

## The Real UK Test (questions only)

1. Explain the rules of Just a Minute.
2. How do you get a ticket for the Last Night of the Proms?
3. What time do you have to turn the radio off to avoid hearing The Archers?
4. Explain which end of the High Street is the "top" and which end is the "bottom".
5. Explain the difference between "Great Britain" and "The United Kingdom".
6. Explain the difference between "grammar school", "comprehensive" and "secondary modern".
7. Name the four primary broadsheets and rank them in order from most conservative to most liberal. bonus point: explain the political position of someone who reads the Sun.
8. Parse this phrase: West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time. Rough or very rough. Showers. Moderate or good.
9. "Trouble and strife" is slang for what?
10. Explain what determines when the next parliamentary elections will be held.
11. What famous comedy sketch focuses on a "Norwegian Blue"?
12. Sing "Jerusalem". For bonus points, get drunk first.
13. Explain the offside rule in (British) football.
14. How can you tell whether the British (Union) flag is flying right side up or upside down?
15. Eat a piece of toast with marmite. Bonus point: without making a face.
16. The British drink porter, mild ale, pale ale, bitter, lager and stout. Which one(s) should be served chilled? Bonus point: explain the difference between cask and keg.
17. Explain why the British should continue to own the Falklands.
18. At what time on Christmas Day does the Queen give her speech?
19. What substance(s) may only be sold in imperial measure?
20. What are the Home Counties?
21. Put the honours (MBE, CBE, OBE) in ascending order and spell out the acronyms. Bonus point: explain how old you have to be to be called a "national treasure".
22. What is 'silly midoff'?
23. Explain whether you go "up" or "down" to study at Oxford or Cambridge.
24. If you have a Geordie accent, where are you from?
25. What is the most popular dish to eat out in England?
26. Convert 16 stone into pounds.
27. Solve this cryptic clue: 'The feeling that an old barbarian went to church.' (5)
28. Explain the background for Guy Fawkes night.
29. Why should you not go out in the woods alone today?
30. If you are eating strawberries and cream, what sports tournament are you watching?
31. What are the rules of "Mornington Crescent"?
32. There are two organs in England with 64-foot pipes. Name one of them. Bonus point: Whose fault is it that all organists have to learn Widor's Toccata for weddings?
33. Explain the relationship between the Rangers and Celtic.
34. Pronounce Llanrwst.
35. Where does 'disgusted' live?
36. Describe a "full English". Bonus point: what is the distinctive ingredient in Black Pudding?
37. Who is fifth in line to the throne?
38. On what occasion would the Queen's Scholars of Westminster shout "Vivat Regina"? Bonus point: whose music is this?
39. Name two dishes that contain suet.
40. Explain the phrase "as the actress said to the bishop".
41. Explain gender-swapping in Christmas pantomime.
42. Explain the distinctive ingredients in a traditional Burns Night supper.
43. There are 650 members of Parliament. As of 2012, how many are women?
44. What is The Glorious Twelfth?
45. What is the technical definition of a city? You may give either of two possible definitions.
46. What is "the tube challenge"?
47. Explain the difference between barristers and solicitors. Bonus point: what is the Scottish equivalent of a barrister?
48. Why should you always keep a hold of nurse?

49. Who is the Beast of Bolsover and why is his existence the summit of democracy?
50. Where is Black Rod's entrance? Bonus point: answer without smirking, please.
51. Somebody comes to your door with a piece of coal, salt and a bottle of whisky - what is the date?
52. What is worn under the kilt?
53. Explain gurning.
54. If you ask your spouse "do I look ok?" and they say "quite good", is that good, or not good?
55. Who wrote the 'Scottish play' and where should you never mention it?
56. How do you know if The Queen is at home?
57. Why won't you find a snake in Ireland?
58. What is an Eisteddfod?
59. Which vegetable do the Welsh wear and when?
60. What is a 'cream tea'? Bonus point: how is this different from "giving the children their tea"?
61. What is the difference between minced meat and mincemeat?
62. When making tea, what is MIF and is it correct?
63. What is 'queue jumping' and why is it frowned upon?
64. What is unusual about the Brambles cricket match?
65. In the expression "beyond the Pale", what is the Pale, and what is beyond it?
66. Explain the background of the phrase "I'm just going outside and may be some time".
67. Under what circumstances do you say "I've got to see a man about a dog"?
68. Who goes by the nickname of "Brenda"?
69. What is the main difference when bidding on property in Scotland and property in England or Wales?
70. Explain the West Lothian Question, in no more than 25 words.
71. What is a Glasgow Kiss?
72. Explain the difference between the Mayor of London and the Lord Mayor of London.
73. What is the Orange Order?
74. What is Cullen skink?
75. Elizabeth Windsor is Elizabeth II of England. What number is she in Scotland?
76. What is 'First Past The Post'?
77. Who were the 'Whigs'?
78. If an English person asks you to lunch, what time should you leave?
79. Whose bust is in the Royal Albert Hall?
80. Which monarch first 'authorised' an English version of Christian scripture?
81. Where is the highest point in England?
82. Where, according to the French, is The Sleeve?
83. In which county does The Thames begin?
84. On what island are The Cullins?
85. What is inscribed on the letter box of 10 Downing Street?
86. What were the Roundheads fighting for?
87. Where do you place the apostrophes in the following sentence: Its on Tuesdays when James children join other pupils rehearsals for the schools prom.
88. What is the difference between a British citizen and a British subject?
89. Translate "thirty-second note" into correct English musical terminology.
90. What's the difference between a pound and a guinea?
91. Explain why private schools are called public schools.
92. If someone says "How about elevenses?" what should you prepare for?
93. In the quote "Some people think X is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that", what does X refer to? Bonus point: who said this?
94. What do you get to take to a desert island?
95. Explain the origin of "Bob's your uncle".
96. What are the correct colours of the Tory, Labour and Lib Dem parties, respectively?
97. Where are you allowed to get married?
98. Explain the difference between leasehold and freehold property.
99. When would you hear the tune "Sailing by"?
100. Where is the London Stone?