

SPRING NEWSLETTER QUIZ 2020 ANSWERS

QUIZ 1: Six of One and Half-a-Dozen of the Other.

- 1 At the beginning of 'normal' years we have the 'Six Nations' Rugby. It used to be just 'Five Nations'. Which country joined in to make it 6? **ITALY**
- 2 What is the sixth of the 10 Commandments? 'Thou shalt not **KILL** or **MURDER**'
- 3 Before the UK joined Europe, there were just six countries in the Common Market: Benelux countries, France, Italy and? Exact answer required! **WEST GERMANY**
- 4 When the UK did join the Six, so too did the Irish Republic and which other country? **DENMARK**
- 5 In the 'Twelve Days of Christmas', what additional items did 'My true love send to me' on the sixth day? **Six geese a-laying**
- 6 In the song 'Green Grow the Rushes O', '6 is for the six ...'? **Proud Walkers**
- 7 Ulster is often referred to as 'The Six Counties', but the ancient province actually comprises 9 counties, three of which are in the Republic: Donegal, Monaghan and which other one? **CAVAN**
- 8 Which element has the atomic number of 6? **Carbon**
- 9 What number appears on the opposite face to the 6 on a dice? **One**
- 10 6^{66} is 66 'sixes' multiplied together. If you calculated the result, what would the final (units) digit be? **Six.**

QUIZ 2: Famous (or not-so-famous) First Words.

These are the opening words to what?

- 1 Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie ... **Magna Carta**
(The 'authorised version updated from the King John original.)
- 2 It was the best of times ... **'A Tale of Two Cities' by Charles Dickens**
- 3 I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted ...
Martin Luther King's 'Promised Land' speech. Aug 28th 1963. Washington.
- 4 In this grave hour, perhaps the most fateful ...
**King George VI's address to the Nation at the beginning of World War 2
3rd September 1939**
- 5 Ka Mate! Ka Mate! ... **'The Haka'**
(As chanted by the New Zealand All-Blacks Rugby team before a match.)
- 6 When shall we three meet again ... **'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare**
- 7 We the people of **** in order to form ... **The American constitution.**
(The asterisks replaced the words 'The United States of America', inclusion of which would probably have given the game away!)
- 8 It is a truth universally acknowledged ... **'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen**
- 9 In the beginning was the word ... **St. John's Gospel**
- 10 I wandered lonely as a cloud ... **'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth**

QUIZ 3: Word for Words

- 1 Words made up of initials. **Acronyms**
- 2 Words that have two or more different meanings. **Homonyms**
- 3 Words which are pronounced the same, but are spelt differently. **Homophones**
- 4 Words, although spelt the same, are pronounced differently depending on meaning. **Heteronyms**
- 5 Words that spell the same forwards and backwards. **Palindromes**
- 6 Words that have been created from two words to express the meaning of both. **Portmanteaux.**
(Apparently created by Lewis Carroll, who compared it with a portmanteau bag, where two parts fold together to make one!)
- 7 Words that have been created by combining sources from two different languages. **Hybrids**
- 8 The (mistaken) transposition of the initials of two or more words or syllables. **Spoonerisms**
(After the Rev. William Spooner who apparently had a habit of muddling his initial letters.)
- 9 Words or phrases which are out of place in the time of its context. **Anachronisms**
- 10 Using wrong but similar sounding words. **Malapropisms**
(From Sheridan's play 'The Rivals' where the character, Mrs Malaprop, frequently used the wrong word. In turn, Sheridan created her name from the idea of 'bad' (mal) and 'appropriate')