

SPECIAL July 2020 - PUZZLES Number 10 - QUIRKY QUIZ

1. Approximately what voltage can electric eels produce?
2. What is the average number of facial whiskers that a cat has?
3. In ancient times, the Chinese connected their two major rivers (Yellow and Yangtze) with a canal. What was it called?
4. State whether or not each of the following Automobile brands is an acronym.
(a) Audi (b) SEAT (c) Volvo
5. How is James Dixon Swann better known on the Australian music scene?
6. Give a one-word anagram for the word "demagnetiser"
7. Which two states of Australia have a postcode for Eureka?
8. Which hand is the teddy-bear biscuit holding up? Left or right?
9. Which musical instrument's name translates to English as "Jumping Flea"?
10. Humans are the species which uses the most tools. What living species runs second?
11. What role was film star Elmo Lincoln playing when he stabbed his co-star to death in 1918?
12. Why didn't the previous two British prime ministers or President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attend the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton?
13. What can be electric or jellied?
14. Who sings "*Valderee, valdera*", and what does he carry?
15. How many current countries' names begin with 'Y'?
16. How many husbands did Zsa Zsa Gabor have?
17. What Australian product was briefly renamed "Parwill" in 1929?
18. Australian icon "Banjo" Paterson wrote a popular poem called *The Geebung Polo Club*. Geebung is a real town. What state is it in?
19. Which of the main streets in Melbourne's CBD was often referred to as "Little Greece"?
20. Which Hanna-Barbera cartoon duck was guarded by Chopper the Bulldog?
21. Give a one-word anagram for the word "reassortment "
22. According to *Star Trek*, which Alien Race will mankind encounter for the first time in 2063?

23. 1485 people sailed with the First Fleet. There were births and deaths on the way. How many arrived alive at Port Jackson?
24. After the dingo, what was the next kind of dog known to have arrived in Australia?
25. True or false? A Calgary radio studio collapsed while playing *I feel the Earth Move Under My Feet*
26. What is the number of dogs in Australia, to the nearest million?
27. According to a survey, what percentage of people prefer to eat a chocolate Easter bunny's ears first?
28. True or false? A young hedgehog is called a kitten.
29. Who said: *Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.* ?
30. When ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with the song 'Waterloo' in 1974, the United Kingdom jury contributed how many points to Sweden's winning score?
31. Which animal takes its name from Greek words meaning "river horse"?
32. If you sailed due east from New York City, what country would you reach first?
33. What common food have you eaten if you've just eaten deuteroplasm? (*DOY-to-plasm*)
34. Sir Francis Drake completed his circumnavigation of the globe in *The Golden Hind*. What was the name of the ship he started out in?
35. What do Vichysoisse & Gazpacho have in common? (apart from some ingredients)?
36. Name the only Olympic swimming event that doesn't start with a dive.
37. Which Australian Prime Minister said of the then opposition leader "He's like a shiver looking for a spine to run up"?
38. What were the nicknames of the two Spice-girls called Mel?
39. Which group of animals is often referred to in the literature by the collective name "flange" by orthodox zoologists, but only since the 1970s as a result of the word's appearance in a satirical British T.V. series?
40. What word means both "growing larger" and a cosmetic treatment?
41. What is both a city in Ireland and a stopper?
42. On emigrating to Australia, in which city did film star Jackie Chan's parents settle?
43. In the Irish sport of Hurling, how many points are awarded for a goal?
44. The world's last typewriter factory closed in May 2011 in what country?

45. What did the General Court of Massachusetts ban in 1659?
(a) Christmas (b) drinking alcohol (c) keeping cats
46. In a boxing match, if both boxers are knocked out simultaneously, what is the result?
47. Which candidate unseated incumbent Prime Minister John Howard in Australia's 2007 Federal elections?
48. Of what is pantophobia a fear?
(a) monkeys (b) opening refrigerator doors (c) injury (d) all of the above
49. What is the World's most common surname?
50. In what unusual way was Draco, the Athenian law-maker said to have died in 620 BC?

(Answers begin next page)

ANSWERS

1. 600 volt
2. 24
3. The Grand Canal
4. (a) No (Founders name in Latin) (b) Yes (c) No (Latin for "I roll")
5. Jimmy Barnes
6. Disagreement
7. Victoria and New South Wales
8. (Its) right hand
9. Ukelele
10. Chimpanzees
11. Tarzan. (He killed a lion on set.)
12. They weren't invited
13. Eel
14. (a) The Happy Wanderer (b) A knapsack
15. Only Yemen
16. 9
17. Vegemite; a play on the name of its major competitor, Marmite
18. Queensland
19. Lonsdale Street
20. Yakky Doodle
21. Remonstrates
22. Vulcans
23. 1466
24. Greyhounds (pets of Captain Arthur Phillip)
25. True
26. 4 million
27. 76%
28. False: Before 1990 there was no special name for a young hedgehog.
The term "hoglet" has just started to be used.
29. Oscar Wilde

30. Zero
31. Hippopotamus
32. Portugal
33. Egg yolk
34. The *Pelican*. It was re-named *The Golden Hind* during the voyage
35. Both soups which are usually served cold
36. Backstroke
37. Paul Keating
38. Scary and Sporty
39. Baboons.
40. Waxing
41. Cork
42. Canberra
43. 3
44. India
45. (a) Christmas
46. Whoever is ahead on points wins
47. Maxine McHugh
48. (d) all of the above. Pantophobia is the fear of everything
49. Chan
50. Smothered by presents from well-wishers