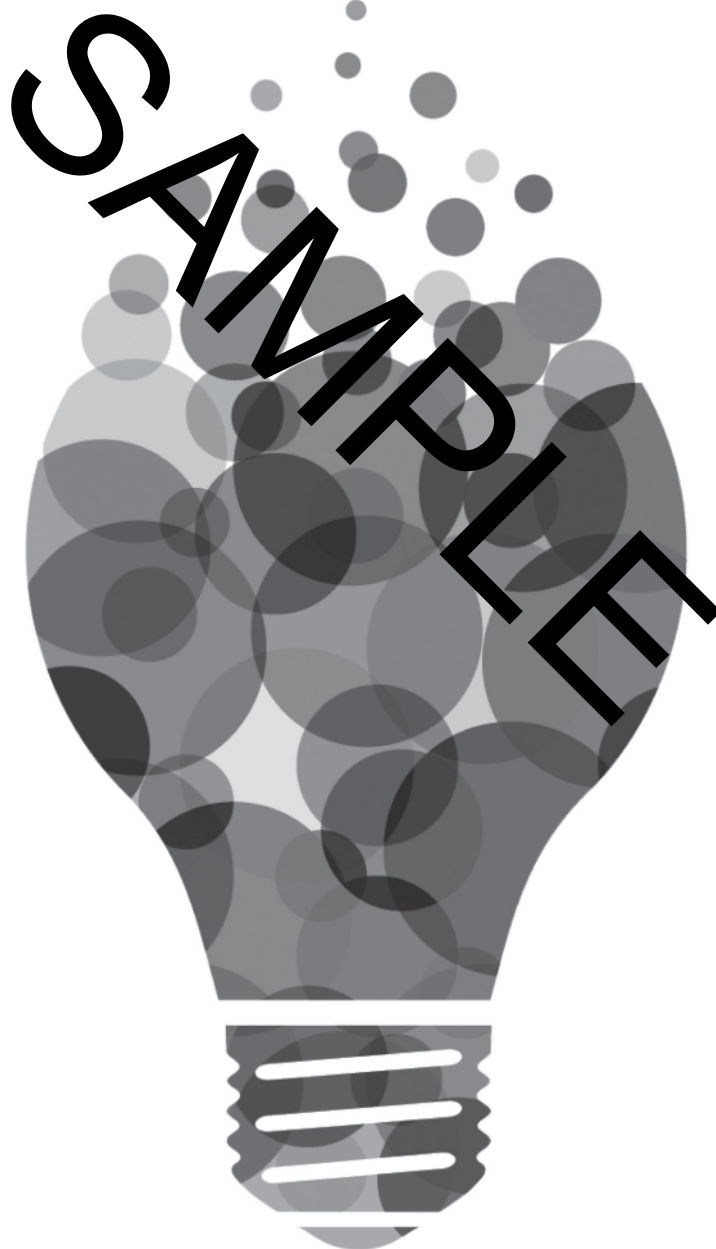


# LET'S GET QUIZZICAL 2

Thematic quizzes and research activities for primary students.



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# Introduction

'Let's Get Quizzical' Book 2 is a collection of thematic research quizzes on a wide variety of subjects chosen to suit students in the 7 to 9 age range. Each page of quiz questions invites children to explore numerous facets of a topic, using a mix of resource materials: books, newspapers, journals, atlases, as well as the internet. At the bottom of each quiz page a research section is offered for extension work. These "Research and Report" activities encourage students to investigate a topic in more depth than the quiz questions allow. The quiz activities in this book will not only provide children with a useful and interesting store of general knowledge, they will also foster solid research techniques, which will come in very useful in their further studies.

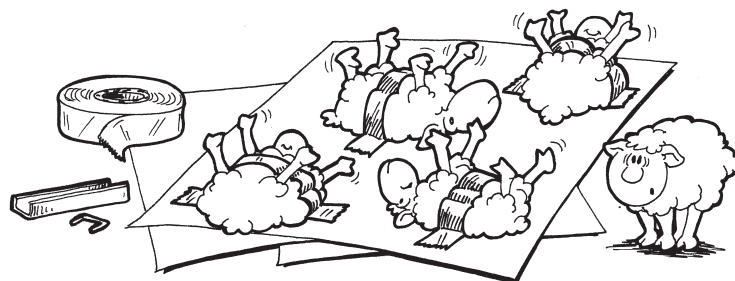
## Teachers should note that:

1. The activities are designed to be research quizzes. Many answers will not be within the general knowledge of the student.
2. A lesson on research materials and techniques may be useful before beginning the quizzes. A brainstorming session on places to find information can encourage children to look beyond the internet as the sole source of knowledge. Other useful sources of information you may like to mention are: specialist dictionaries and encyclopedias, The Guinness Book of Records, atlases, language dictionaries, street directories, books of quotations, thesauruses, almanacs, yearbooks, identification guides, and governmental sources of information. It may also be useful to revise online searching techniques. These techniques can help the children avoid wading through irrelevant information to find one fact. Finally, the importance of reading an assignment carefully before tackling it should be stressed. Students can save themselves a lot of time and effort by identifying questions that could be answered from the same reference source BEFORE they start hunting out information. To reinforce the habit of careful reading, some of the questions are answered within the page itself - a format designed to reward organised quizzers!
3. Many of the questions are structured in such a way as to encourage students to rely on their own logic. For example, with a question asking "Which dog is bigger, a Chihuahua or a Bull Terrier?", it should not be necessary for students to find the average size of both dogs. If they find a reference to the Chihuahua's lack of size, they can then deduce that a Bull Terrier would be the bigger dog. Students should be encouraged to see this method of answering questions as a logical way to approach problems. In order to develop these skills, it is suggested that students be told all questions must be answered, even if they are unsure of the answers.

1. A horse's height is measured in hands. If a hand = 10 cm, how tall is a horse that is 15 hands high? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mutton comes from which animal? \_\_\_\_\_
3. A male cow is called a \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name three kinds of poultry. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Unscramble this word to find a type of wool grown by goats: mhiaro. \_\_\_\_\_
6. True or False: Chickens are born from eggs. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are the withers of a horse? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which of the following animals eats meat? a) horse b) cow c) dog. \_\_\_\_\_
9. A baby goat is known as a \_\_\_\_\_
10. Jersey is a breed of which animal? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Which type of farm bird gobbles? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Name the Australian movie about a pig who wanted to become a sheepdog. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Unscramble the letters to find a dog which herds sheep: drreob icloe!. \_\_\_\_\_
14. True or False: Cream, butter and cheese are all made from cow's milk. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Which animal's meat makes sausages and bacon? \_\_\_\_\_
16. A sheep's coat is called its \_\_\_\_\_
17. Which farm animal has a mane? \_\_\_\_\_
18. The opposite of a sow is a \_\_\_\_\_
19. True or False: Goats are a popular farm animal in desert regions because they can produce a lot of milk on little food. \_\_\_\_\_
20. How many stomachs does a cow have? \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH AND REPORT

Research to find out all of the different products made from a sheep. Draw a chart to present your information.



1. True or False: The piano and the organ are both keyboard instruments \_\_\_\_\_
2. I am made out of metal.  
I am played by blowing.  
Some players put their hand in my bell to mute me.  
I am a t \_\_\_\_\_
3. Unscramble these letters to find a wind instrument: rredorce \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which is larger: a kettledrum or a snare drum? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Would you blow or pluck a harp? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is a clarinet more similar to a cello or a flute? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What colours are the keys on a piano? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the name of the stick which is used to play the violin? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What does the saying "to blow your own trumpet" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How many strings does a guitar usually have? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What two things did the Pied Piper of Hamelin lure away with his pipe? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What are cymbals? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Does a piano have: a) 14 keys      b) 150 keys      c) 88 keys?
14. Which country are the bagpipes associated with? \_\_\_\_\_
15. How many people make up a string quartet? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Lisa Simpson is a character in the popular cartoon The Simpsons. What instrument does Lisa play? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is a piccolo: a) a small flute      b) a stringed instrument which is plucked      c) a drum?
18. Can a harmonica be held in one hand? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Spell 'xylophone' correctly \_\_\_\_\_
20. How many notes are in an octave? \_\_\_\_\_



### RESEARCH AND REPORT

Musicians use sheet music to help them learn new songs. Sheet music shows all of the notes of a song in a written form. The notes are written down on a staff, which is a set of lines. Notes can be written on the lines, or between them. There are seven basic notes. Find out what they are called and draw them in their correct spot on a staff like the one below. This website shows some simple examples to help you start ...

<https://www.letsplaykidsmusic.com/free-resources/>

1. Cleopatra was: a) A famous queen of Ancient Egypt. b) An actor in the 18th century. c) A poet who wrote very long ballads.
2. Was the detective named Sherlock Holmes a real person? \_\_\_\_\_
3. George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln were all presidents. Which country were they presidents of? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Was Florence Nightingale a nurse or a doctor? \_\_\_\_\_
5. True or False: Marcel Marceau wouldn't speak when he was performing his mime act. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Alexandre Eiffel was an engineer. He built the Eiffel Tower. What country is the Eiffel Tower in? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In 1816, Mary Shelley wrote a book about a monster which was sewn together from human body parts. What was the name of this book? \_\_\_\_\_
8. David was king of Israel. He gained fame when he killed the giant Goliath. Did David kill Goliath with: a) a flange-thrower b) a sword c) a slingshot?
9. Julius Caesar was a famous Roman Emperor. What month of the year is named after Julius Caesar? \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_ da Vinci was a famous artist and mathematician.
11. Which country is Christopher Columbus famous for mapping? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Louisa May Alcott wrote a famous book about a family. Find two words which mean the same as "Small Ladies" in order to work out the title of the book. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Abel Tasman was the first European to map New Zealand and Tasmania. Did Tasman sail from: a) England b) Spain c) Holland?
14. Was Shaka a famous king of the Zulus or the Vikings? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Donald Bradman was a famous Australian cricket player, who scored over a century in more than 40% of the games he played. How many runs did he make in his last test innings? \_\_\_\_\_
16. True or False: The famous scientist, Ernest Rutherford, was born in New Zealand. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Vincent Van Gogh was a famous Dutch artist. In a fit of depression, he chopped off part of his body. Did Van Gogh chop off his: a) ear b) nose c) toe?
18. Which of these two men composed music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart or Pythagoras? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Did Amelia Earhart fly planes or drive racing cars? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Louis Braille invented a new kind of alphabet. What was this alphabet called, and why is it important? . \_\_\_\_\_

**RESEARCH AND REPORT**

Marie Curie was a remarkable woman. During her lifetime, she won two Nobel Prizes. Look at this website: [https://kids.kiddle.co/Marie\\_Curie](https://kids.kiddle.co/Marie_Curie)  
Find out and report on why Marie Curie was awarded these prizes. :

## Costumes and Fashion

- I am: \_\_\_\_\_



Different groups have different styles of dressing. Do some research to find out how the following groups of people dress: punk, hippy, gothic, techno. Use your research to create a "cultural costume" diagram; which shows the different dress styles.

1. What occupation would you be in if you used a stethoscope? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does a chef cook food or cut hair? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a series of stories about a character called Sherlock Holmes. What profession was Sherlock Holmes in? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is a wage? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If you were a professional basketball player, would you receive a wage? \_\_\_\_\_
6. True or False: Paediatricians, cardiologists and podiatrists are all doctors. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I fly around the world. I help to make passengers comfortable. I serve people drinks and food. What job am I in? \_\_\_\_\_
8. I ask a lot of questions. I write stories. I can work for TV, radio or newspapers. What job am I in? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name three professions you could be in if you were involved in building a house. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Unscramble these letters to find an occupation which you come into contact with every day: acreeth. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who would you call if the taps in your bath wouldn't turn off? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Name two machines a farmer might use in his / her work. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Would you need to learn maths to be an accountant? \_\_\_\_\_
14. A nutritionist works with: a) dogs b) food c) starfish.
15. Superman has two close friends - Lois Lane and Jimmy Olsen. What does Jimmy Olsen work as? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is an apprenticeship? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What person gives fillings, root canals and caps? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What does a glazier work with? a) grass b) ice cream c) glass.
19. Riddle: In which job are the workers expected to leave things behind at every place they visit? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Which occupation has workers in departments such as Lost and Found, Traffic, and Riot Control? \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH AND REPORT

Find out what qualifications you would need to get your ideal job, i.e. university degree, apprenticeship, good maths skills, etc. Make a long-term plan to show how you could gain the skills you need to get the job. You may find a timeline or a calendar useful when making up your plan.

Present your list as a poster advertising how to find work.

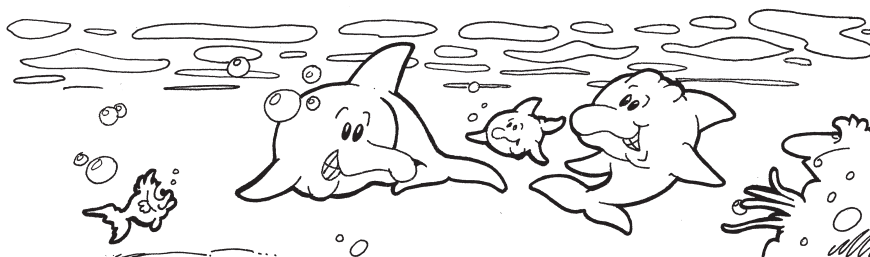


1. Which animal has spots: a leopard or a llama? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do birds build to protect their eggs? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is a herbivore? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Can an emu fly? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Hippopotami is the plural word. Spell the singular word. \_\_\_\_\_
6. There are two species of elephant -the African elephant and the \_\_\_\_\_ elephant.
7. Would you see a moa in a zoo? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Pandas live in: a) Antarctica b) China c) Africa.
9. What is the fastest running animal in the world? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which South American fish can eat a human in seconds? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is a gnu? \_\_\_\_\_
12. True or False: Gnocchi are small, striped mice which live in Central Australia. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Would you find a wallaby in a desert or rainforest? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is a talon? A sharply hooked bird's claw. \_\_\_\_\_
15. If I called my one-humped camel a dromedary, would I be naming it incorrectly? \_\_\_\_\_
16. An axolotl is also known as: a) the soldier ant b) the lizard bird c) the Mexican walking fish.
17. Do crocodiles lay eggs or give birth to their young live? \_\_\_\_\_
18. From what valuable material are elephants' tusks made? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do penguins live in Antarctica or the Arctic? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What lizard can change colour to match its surroundings? \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH AND REPORT

Dolphins are intelligent mammals which live in the sea. Research to find out what : dolphins eat, whether they live in groups or alone, and what they look like. Use your knowledge to write a fictional story about 'A Day in the Life of a Dolphin'.

Some cans of tuna have a symbol on them saying that they are dolphin-safe. What does this mean?



1. How many things are in a dozen? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many things are in a 'baker's dozen'? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In Ancient Rome, an officer who commanded 100 foot soldiers was called a:
  - a) century                      b) centurion                      c) centurius                      d) captain.
4. How many planets are in the solar system? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If I could count all of my friends on one finger, how many friends would I have? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If you wrote one million as a number, how many zeroes would be behind the 1? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What does V stand for in Roman numerals? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many legs does a bee have? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Would a train on a monorail be running on:    a) one rail    b) two rails    c) three rails.
10. Riddle: When I was going to St Ives,  
I met a man with seven wives.  
Each wife had seven sacks,  
And in each sack were seven cats.  
Man, sacks, cats, wives,  
How many were going to St Ives? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What does the saying, "six of one, half a dozen of the other" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
12. If I was born in 1973, was I born in the 19th century or the 20th century? \_\_\_\_\_
13. How many grams are in a kilogram? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Using the words October, octopus and octagon as clues, what do you think the Latin word octo means? \_\_\_\_\_
15. How old would an octogenarian be \_\_\_\_\_?
16. How many years are in a millennium? \_\_\_\_\_
17. In the fairy story Cinderella, how many stepsisters did Cinderella have? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Finish this moral: Don't count your \_\_\_\_\_ before they hatch.
19. I was born in 1996, and in 2020 I had a party for my seventh birthday. How can this be?  
\_\_\_\_\_



### RESEARCH AND REPORT

Many English words evolved from Ancient Greek or Latin words. Sometimes you can use these ancient languages to help work out what a modern word means.

These prefixes are derived from Latin. Each prefix stands for a number. Match the prefix with the number, and then find two words which start with each prefix.

hex nona bi penta sept centi tri octo uni quadri

one two three four five six seven eight nine ten