

# **ACTION FOR CHILDREN QUIZ, WINTER 2023/24**

## **ANSWERS AND COMMENTS**

Formerly NCH, The National Children's Home and founded in 1869, **Action for Children** is one of the UK's leading children's charities. It supports the most vulnerable children, young people and their families so that they have the opportunity to reach full potential. Its projects make a real difference to the lives of children and young people who are disadvantaged through poverty, disability, abuse or other difficulties. See [www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk) Registered charity nos. 1097940 / SC038092 / company no. 4764232. Thank you for taking part in this quiz – by doing so you are helping the children who need it the most.

**Three sections, one of 20, one of 22 and one of 16 questions, giving a total of 58.**

### **Section 1, Questions 1-20. Name the books you may have read in childhood and beyond**

1	<b>MATILDA</b>	11	<b>PIPPY LONGSTOCKING</b>
2	<b>LITTLE WOMEN</b>	12	<b>THE BFG</b>
3	<b>HEIDI</b>	13	<b>THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS</b>
4	<b>THE GREAT GATSBY</b>	14	<b>THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA</b>
5	<b>WATERSHIP DOWN</b>	15	<b>THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS</b>
6	<b>NINETEEN EIGHTYFOUR</b>	16	<b>SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS</b>
7	<b>THE CAT IN THE HAT</b>	17	<b>A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS</b>
8	<b>CHARLOTTE'S WEB</b>	18	<b>THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA</b>
9	<b>HOWARDS END</b>	19	<b>THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR</b>
10	<b>WHERE'S SPOT?</b>	20	<b>THE RAILWAY CHILDREN</b>

### **Section 2 Questions 21-42. THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

Fill in the missing words in the story below using the words listed at the end. All the words are chocolate related. Note that there are extra words listed! Allow for spelling and poetic licence.

Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem along a (21) **ROCKY ROAD**. They became tired on the journey and needed a (22) **BOOST** so Joseph decided it was time to stop for a (23) **PICNIC**. When they arrived at Bethlehem, the only place to stay was a stable full of (24) **FURRY FRIENDS** where the Baby Jesus was born.

That night in a field near Bethlehem, some shepherds were minding their sheep. It was a cold (25) **MOONLIGHT** night, so cold that the grass was (26) **CRUNCHIE**. While their sheep were sleeping they could only (27) **WISPA** to each other but then they were (28) **KINDER SURPRISE** by some angels who told them to go to Bethlehem and see this newborn King.

Meanwhile, in the East, there were three (29) **SMARTIES** or Wise Men who were studying the (30) **GALAXY**, especially the stars of the (31) **MILKY WAY**, when they saw a huge star. They first thought it might have been the planet (32) **MARS** but it wasn't. They followed the star. When they arrived at Bethlehem, they entered and presented their (33) **BOUNTY** of (34) **GOLD**, Frankincense and Myrrh. That night the three Wise men had a (35) **DREAM** in which God warned them that King Herod was up to his old (36) **TWIX** so they returned home without telling him about Jesus.

You see, Christmas is more than Santa, Reindeer and Snow (37) **FLAKES**. It is more than having lots of good food to (38) **CHOMP** on. It is more than going to see (39) **BUTTONS** in the pantomime Cinderella or going on (40) **CONTINENTAL** holidays. We can get into so much of a (41) **TWIRL** trying to organise Christmas, we forget what it is really about!

This Christmas we need to take some (42) **TIME OUT** and remember that the best thing about Christmas is **JESUS, THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

### Section 3 (questions 43-58) ANIMAL QUIZ

Find the animal, bird or fish from the clues below (number of words/letters indicated):

43, Cleese & Co 5,6 MONTY PYTHON, 44 Hogan 9,6 CROCODILE DUNDEE, 45 Tall building in London 6,5 CANARY WHARF, 46 William Cody 7,4 BUFFALO BILL, 47 Hardwearing coat 6,6 DONKEY JACKET, 48 Road Markers 4,4 CATS EYES, 49 Do a thing thoroughly 2,3,5,3 GO THE WHOLE HOG, 50 Old postal delivery 4,7 PONY EXPRESS, 51 Swiss time piece 6,5 CUCKOO CLOCK, 52 Eighth army veteran 6,3 DESERT RAT, 53 Police vehicle 5,3 PANDA CAR, 54 Enthusiast 5,6 EAGER BEAVER, 55 Jack Nicklaus 6,4 GOLDEN BEAR, 56 Move aimlessly 4,5 SWAN ABOUT, 57 Jumble sale item 5,8 WHITE ELEPHANT, Ladies night 3,5 HEN PARTY.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who supported the Quiz which has raised **£920** for **Action for Children**, including many very generous donations. This is a record.

There were 143 entries with 33 all correct and a further 29 with only one or a half wrong, so its congratulations to **Martin Jones** of Oldham whose name was drawn out and wins the £20 prize.

Commiserations go to the following whose names were not drawn out :-

Pat Allen, L M Allison, Beverley Anthony, Andrew Ashenurst, Pam Bailey, Elaine Barton, Amy Brooks, Janette Cavanagh, V J Cheetham, Jeanne Clark, Rebecca Cooper, Charles Crosbie, Hilary Dore, Eileen Foxcroft, Richard Freeman, Colin Gibson, M Hall, Polly Helliard & Marilyn Fursey, Sue Hennessey, Christine Kershaw, Sybil Lamb, Jayne Morrison, Malcolm Mott, E Mudd, David Nash, Dawn Odam, Maureen Quarmby, Jean Redsell, Vicki Reis, Lee Rendell, Tim Scott, Chris Twydell.

A further £5 prize was randomly drawn out from all entries with the winner **Gloria Cranston** of Norwich.

The problem questions with some explanations were :-

#### Section 1 Books

Q3 **Heidi** from "High D"

Q9 **Howards End** not Howards' Way, which was a TV Series.

Q10 **Where's Spot?** 4 x Where and 1 Spot.

Q15 **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**.

Q19 **The VERY Hungry Caterpillar**. Several missed the Very and lost ½ point.

#### Section 2 The Christmas Story

Q29 Had to be **Smarties** for Wise Men rather than Heroes or Minstrels

Q30/31 Had to be in the order **Galaxy / Milky Way**.

Q33 **Bounty** wanted but Trio accepted for the three gifts.

Q40 **Continental** wanted rather than Weekend holidays.

Q41 Get into a **Twirl** rather than a Fudge.

#### Section 3 Animal Quiz

Q43 **Monty Python**. Apologies for the typing error (**Cleese** & Co not Cheese). I did try and inform as many people as possible but no one lost a point. Ironically, John Cleese's father was originally called Cheese but changed his surname to Cleese!

Q45 **Canary Wharf** (6,5) is an area of tall buildings with one often called Canary Wharf Tower. The vast majority went for Canary Wharf rather than Heron Tower (5,5).

Q47 **Donkey Jacket** expected but one clever answer was Puffer Jacket, Puffer being a fish.

Q52 **Desert Rat** wanted with Desert Fox being Erwin Rommel, the German General.

The Judges decision is final.

I hope you enjoyed the quiz and learned at the same time.

Next quiz June 2024.

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