

## Polymaths Quiz: 10 Trivia Questions that Might Puzzle You

1. Beethoven dedicated his Symphony No. 3 to Napoleon. But later, disappointed, he changed his mind and crossed his name out of the score. What event was the reason for this?

- Napoleon started a new war.
- Napoleon took the title of emperor.
- Napoleon married Josephine Beauharnais.

2. In the Anglo-Saxon period of England's history, sheriffs were the representatives of the crony power in the county. One of these was the chief enemy of the famous Robin Hood. And who is the sheriff in modern England?

- Chief representative of the government in the county
- Head of the county police

Head of the community

3. On July 13, 1973, a band called Smile released their first album of the same name, which included the song "Doing All Right". In the aftermath, this musical group became very famous. It is ...

ABBA

Queen

The Beatles

Pink Floyd

4. Wabi-sabi has a special meaning in the Japanese worldview. It is a tradition that has the power to change our understanding of what can be considered beautiful. What is beautiful in this way of looking at the world?

Refined, minimalist

Imperfect, fleeting or unfinished

Something perfected

5. Sharks are the largest fish on Earth and traditionally terrify humans with their predatory habits. What do whale sharks, giant sharks, and largemouth sharks feed on?

Plankton, squid and small fish

Large marine mammals

Large fish, including their own relatives

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You're not to think you are anything special.

You're not to think you are smarter than we are.

You're not to think you know more than we do.

Always do as we do.

You're not to laugh at us.

7. The caves hold many secrets. Altamira was one of them until 1879. But one day an amateur Spanish archaeologist, Marcelino-Sanz de Sautuola, and his young daughter went for a walk and accidentally stumbled into this cave. What did they find there?

Ancient human remains

A dinosaur skeleton

- Drawings of ancient people
- A mummy

8. At the back of the figure of one of the known constellations is the star Denebola. In its brightness among the stars of this constellation it is second only to Regulus. What does its name mean in Arabic?

- "the tail of the lion"
- "the boot of the archer"
- "the hem of a woman's dress"

9. The municipality of Barle-Hertog in the province of Antwerp in the Flemish region is famous for having a border café where the border between two states runs between the tables. Which ones?

- Between Belgium and Norway
- Between Germany and Denmark
- Between France and Italy

10. My God, Help Me to Survive This Deadly Love. This exclamation was the title of Dmitry Vrubel's graffiti, which can be seen in Berlin's open-air art gallery. Which heads of state are kissing on it?

- Bill Clinton and Mikhail Gorbachev
- Vladimir Putin and Angela Merkel
- Leonid Brezhnev and Erich Honecker

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