

The Alphabet quiz answers. As usual surnames are significant.

1. What was Queen Victoria famously reputed *not* to have been? amused
2. Who was the leader and choreographer of the dance troupe *Diversity* that won *Britain's Got Talent* in 2009? Ashley Banjo
3. What three-letter word can follow egg, butter and tea? cup
4. What four-letter word can precede size, beat, pour and fall? down
5. What three-letter word can precede plant, cup, head and shell? egg
6. What four-letter word can follow night, pit, out and short? fall
7. Which Italian scientist was tried for heresy by the Inquisition in 1633 and spent the rest of his life under house arrest? Galileo Galilei
8. Who was the author of *She* and *King Solomon's Mines*? H Rider Haggard
9. Which city on the Beaulieu Firth is known as *The Capital of the Highlands*? Inverness
10. Which Levantine city is a holy site for Christianity, Judaism and Islam? Jerusalem
11. Meaning *Divine Wind*, what were the Japanese suicide pilots sometimes called? kamikaze
12. Which English city's waterfront has buildings known as *The Three Graces*? Liverpool
13. Which Austrian musical prodigy composed the operas *Don Giovanni* and *The Marriage of Figaro* and *The Magic Flute*? Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
14. What is three-flavoured ice cream called, after its supposed Italian origin? Neapolitan
15. Which mythical king of Thebes killed his father and married his mother? Oedipus
16. Imran Khan played cricket for and became prime minister of which country? Pakistan
17. What is another name for the element mercury? quicksilver
18. What event is a contest or exhibition where cowboys show their skills in riding and roping? a rodeo
19. What collective term is used for Denmark, Norway and Sweden? Scandinavia
20. What is the name of Helen Mirren's character in the TV series *Prime Suspect*? Jane Tennison
21. Which Irish province consists of nine counties, six in the UK and three in the Republic of Ireland? Ulster
22. What is the capital of Austria? Vienna

23. What was the famous 1969 music festival held in upstate New York?
Woodstock
24. Which type of radiation can produce images of bones in the human body?
X-rays
25. Which US university shares its name with a type of lock?
Yale
26. What name is given to the reanimated dead bodies that form part of Haitian folklore? They feature in the 1968 film *Night of the Living Dead*.
zombies