

40 Bonfire Night quiz questions and answers

Bonfire Night and Autumn · Easy

1. On which date is Bonfire Night celebrated in the UK?

- A) 5 November
- B) 31 October
- C) 11 November
- D) 1 November

2. In which year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?

- A) 1605
- B) 1588
- C) 1666
- D) 1603

3. Which king were the Gunpowder Plot conspirators trying to kill?

- A) Charles I
- B) Henry VIII
- C) William III
- D) James I

4. Which building did the plotters plan to blow up?

- A) The House of Lords
- B) The Tower of London
- C) Westminster Abbey
- D) St Paul's Cathedral

5. Who is generally regarded as the leader of the Gunpowder Plot?

- A) Thomas Percy
- B) Guy Fawkes
- C) Robert Catesby
- D) Francis Tresham

6. What is the effigy traditionally burned on a Bonfire Night bonfire called?

- A) A wicker man
- B) A scarecrow
- C) A guy
- D) A jack

7. What did children traditionally ask passers-by for while showing off their home-made effigy?

- A) A penny for the guy
- B) Trick or treat
- C) A shilling for the fire
- D) Pennies from heaven

8. The rhyme 'Remember, remember the fifth of November' continues with which words?

- A) Gunpowder, treason and plot
- B) Bonfires burning bright
- C) Fireworks lighting the sky
- D) Guy Fawkes and his lot

9. Which East Sussex town is famous for the UK's biggest Bonfire Night celebrations?

- A) Hastings
- B) Lewes
- C) Rye
- D) Brighton

10. Which ginger cake made with oatmeal and black treacle is traditionally eaten on Bonfire Night in Yorkshire?

- A) Lardy cake
- B) Eccles cake

- C) Battenberg
- D) Parkin

11. Which hard, dark toffee is a Bonfire Night tradition in the north of England?

- A) Fudge
- B) Treacle toffee
- C) Tablet
- D) Nougat

12. Which element gives fireworks a red colour?

- A) Copper
- B) Sodium
- C) Barium
- D) Strontium

13. Which element gives fireworks a green colour?

- A) Strontium
- B) Barium
- C) Sodium
- D) Lithium

14. Which metal gives fireworks a blue colour?

- A) Calcium
- B) Sodium
- C) Copper
- D) Magnesium

15. In which country was gunpowder invented?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Persia
- D) Greece

16. Which handheld firework fizzes with sparks and is used to write in the air?

- A) A Catherine wheel
- B) A Roman candle
- C) A rocket
- D) A sparkler

17. Which spinning firework is named after a saint said to have been sentenced to die on a wheel?

- A) Roman candle
- B) Catherine wheel
- C) Jumping jack
- D) Banger

18. Which false name did Guy Fawkes give when he was arrested?

- A) John Smith
- B) Thomas Wright
- C) John Johnson
- D) James Stuart

19. In which city was Guy Fawkes born?

- A) London
- B) Leeds
- C) York
- D) Durham

20. The plot was uncovered after an anonymous letter was sent to which peer?

- A) Lord Monteagle
- B) Lord Salisbury
- C) Lord Burghley
- D) Lord Essex

21. Which film features a masked vigilante called V who wears a Guy Fawkes mask?

- A) V for Vendetta
- B) The Mask
- C) Watchmen
- D) Zorro

22. Which royal bodyguard ceremonially searches the cellars of the Palace of Westminster before the State Opening of Parliament?

- A) The Yeomen of the Guard
- B) The Household Cavalry
- C) The Metropolitan Police
- D) The Grenadier Guards

23. How many barrels of gunpowder are the plotters said to have hidden under Parliament?

- A) 36
- B) 12
- C) 100
- D) 6

24. In the UK, the clocks go back an hour on the last Sunday of which month?

- A) October
- B) September
- C) November
- D) March

25. What is the autumn celebration in churches and schools that gives thanks for the crops called?

- A) Candlemas
- B) Whitsun
- C) Harvest festival
- D) Shrove Tuesday

26. What are the shiny brown seeds of the horse chestnut tree used for in a playground game?

- A) Conkers
- B) Acorns
- C) Beech nuts
- D) Hazelnuts

27. Which tree produces acorns?

- A) Beech
- B) Ash
- C) Sycamore
- D) Oak

28. What is the full moon nearest the autumn equinox called?

- A) The harvest moon
- B) The blue moon
- C) The hunter's moon
- D) The wolf moon

29. Roughly when is the autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere?

- A) Around 21 June
- B) Around 21 December
- C) Around 22 September
- D) Around 1 November

30. Leaves change colour in autumn as which green pigment breaks down?

- A) Carotene
- B) Melanin
- C) Chlorophyll
- D) Haemoglobin

31. Which fork-tailed bird leaves the UK each autumn to spend the winter in Africa?

- A) The robin
- B) The blackbird
- C) The magpie
- D) The swallow

32. Which hibernating animal often shelters in bonfire piles, so they should be checked before lighting?

- A) Hedgehog
- B) Squirrel
- C) Badger
- D) Fox

33. Which flower is worn in the UK in the run-up to Remembrance Day on 11 November?

- A) Rose
- B) Daffodil
- C) Lily
- D) Poppy

34. Which American holiday falls on the fourth Thursday of November?

- A) Thanksgiving
- B) Labor Day
- C) Independence Day
- D) Memorial Day

35. Which firework is a tube that shoots out a series of coloured balls, one after another?

- A) Catherine wheel
- B) Sparkler
- C) Banger
- D) Roman candle

36. According to the Firework Code, what should you never do once a firework has been lit?

- A) Watch it from a safe distance
- B) Stand well back
- C) Go back to it
- D) Keep pets indoors

37. Which vegetable is traditionally wrapped in foil and baked in the embers of a bonfire?

- A) Corn on the cob
- B) A carrot
- C) A potato
- D) An onion

38. Before the plot, Guy Fawkes had fought for which country's army in the Low Countries?

- A) France
- B) Spain
- C) England
- D) Portugal

39. The Gunpowder Plotters wanted which religion restored in England?

- A) Protestantism
- B) Catholicism
- C) Puritanism
- D) Methodism

40. What is the simple firework that just explodes with a loud bang called?

- A) A rocket
- B) A fountain
- C) A mine
- D) A banger

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