4

Answer: <D> M4

The M4 begins in London, just east of Heathrow airport, and goes directly west into Wales ending half way between Swansea and Carmarthen, as of 2005. If you fly into Heathrow, you can be on Welsh soil in a little over two hours.

12. Which of these is not a railway station in Cardiff?

- A. Aber
- B. Ninian Park
- C. Cathays
- D. Heath Low Level

Answer: <A> Aber

Aber is one of two stations that serves Caerphilly to the north of Cardiff.

13. What color are Princess of Wales roses?

- A. Red
- B. White
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Answer:

Evan and James James (Ieuan ap Iago and Iago ap Ieuan) wrote the National Anthem of Wales: Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (Glan Rhondda).

14. Did the words or music come first?

- A. Words
- B. Music

15. Who wrote the music?

- A. Evan
- B. James

16. What year was it composed?

- A. 1756
- B. 1856
- C. 1956

16. In which town was it written?

- A. Llantrisant
- B. Pontypridd
- C. Abergavenny

17. What other famous Welsh musician comes from that town?

18. A statue of Lewis Carroll's white rabbit stands on the promontory of which north Wales resort?

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Answer: Llandudno

19. According to a 2001 census what percentage of people living in Wales can speak their native tongue, Welsh?

- A. 28%
- B. 8.5%
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Answer: <D> 21%

Nearly a quarter (24%) respondents said they understand Welsh. * John Good notes that a more recent survey shows a higher percentage.

20. The land area of Wales is one of the following...

- A. 9,106 sq mi
- B. 8,016 sq mi
- C. 6,901 sq mi
- D. 6,809 sq mi

Answer: 8,016 sq mi

The country measures 169 miles long and 60 miles wide. The coastline is almost 750 mile long (1,200 Km)

21. From 1859 to 1948 a narrow gauge railway brought what commodity into the town of Machynlleth for distribution to wider markets?

- A. Coal
- B. Slate
- C. Wool
- D. Meat

Answer: Slate

22. In the National Eisteddfod, the highest prize is awarded for a strict metre. What is this prize?

- A. A Shield
- B. 2,000 pounds
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Answer: <D> Chair

Eisteddfod Chairs are individually carved and are highly prized.

23. What is unique about the traditional Welsh harp?

- A. It has four pedals
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Answer:

The Triple Harp is unique to Wales and has undergone a popular revival in recent years after being displaced by the more familiar concert harp.

24. Much of the modern confidence in the Wales language has been attributed to the establishment of S4C. What is it?

- A. A pressure group
- B. A record company
- C. A television station
- D. A Government agency

Answer: <C> A television station

Sianel 4 Cymru began broadcasting in 1984 and has injected a whole new vitality into Welsh culture.

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- C. Dylan Thomas
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Answer: Dafydd ap Gwilym

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26. In 1833 three Welshmen set out to found a new community in America's Midwest. What was the name of this town?

- A. Omer, Michigan
- B. Gomer, Ohio
- C. Homer, Illinois
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Answer: Gomer, Ohio

This question contributed by Homer (Ace) and Mary Gilchrist!

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