



The www.AndrewShouts.com Mindblowing Quiz Contest

Grand Prize:



A **\$50** Gift Card to
Chapters/Indigo/Coles book stores
(courtesy of my Air Miles Points)

The www.AndrewShouts.com Mindblowing Quiz consists of 33 questions, divided into four sections. **You receive one grand prize ballot for every 10 correct responses.** If all 33 are correctly answered, you will receive a total of **five ballots**. You may use the internet, work in teams, and you have loads of time.

- Out of the 33 questions, there are four **Key Questions**. These must be correctly answered in order to enter the draw.
- Aside from **Key Questions**, you may skip any other questions and still submit your entry. However, you will require a minimum of 10 correct responses in order to receive a ballot.
- You must indicate the name of the person who referred you in order to enter.
- All entries must be submitted by July 1st 2009, at noon Atlantic time.

For every person who enters the www.AndrewShouts.com Mindblowing Quiz Contest that cites you as a reference, I will give you an extra amount of ballots equal to those you scored on your own entry. That means if score a perfect 33 (good luck!), and refer someone to this website, you will receive a total of 10 ballots, and 5 more for every other you refer.

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To enter :

Send a Word document with your answers and appropriate section and question numbers, to andrew@andrewshouts.com. You may also attach images if needed. Remember to include the name of the person who referred you!

I reserve the right to refuse entries.

Each ballot will be numbered. On the draw date, I will select the ballot using a simple random number selection program. Contact me if you wish to verify the program code.

I will contact the winner by email as soon as the draw is finished, on the afternoon of July 1st, 2009.

Good luck, and pass it along!

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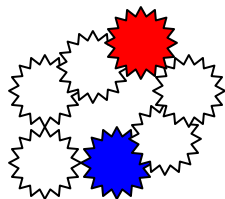
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Section 1: Trivia

1. I love storing data in USB sticks. But what does the acronym “USB” stand for?
2. Why is Saffron so expensive?
3. What was the occupation of L. Ron Hubbard before founding The Church Of Scientology?
4. How is Tofu made?
5. Some (incorrectly) say that Homer Simpson was named after the legendary Greek poet. What were the two epic poems attributed to Homer of ancient times? In which part of the world did those stories take place (What is that country’s current name)?
6. The man who said “You can have it in any color, as long as it’s black.” has a museum named after him. In this museum, there is a test tube filled with the last breath of another famous American. Whose last breath is it?
7. **Key Question:** Seven gears are linked together, forming a ring.



If the red gear is turning clockwise, which direction is the blue gear turning?





Section 2: Science and more

1. Why is the Pharyngula stage of embryonic development of vertebrates noteworthy?
2. Must an astronaut walking on the moon be careful not to accidentally jump too hard off the surface, only to keep accelerating out into empty space?

If not, why? If so, what precautions has NASA taken in the manufacture of space suits and training of its astronauts to prevent them from propelling themselves away from the moon's surface?

3. It's a gorgeous night out in the country. You and a friend are stargazing. You point out Mars (which is at an average distance from the sun) to your friend, since you read online that it would be visible that night.

Your friend says: "Man, that's really far away. If I were to take my old Tercel and gun it straight from here at 120 km/h, I wouldn't even make it to Mars in my lifetime."

However, you're pretty sure it's closer. They got the Mars Lander there, didn't they? Even though you do know that the it was probably travelling faster. "I disagree. I think we could drive to Mars from here, provided we didn't die from other natural ailments and needs on the way" you reply.

Who is right? How long would it take to get to Mars if you travelled at 120 km/h nonstop? How about the next solar system? (Actually, they aren't called "solar systems", because there is only one "sun", we just call the rest star systems)





4. What do you get when you add two up-quarks and a down-quark?
5. Earth is but a tiny part of the Milky Way Galaxy, which is nothing short of huge (Starship Enterprise, of Star Trek, never even left The Milky Way!). How many other galaxies are currently estimated to be “out there”?
6. What is biodiversity? Why is it or why is it not important?
7. **Key Question:** According to scientific research, how long ago did the first homo species (as in humanoid) exist? How long did dinosaurs exist for? How long ago did dinosaurs die out?

Draw a one-row timeline that is as close to scale as possible.

Section 3: Creativity

1. Name as many uses for a brand new Oxford English Dictionary as you can.
2. Write a limerick about my website.
3. Rubber elastics are either the coolest thing since sliced bread, or the bane of your existence. Choose a side and defend it in 100 words or less.
4. **Key Question:** Write a Haiku relating to “the third week into an electricity blackout”.






Section 4: History, Politics, Geography

1. Which country shares the most borders with other countries? Name them.
2. Describe the differences between: Arabs and Muslims, Shias and Sunnis, The West Bank and the Gaza Strip. What language is mainly spoken in Iran?
3. This Canadian had a 96% high school average, only to drop out of the University of Toronto to work in a mail room in his home province. He would eventually obtain his Bachelor's and Master's degrees and be noted for being a major politician who did not attend law school. Who is this man?
4. What do Condoleeza Rice and Michael Ignatieff have in common, aside from being politicians?
5. What incident started the Vietnam War? How many people of each side died during the war?
6. How many Jews died during World War II? Americans? Germans? How about the Russians?
7. What are India's official languages?
8. What are the coordinates (longitude, latitude) of the capital of Australia?
9. What were the Nuremburg Trials?





10. According to the World Health Organization, approximately how many people are affected by depression?

11. What, in particular, is the main source of revenue for the Taliban?

12. They say the US “Subprime mortgage” crisis kickstarted the current economic downturn. Describe this “subprime crisis” in 150 words or less.

13. Identify each country in this map of Africa. Feel free to enlarge this image if needed. There are 54 in total:



14. What is the British North America Act of 1867?

15. **Key Question:** What are the 5 leading causes of death in Canada, according to Statistics Canada?