

## It Happened in November Bumper Quiz

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This extended quiz is about people and events connected to the month of November

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### Questions:

- 1) Born in Nov 1861, James Naismith was a Canadian-American physician, but is primarily remembered for inventing what?
- 2) The Android mobile phone operating system was first revealed by Google in november of which year? a) 2005 b) 2007 c) 2009
- 3) In November 1933 Fiorello H. La Guardia was elected mayor of which city?
- 4) Which former leader was sentenced to death in 2006, for his role in the 1982 massacre of 148 Shi'a Muslims
- 5) Which country launched its first interplanetary probe, the Mars Orbiter Mission in 2013? a) Russia b) China c) India
- 6) Born in 1892,who, along with his navigator Arthur Whitten Brown, was the first person to fly non-stop across the atlantic?
- 7) What is significant about the TV programme 'Meet the Press', first shown on NBC in November 1947?
- 8) Who was the actor who died in Nov 2012 who is perhaps best remembered for playing Lance Corporal Jones in 'Dad's Army'?

- 9) In what year was the first Melbourne Cup horse race held in Melbourne, Australia? a) 1861 b) 1881 c) 1901
- 10) Which two outlaws were reportedly killed in San Vincente Canton, Bolivia in 1908?
- 11) In 1986, The Federated States of Micronesia gained independence from which country?
- 12) On the 4th November 1956, Soviet troops entered which country in order to quell a rebellion?
- 13) November 2014 saw the official opening of One World Trade Center. What did it replace?
- 14) Who found the entrance to Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in Nov 1922?
- 15) Born in 1954, Stuart Leslie Goddard is better known as which singer?
- 16) In 1973 the Netherlands had a car free Sunday whereby the roads were used by only cyclists roller skaters. Why?
- 17) The last large scale armed rebellion against authority in the UK was in November 1839 when 10000 armed Chartists marched upon which town in Monmouthshire?
- 18) Salvador Allende became the first Marxist president of any Latin American country through open elections in which country in 1970?
- 19) In November 1921, the Japanese Prime Minister Hara Takashi was assassinated in which city?
- 20) Who was forced to retreat following defeat during the Second Battle of El Alamein in 1942?
- 21) Lulu, the Scottish singer-songwriter and actress was born in which decade?

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- 22) What was the name of the female American sharpshooter and exhibition shooter who died in November 1926?
- 23) The first section of the M1 motorway was opened in which decade?
- 24) In November 1960, Penguin books were found not guilty of obscenity in a case about which book?
- 25) Born in November 1934, in what field of activity did Ken Rosewall achieve fame?
- 26) A bill creating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was signed by which US President in November 1983?
- 27) Acker Bilk, who died in 2014, was famous for which musical instrument?
- 28) In which country would you find the largest circulation English language daily newspaper originally founded in 1838?
- 29) In 1973 as part of the Mariner Program, NASA launched Mariner 10 towards which planet? a) Mercury b) Venus c) Mars
- 30) Born in November 1933, Jeremy Brett is perhaps best remembered for playing which fictional detective?
- 31) A painting by Michelangelo on which ceiling was first exhibited in Nov 1512?
- 32) A strait, immediately south of mainland South America connecting the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans, was discovered and named after which explorer during the first recorded circumnavigation voyage?
- 33) Which play by William Shakespeare performed for the first time in Nov 1604 has amongst its characters, Desdemona and Lago?
- 34) Which war also referred to as the Second Indochina War started in 1955?

35) In 1993 which treaty took effect formally establishing the European Union?

36) In 1887 which artist, famous for painting scenes of life in the industrial districts of North West England, was born?

37) Edwin (Ted) Lowe was born in 1920, but which sport did he become the 'voice' of?

38) Phil Silvers died in Nov 1985, but which part is he most famously remembered for?

39) Walter Payton, who died in 1999, was an American football running back for which NFL team for thirteen years?

40) Which television service, the world's first "high-definition" service as defined at the time, started in 1936?

41) November was the month in which this British heroine was born. She famously rescued survivors from a shipwreck off Northumbria in 1838. Who was she?

42) Lewis Carroll's novel Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published in November 1865. What was the writer's real name?

43) In Nov 1990 who became the first female President of Ireland.

44) One of the most popular board games ever devised was launched by Parker Brothers in 1935.

45) In 1940 which politician became the only U.S. President to win a third term in office?

46) Which politician resigned as British Prime Minister in 1940 and died in November of the same year?

47) Who became King of Spain following the death of Franco in 1975?

48) In Nov of which year did Angela Merkel become the first female Chancellor of Germany? a) 2001  
b) 2003 c) 2005

49) In 1957 what was the name of the dog Russia launched into orbit around the earth?

50) In 1995 - what was the name of the Israeli Prime Minister who was assassinated while at a peace rally?

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### The sport of Basketball

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### New York

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### Saddam Hussein

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### John Alcock

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**It is the longest running TV programme in history**

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**Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid**

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**United States of America**

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**Hungary**

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**World Trade Center Twin Towers**

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**Howard Carter**

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**Adam Ant**

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### **The 1973 Oil Crisis**

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### **Newport**

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### **Chile**

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### **Tokyo**

20) Who was forced to retreat following defeat during the Second Battle of El Alamein in 1942?

### **General Field Marshal Erwin Rommel**

21) Lulu, the Scottish singer-songwriter and actress was born in which decade?

### **1940s (1948)**

22) What was the name of the female American sharpshooter and exhibition shooter who died in November 1926?

### **Annie Oakley**

23) The first section of the M1 motorway was opened in which decade?

### **1950s (1959)**

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### **Lady Chatterley's Lover**

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### **Tennis**

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### **Ronald Reagan**

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### **Clarinet**

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### **India (The Times of India)**

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### **a) Mercury**

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### **Sherlock Holmes**

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### **Sistine Chapel**

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### **Ferdinand Magellan**

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### **Othello**

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### **Vietnam War**

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### **Maastricht Treaty**

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### **LS Lowry**

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### **Snooker (Whispering Ted)**

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### **Sgt Ernest (Ernie) Bilko**

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### **Chicago Bears**

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### **Mary Robinson**

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### **Monopoly**

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### **Neville Chamberlain**

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### **Juan Carlos I**

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### **Laika**

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### **Yitzhak Rabin**