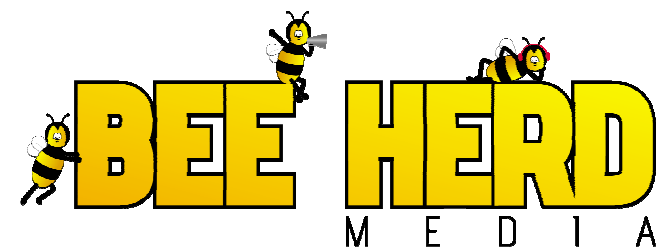


Quiz of the Year 2011 - The Calendar Quiz



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January 2011

1. What car manufacturer shares its name with the UK prison where there was a riot on 1st Jan?
2. Vincent Tabak was charged with the murder of whom?
3. Who resigned as David Cameron's Communications Director?
4. The government of which country became the first to fall as part of the "Arab Spring"?

May 2011

1. Claude Choules died on 5th May. He was the last surviving what?
2. Queen Elizabeth II was the first British monarch in 100 years to visit what country?
3. Who was the Head of the International Monetary Fund that resigned amid a New York sex scandal?
4. Name America's most wanted man, killed in a gunfight on 1st May?

September 2011

1. A tragedy befell which sport when the entire Lokomotiv Yaroslavl team died in a plane crash?
2. Who became the Metropolitan Police Commissioner?
3. Who completed a 140 mile charity swim along the Thames?
4. Researchers at CERN apparently witnessed neutrino particles do what supposedly impossible act?

February 2011

1. A earthquake killed 65 people when it struck which country?
2. What became Scotland's newest university following approval from the Privy Council?
3. Which F1 driver had to have surgery after his hand was partially severed after a crash at a rally competition?
4. Cyclone Yasi caused chaos when it landed in which country?

June 2011

1. In which South American country did a Volcano erupt, causing travel chaos in the southern hemisphere?
2. Which pro-democracy campaigner gave this year's BBC Reith Lectures?
3. Which poet left nearly £1 million pounds to the SNP in his Will?
4. Whose first ever Tweet read "Dear Friends, I just launched news.va Praised be our Lord Jesus Christ! With my prayers and blessings"

October 2011

1. Amanda Knox's conviction for murdering whom was overturned by an Italian court?
2. Who was killed in the town of Surt on 20th October?
3. Palestine became a member of which UN organisation?
4. Which British town was given the prefix "Royal", the first to receive such an honour in over 100 years?

March 2011

1. Which British film won the "Best Picture" Oscar?
2. What was the name of the nuclear power plant damaged by the Japanese Tsunami?
3. The United Nations sanctioned military intervention in which country?
4. What happened for the first time in ten years in the UK on 27th March?

July 2011

1. In Edinburgh, who got married in 2011's other royal wedding? (2pts)
2. Until it closed, the News of the World had been in continuous circulation for how many years?
3. Name the Norwegian arrested for killing 77 people?
4. The Space Shuttle programme came to an end when which spacecraft landed safely at the Kennedy Space Centre?

November 2011

1. Which European leader became the highest profile casualty of the Financial Crisis when he resigned from office?
2. Who was found guilty of the manslaughter of Michael Jackson?
3. 33 year old Ruth Davidson became leader of which organisation?
4. Which Premiership team caused controversy by calling its ground the "Sports Direct Stadium"?

April 2011

1. Careful now: Which newspaper announced it was closing on 1st April?
2. The cost of what was completely abolished in Scotland on 1st April?
3. Eight million people had applied for tickets to what by the closing date of 26th April?
4. Prince William married Catherine Middleton in which London church?

August 2011

1. Which former leader, toppled in the Arab Spring, went on trial in the country he ruled for 30 years?
2. Which high profile figure was hit in the face by a foam pie?
3. In what London borough did rioting start after the death of Mark Duggan?
4. Hurricane Irene destroyed whose Caribbean home on Necker Island?

December 2011

1. Who are Sweetie and Sunshine?
2. What two names (boy and girl) topped the most popular list for newborns in Scotland? (2 pts)
3. Researchers at CERN announced they might have found which elusive, yet immensely important, particle?
4. What was the colourfully colloquial name given to the storm force winds that lashed Scotland?

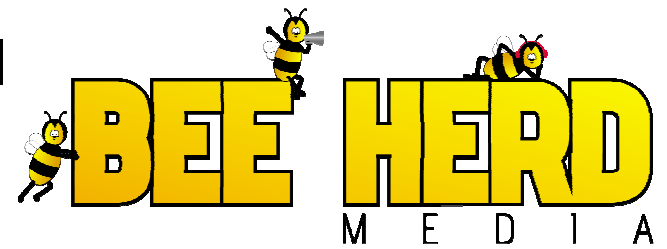
Answers 1 point for each correct answer (2 points for Jul and Dec) for a top score of 50. January: Ford Open Prison; Joanna Yates; Andy Coulson; Tunisia. February: New Zealand; University of the Highlands and Islands; Robert Kubica; Australia (Queensland). March: The King's Speech; Fukushima; Libya; Census. April: Daily Sport / Sunday Sport; Prescription charges; 2012 Olympic Games; Westminster Abbey. May: WW1 veteran; Republic of Ireland; Dominique Strauss-Kahn; Osama Bin Laden. June: Chile (Puyehue Volcano); Aung San Suu Kyi; Edwin Morgan; Pope Benedict XVI. July: Zara Phillips and Mike Tindall; 168; Anders Breivik; Atlanta. August: Egypt's Hosni Mubarak; Rupert Murdoch; Tottenham; Richard Branson. September: Ice Hockey; Bernard Hogan-Howe; David Williams; exceeding the speed of light. October: Meredith Kercher; Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi; UNESCO; Wootton Bassett. November: Silvio Berlusconi; Dr. Conrad Murray; Scottish Conservative Party; Newcastle United. December: The Giant Pandas who arrived at Edinburgh Zoo on 4th December; Jack and Sophie; Higgs Boson; Hurricane Bawbag

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Politics & World Affairs

- Which politician appeared on "Desert Island Discs" and chose the "Complete Works of Burns" and a sand wedge?
- Which politician had to resign over his working relationship with Adam Werritty?
- In which TV show did the wife of Commons Speaker John Bercow controversially appear?
- Name the three Scottish Party leaders who resigned following the May election? (3)
- Michael D Higgins was elected President of which European nation in November?
- What did American President Barak Obama have to release to the media to prove he was qualified to do his job?
- Which Downing Street "Employee" came under fire when David Cameron had to throw a knife at an "intruder" at a dinner party?
- Why was Tommy Sheridan jailed for 3 years?
- The leader of which European country had to explain himself to the French and German Presidents following his plan to call an austerity referendum?
- Which emblematic figure did Time Magazine announce as their "Person of 2011"?

Music

- Which American Supergroup announced they were splitting up after thirty years together?
- Who won this year's X-Factor?
- The latest instalment of "Now That's What I Call Music" was released in November 2011. What number are we up to now in the series?
- When her single "What's My Name" reached Number One in the charts, which female solo artist set a record as the first to have number one singles in five consecutive years in the UK?
- Who toured the world with their "Progress" tour in 2011?
- Name the two different types of projectile weapons that have been titles of number one songs in the UK this year. (2)
- Name two of the four top ten hits featuring JLS in 2011? (2)
- Which 2011 debut West End Musical features the song "Unchained Melody"?
- Name the two acts that headlined both T in the Park and Glastonbury in 2011? (2)
- Which former USSR territory won this year's Eurovision Song Contest?

Sport

- Which country featured in both the opening and closing games of the Rugby World Cup?
- Who contested this year's Champions League Final and in which city was it held? (3)
- Why did Usain Bolt not win the 100m gold at the World Athletics Championships in South Korea?
- Wladimir Klitschko beat which British heavyweight boxer in a title unification fight in Germany in July?
- Five F1 World Champion drivers competing in the 2011 season. Name them all. (5)
- Who won three of this year's four Grand Slam Tennis competitions?
- Which two Irishmen won Major Golf championships? (2)
- Who won the 2011 Cricket World Cup?
- Why was Olympic Gold Medal winning sailor Ben Ainslie disqualified from the World Championships in Perth, Australia?
- Why did this year's BBC "Sports Personality of the Year" nominations list cause controversy?

Film and Television

- What film, the last in its series, was the highest grossing of 2011, taking over a billion dollars at the box office?
- Which British actor was named "Best Actor" at this year's Oscars?
- Steven Spielberg brought which Belgian cartoon character to the big screen?
- Daniel Craig brought Swedish journalist Mikael Blomkvist to English speaking cinema audiences for the first time in which film?
- Rowan Atkinson reprised the role of which bumbling secret agent on the big screen in 2011?
- What got the biggest UK TV audience of the year, with nearly 25 million people tuning it to see it?
- Which controversial presenter has made comments that offended both Mexicans and British Public Sector workers?
- Which three judges left the X Factor? (3)
- Who won this year's "Britain's Got Talent"?
- Contestants were invited to try and fool which magicians in a new ITV show that started in February?

In Memorandum

Here are descriptions of twenty people who died in 2011. One point for each that you can name:

- Actor, famous for Jurassic Park and Brassed Off.
- Baker Street musician
- 1940s sex symbol who starred in "The Outlaw".
- British Dame, star of "National Velvet".
- Legendary Spanish Golfer.
- "Back to Black" singer.
- Apple Founder.
- Now then, Now then, how's about that then?
- Smokin' Joe.
- James Bond Composer.
- Dr Who Assistant Sarah Jane.
- North Korean Leader.
- "Only Fools and Horses" writer.
- Legendary Snooker commentator.
- The boxer who hit Muhammad Ali so hard "his ancestors in Africa felt it".
- Red Rum's trainer.
- One half of the "Dad's Army" writing duo.
- Columbo.
- British born Indy car driver.
- Wales football team manager.

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Answers (1 point for correct answer: 75 in total)--**Politics and World Affairs:** Alex Salmond; Liam Fox; Celebrity Big Brother; Annabel Goldie; Tavish Scott and Ian Gray; Republic of Ireland; Birth Certificate; Larry the Cat; Pezuru; Greece; the Protester. **Music:** REM; Little Mix; 80; Rihanna; Take That; Bruno Mars "Grenade" and Little Mix "Cannonball"; Eyes Wide Shut; She Makes Me Wanna Take a Chance On Me; Wishing on a Star (with X Factor Finalists); Ghost the Musical; Coldplay & Beyonce; Azerbaijan. **Sport:** Hosts New Zealand; Barcelona beat Manchester United 3-1 in London; he was disqualified for a false start; David Haye; Sebastian Vettel; Jensen Button; Lewis Hamilton; Fernando Alonso; Michael Schumacher; Novak Djokovic; Rory McIlroy and Darren Clarke; India; punching a media cameraman; no women on the list. **Film and Television:** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2; Colin Firth; Tintin; The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo; Johnny English; The Wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge; Jeremy Clarkson; Danni Minogue; Cheryl Cole and Simon Cowell; Jai McDowell; Penn and Teller. **In Memorandum:** Pete Postlethwaite; Gerry Rafferty; Jane Russell; Elizabeth Taylor; Seve Ballesteros; Peter Falk; Amy Winehouse; Steve Jobs; Jimmy Saville; Joe Frazier; John Barry; Elisabeth Sladen; Kim Jong Il; John Sullivan; Ted Lowe; Henry Cooper; Ginger McCain; David Croft; Peter Falk; Dan Wheldon; Gary Speed