

The Months Quiz answers

The customary 3-letter abbreviation for the months have been highlighted in the answers.

1. Which ancient conflict was the result of Paris running off with Helen?
The **Trojan** War
2. Which former Soviet republic, bordering the Caspian sea, has capital Baku?
Azerbaijan
3. What is the person who looks after a building called?
janitor
4. For which charitable institution is RLNI an abbreviation?
Royal National **Lifeboat** Institution
5. What word means having or showing the symptoms of a fever? **febrile**
6. Which French region on the Rhône delta is famous for its white horses?
the **Camargue**
7. Which UK singer had a 1960s hit with *As Tears Go By*? **Marianne Faithful**
8. What are these sweets?

Smarties
9. Groucho, Harpo and Chico were three of which family? The **Marx** Brothers
10. Which sign of the zodiac is a goat? **Capricorn**
11. Which red spice is used in Hungarian goulash? **Paprika**
12. Which character in Sheridan's *The Rivals* constantly misuses words?
Mrs Malaprop
13. Who preceded Boris Johnson as prime minister? **Theresa May**
14. On which ship did pilgrims in September 1620 set sail from Plymouth for the New World?
The **Mayflower**
15. Which dressing is made chiefly from egg yolks and oil? **Mayonnaise**
16. What part of speech are 'joining words' like *and* and *but*? **conjunctions**
17. What is the capital of Alaska? **Juneau**
18. Which acting dame, born 1925, appeared in *Absolutely Fabulous*?
June Whitfield
19. Which English classical guitarist was also noted for his espousal of the lute?
Julian Bream
20. Which bourbon-based drink is associated with the US South? Mint **julep**
21. Which 13-year old tragic heroin is a title character in a Shakespeare play? **Juliet**

22. What is the title of this Frans Hals portrait?

The **L**Laughing Cavalier



23. Which city, the second-largest in the US state of Georgia, is home to the Masters golf tournament each spring? **Augusta**

24. Which game takes place on a board with 64 squares, with two opponents each having 12 identical pieces, but of different colours? **Draughts**

25. Who, in the old testament, had a coat of many colours? **Joseph**

26. What is the parts of a cross-shaped church that is at right angles to the nave called? **a transept**

27. What is the paper used in cooking and baking that is impermeable to oil called? **greaseproof**

28. Which adjective means occurring or active a night? **nocturnal**

29. What is the musical interval between a note and a higher one with exactly twice the frequency? In Western musical notation it is between two notes of the same name, e.g. from one C to the next C. **an octave**

30. Which Ridge in Mississippi features in the song *Ode to Billy Joe*? **Choctaw**

31. Sergei and Yulia Skripal were poisoned with which nerve agent in Salisbury in 2018? **Novichok**

32. What name is given to an immensely powerful stellar explosion? **a supernova**

33. What word can either indicate the how much money a business makes or be an apple-filled pastry? **turnover**



34. Which word means to die before (someone)? **predecease**

35. Which duo present *Britain's Got Talent*? **Ant and Dec**

36. What word can be a cocktail or a passenger carrier attached to a motorcycle? **sidecar**