



## January 2021 Mixed Bag Questions

1. What is Novelist Harriet Beecher Stowe's best-known work?
2. Which early Disney cartoon feature film had a villain called Stromboli?
3. In the song *I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts*, how much does each throw cost?
4. What kind of fruit comes in a variety called Greengage?
5. How many hearts does an octopus have?
6. In what city were most people actually killed by bombing in World War II; Berlin, Tokyo or Hiroshima?
7. Who starred as Viola De Lesseps in the 1998 film *Shakespeare In Love*?
8. What colour toothbrush is most popular; red, pink, blue, or yellow?
9. What dance involves bending over backwards to get under a low bar?
10. Protagonists in crime fiction series need a policeman that they can outwit; for example, the Pink Panther had Inspector Clouseau.  
Who most often filled that role for:
  - (a) Hercule Poirot?
  - (b) Simon Templar (a.k.a. The Saint)?
  - (c) Sherlock Holmes?

### HARDER

11. Who is the priest who is credited with being the first European to see Niagra Falls in 1678?
12. New World monkeys are often distinguished from their old-world cousins by their prehensile tail. What does "prehensile" mean?
13. (a) What is the exact length of a marathon course?  
(b) When and how did the marathon acquire this distance?
14. Count Dracula is said to come from Transylvania. Which present day country is this in?

15. World War 1 Fighter Ace Baron von Richtoffen was born in Germany in the 1880s. However, if today's borders had applied back then, what nationality would he have been?
16. What does a pullicologist study?
17. What two countries were involved in the Pig War of 1859?
18. Which movie director has the most Oscar nominations?
19. Miami Florida and Bermuda are two of the three corners of the so-called Bermuda Triangle. Which city represents the third corner?
20. What links the names *Alexander*, *Borrowdale* and *Charlotte*?

*(Answers next page)*

## **ANSWERS:**

1. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
2. *Pinocchio*
3. "A Penny a Pitch"
4. Plum
5. Three
6. Tokyo
7. Gwynneth Poltrow
8. Blue
9. The Limbo
10. (a) Chief Inspector Japp (b) Inspector Claud Eustace Teal (c) Inspector Lestrade

## **HARDER:**

11. Louis Hennepin
12. Used for grasping
13. (a) 26 miles and 385 yards or 42.195 kilometers.  
(b) Originally "about" 25 km, (the distance from Marathon to Athens), at the 1908 Games in London the course was extended to accommodate the British royal family. It started on the lawn of Windsor Castle and finished in front of the royal box at the Olympic stadium - (26 miles and 385 yards or 42.195 kilometers.) Standardised in 1921.
14. Romania
15. Polish
16. Fleas
17. United States and Britain
18. William Wyler (12)
19. San Juan, Puerto Rico
20. They were three of the eleven ships of the First Fleet which landed at Port Jackson (now Sydney Harbour) to establish a penal colony in 1788.