

## Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – Names of US States in song titles

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I’ve chosen ‘Names of US States in song titles’ as the subject. So for each question I’m going to give you the initials of the act who recorded the song together with the opening couple of lines. All you’ve got to do is identify the song title which will, in all cases, include the name of a US State. A couple of relatively easy ones to start with and then it gets a bit harder – Good luck and enjoy this challenge.....

1 The M&Ps opened with:

*All the leaves are brown (all the leaves are brown)  
And the sky is grey (and the sky is grey)*

**California Dreamin’** - The Mamas & Papas

2 The BGs opened with:

*Feel I'm goin' back to \*\*\*\*\*  
Something's telling me I must go home*

**Massachusetts** – The Bee Gees

3 GK and the Ps opened with:

*L.A proved too much for the man (Too much for the man)  
(He couldn't make it) so, he's leaving the life he's come to know, oh*

**Midnight train to Georgia** – Gladys Knight and the Pips

4 The P and KM opened with;

*It was Christmas Eve babe, In the drunk tank  
An old man said to me, won't see another one*

**Fairy Tale of New York** – The Pogues and Kirsty McColl

5 ON-J opened with:

*I asked my love to take a walk  
To take a walk, just a little walk*

**Banks of the Ohio** – Olivia Newton-John

6 LS opened with:

*Big wheels keep on turnin', Carry me home to see my kin  
Singin' songs about the south-land*

**Sweet Home Alabama** - Lynyrd Skynyrd

7 RM opened with:

*Make me a deal and make it straight  
All signed and sealed, I'll take it to Robert E.Lee*

**Virginia Plain** – Roxy Music

8 BS opened with: (this is the title track of an album released in 1982 but never released as a single)

*I saw her standin' on her front lawn, just twirling her baton  
Me and her went for a ride sir and ten innocent people died*

**Nebraska** – Bruce Springsteen

## Round 2 – Letter Link

This round consists of 8 general knowledge questions where the last letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2, and the final letter of the answer to question 2 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 3 and so on so forth down the 8 questions. When you get to question 8, the final letter of that answer will be the same as the first letter to the answer to question 1, thus completing the link.

- 1      What is the nickname of the Gravelly Hill interchange?  
**SPAGETTI JUNCTION**
  
- 2      In 1938, which British Prime Minister claimed to have secured “peace in our time” with Hitler? (first name & surname required)  
**NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN**
  
- 3      Who was the Greek goddess of victory whose name is also a well-known brand of modern day sportswear?  
**NIKE**
  
- 4      Which famous Australian born-US actor played General Custer in the 1941 film *They died with their boots on*? (first name & surname required)  
**ERROL FLYNN**
  
- 5      Which is the world’s longest river?  
**NILE (4,160 miles Amazon 4,080 miles)**
  
- 6      Which American novelist wrote the books *A Farewell to Arms* and *For whom the bell tolls*? (first name & surname required)  
**ERNEST HEMINGWAY**
  
- 7      The Archbishop of *where* signs himself Ebor?  
**YORK**
  
- 8      Which modern day pop group take their name from the name of a South African football team?  
**KAISER CHIEFS**

## Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 2101

- 1 What is the current rate of VAT in Britain levied on the majority of goods?  
**20%**
- 2 What is the two-digit country calling code for France; is it 22, 33 or 44?  
**33**
- 3 In the Simon & Garfunkel song *Scarborough Fair* the names of how many herbs are mentioned?  
**4 (Parsley, sage, rosemary & thyme)**
- 4 In the Disney film, how many of the dwarves wear glasses?  
**1 (Doc)**
- 5 In which year of the 1990s was Hong Kong given back to China by Britain?(4 digit answer required)  
**1997**
- 6 In how many films did George Lazenby portray James Bond?  
**1 (*On her Majesty's Secret Service*)**
- 7 In the *Arabian Nights*, how many thieves did Ali Baba meet with?  
**40**
- 8 How many points are awarded for a try in Rugby Union?  
**5**

## Round 4 – Connection

This round consists of 7 general knowledge questions where the answers all have a common connection. For question 8 you simply have to work out what the connection is between the previous 7 answers. All your answers should obviously fit the connection; if you find yourself looking at an answer that doesn't obviously fit the connection then it's either very obscure or, more likely, you've got the wrong answer and you'll need a bit of a re-think!

- 1 A pangram is a sentence which contains every letter of the alphabet. In one of the best known pangrams, *which* "quick brown animal jumps over the lazy dog"?  
**FOX**
- 2 What is the surname of the snooker player who dominated the game in the 1980s, winning the Embassy World Snooker title at the Crucible in Sheffield on six occasions during the 1980s?  
**(STEVE) DAVIS**
- 3 What is the surname of the actor who played Curly Watts in *Coronation Street* for many years?  
**(KEVIN) KENNEDY**
- 4 What was the surname of the British politician who led his party to victory in four of the five General Elections he fought from 1963 until he resigned in 1976?  
**(HAROLD) WILSON**
- 5 Which former English Premiership football team, now in League One, are known to their supporters as "The Addicks"?  
**CHARLTON (ATHLETIC)**
- 6 What was the surname of the famous German political philosopher who wrote *Das Kapital*?  
**(KARL) MARX**
- 7 What was the surname of the actor who was best known for his role as PC George Dixon in the long running TV series *Dixon of Dock Green*?  
**(JACK) WARNER**
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers  
**ALL SURNAMES OF FAMOUS BROTHERS**  
**(Edward and James Fox, the actors; Fred & Joe Davis the snooker & billiards players; John, Robert & Edward were the famous Kennedy brothers; Brian, Carl and Dennis Wilson were the Beach Boys; Bobby & Jackie Charlton; The Marx Brothers and the four Warner Brothers are the film makers)**