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# Scottish Quest Quiz

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It's simple - each question card has four questions in the different categories of history, land and nature, culture and modern. You ask the player on your left to choose a category, ask him/her the appropriate question and read out the three suggested answers. The correct answer is the one that is underlined.

One question on each card has a further explanation on the right - where you see the symbol (EXP) just look to the right to find out more about the answer.

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4	<b>EXP</b>	
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1. H - History Question 2. N - Land & Nature Question 3. C - Culture Question 4. EXP - indicates the question which has an explanation on the right 5. M - Modern Question. 6. Card Number

Whether a person answers correctly or not, play immediately moves onto the next player, continuing until a winner is crowned. And that's it - have fun learning and sharing what you know about Scotland!



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1

When was William Wallace executed?

a. 1305

William Wallace's execution was particularly gruesome. After being found guilty at his trial, Wallace was stripped naked, tied to a horse and dragged through the streets of London before being hanged, drawn and quartered. His head was placed on a spike on London Bridge and his limbs sent to Aberdeen, Berwick, Newcastle and Stirling.

**H** Which Scots historian was born in a cottage in Ecclefechan near Dumfries?  
a. Thomas Carlyle b. Tom Devine c. John Prebble

**N** Which of these is a ski resort?  
a. Glenishee b. Glen Lyon c. Glenlivet

**C** The Burrell Collection is housed in which city?  
a. Edinburgh b. Glasgow c. Dundee

**EXP**

**M** Where was Scotland's first nuclear power plant opened in 1955?  
a. Hunterston b. Dounreay c. Dundee

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The Burrell Collection is housed in which city?  
b. Glasgow

Sir William Burrell, a wealthy ship owner and collector, left 8,000 works of art to the City of Glasgow in 1944 and the works were finally put on public display at Pollok House in 1983.

**H** What was the first newspaper to be produced in Scotland?  
a. Mercurius Scotticus b. Mercurius Caledonius c. The Scotsman

**N** Which indigenous Scottish bird would you associate with a popular brand of Scotch whisky?  
a. osprey b. red grouse c. ptarmigan

**EXP**

**C** The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards had a number one hit in 1972 with a bagpipe version of which hymn?  
a. Amazing Grace b. Abide with Me c. Flower of Scotland

**M** What is the Clyde Arc bridge over the River Clyde in Glasgow more affectionately known as by Glaswegians?  
a. Balm Bridge b. Squinty Bridge c. Odd Bridge

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Which indigenous Scottish bird would you associate with a popular brand of Scotch whisky?

b. red grouse

The 'Famous Grouse' is an international best-selling blend of Scotch whisky, blended from the Glenturret single malt made in Scotland's oldest single malt distillery, and is also very popular in Greece.

**H** What was the population of Glasgow around 1700?  
a. 12,000 b. 24,000 c. 240,000

**N** Near which major Scottish river is the Glenlivet Distillery?  
a. River Spey b. River Clyde c. River Tay

**C** What is or are 'Runrig'?  
a. Gaelic rock group b. North Sea oil platform c. brand of beer

**M** Which church faith has dioceses in Glasgow, Motherwell and Dunkeld?  
a. Scottish Episcopal b. Church of Scotland c. Roman Catholic

**EXP**

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Which church faith has dioceses in Glasgow, Motherwell and Dunkeld?

c. Roman Catholic

Dunkeld was one of the most important medieval places of worship in Scotland and has retained its association with the Roman Catholic Church as a diocese. With the influx of Irish Roman Catholics to Scotland in the 19th century, further dioceses were established in the west, including Motherwell.

**H** In which year did Scotland establish parish schools for everyone?  
a. 1696 b. 1796 c. 1896

**N** Where in Scotland would you find the 'Lincoln Memorial'?  
a. Glasgow b. Edinburgh c. Inverness

**EXP**

**C** In Edinburgh in 1848, which famous composer played one of his last concerts?  
a. Beethoven b. Chopin c. Mozart

**M** Which country has the larger population?  
a. Scotland b. Finland c. Ireland

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Where in Scotland would you find the 'Lincoln Memorial'?

b. Edinburgh

The memorial was erected in the Old Calton Cemetery in Edinburgh in 1893 in memory of Scottish veterans of the American Civil War. It was the first statue of an American President outside the USA.

**H** Which Scottish saint was born in Donegal, Ireland?  
a. Ninian b. Fergus c. Columba

**N** Which of the following birds may no longer be hunted in Scotland?  
a. grouse b. pheasant c. capercaillie

**EXP**

**C** What is the name of the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh?  
a. Glamis Castle b. The Palace of Holyroodhouse c. Hampden Park

**M** What do the 'Registers of Scotland' look after?  
a. marriage records b. property records c. birth certificates

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Which of the following birds may no longer be hunted in Scotland?

c. capercaillie

The capercaillie or capercaillie is a large type of European grouse, with black plumage. It is one of Scotland's most endangered birds, with its population dropping from around 20,000 in the 1970s to around 1,000 thirty years later. In order to protect the species, a statutory ban on hunting it came into effect in 2001.

**H** What is 'Mar's Wark' in Stirling?  
a. history trail b. pub c. 16th century mansion

**N** Where is Edinburgh's 'New Town' in relation to the rest of the city?  
a. beyond the city by-pass b. by the waterfront c. in the centre

**EXP**

**C** What did the poet Robert Burns call a 'Wee, sleekit, cowrin', tim'rous beastie'?  
a. haggis b. mouse c. spider

**M** What was the most popular paid-for tourist attraction in Scotland in 2009?  
a. Edinburgh Castle b. Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum  
c. Falkirk Wheel

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Where is Edinburgh's 'New Town' in relation to the rest of the city?

c. in the centre

Edinburgh's 'New Town' was built in the late 18th century as a refined refuge beyond the crowded 'Old Town' for those who could afford it. The young architect of the scheme was James Craig and his original blueprints can be viewed at the Edinburgh Museum on the Royal Mile. As the city has grown since this time, the 'New Town' is now in the centre of the City of Edinburgh.

**H** Who founded the cotton mills at 'New Lanark'?  
a. David Dale b. Robert Owen c. Adam Smith

**N** What, according to Thomas Pennant's *A Tour of Scotland* (1771), did midwives give newborn babies?  
a. bottle of goat's milk b. spoonful of earth and whisky  
c. tin rattle

**C** Which military unit was founded by Sir Archibald David Stirling?  
a. Commandos b. Royal Marines c. Special Air Services (SAS)

**M** Who or what are 'klondikers'?  
a. fish factory ships from eastern Europe b. gold prospectors in the Highlands c. Canadian tourists in Scotland

**EXP**

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Who or what are 'klondikers'?

a. fish factory ships from eastern Europe

These large vessels can often be seen in places such as Loch Broom near Ullapool where they provide processing and refrigeration on the spot for fishing fleets, before returning to their ports of origin.



**H** Scots people founded the central banks of which three major countries?  
a. England, France and USA b. England, Canada and USA  
c. USA, Australia and Sweden

**N** What is the 'crannog' at Loch Tay?  
a. Iron Age house b. monster in the loch c. waterfall

EXP

**C** What vegetable was introduced to Britain from Sweden?  
a. turnip b. parsnip c. cauliflower

**M** At the bottom of which Edinburgh street is the new Scottish Parliament building?  
a. Princes Street b. Leith Walk c. Royal Mile

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What is the 'crannog' at Loch Tay?

a. Iron Age house

A reconstruction of an Iron Age house - called a 'crannog' - is built of reeds and is perched on wooden stilts on the edge of Loch Tay by Kenmore. It is open to visitors throughout the year.

**H** Who was *Mrs Brown* in the eponymous film starring Billy Connolly and Judi Dench?  
a. Glasgow housewife b. gangster's moll c. Queen Victoria

**N** Which well known family firm is based in Fochabers, Moray?  
a. McVities b. Campbells c. Baxters

**C** What is the 'Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh'?  
a. Scottish song b. Scottish tree c. Scottish dance

**M** Which of the following songs did a Scot compose?  
a. 'Waltzing Matilda' b. 'Country Roads' c. 'La Marseillaise'

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Which of the following songs did a Scot compose?

a. 'Waltzing Matilda'

Written by Banjo Paterson, 'Waltzing Matilda' is one of Australia's most popular folk songs and is thought by many to have been based on the Scottish song 'Thou Bonnie Wood of Craigielea' written by Scotsman Robert Tannahill in 1805.

**H** What was David Rizzio, (Mary, Queen of Scots' Italian secretary) first employed as?  
a. bodyguard b. jester c. singer

**N** Which bird is commonly referred to as the 'sea parrot'?  
a. seagull b. gannet c. puffin

EXP

**C** What was the name of Robert Louis Stevenson's American-born wife?  
a. Fanny Hill b. Frances Hodgson Burnett c. Fanny Osbourne

**M** What are 'the bells'?  
a. Hogmanay New Year Celebration b. Easter Celebration  
c. Christmas Celebration

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Which bird is commonly referred to as the 'sea parrot'?

c. puffin

Around one million puffins a year fly in from the oceans to settle and breed over the spring and summer period around the Scottish coast before disappearing back out to the oceans. Huge puffin colonies are found in places such as St Kilda, Staffa and the Isle of May.

**H** A member of which Scottish family reputedly blew £4 million in gambling and sired 398 illegitimate children?  
a. Argyll b. Fraser c. Gordon-Lennox

**N** What in Shetland is 'reestit mutton'?  
a. cheese b. type of oatcake c. salt-cured sheep

**C** Where is the 'Scottish Poetry Library'?  
a. Glasgow University b. Orkney c. Edinburgh

EXP

**M** How many First Ministers were there in the first four years of the new Scottish Parliament?  
a. one b. three c. five

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Where is the 'Scottish Poetry Library'?

c. Edinburgh

The 'Scottish Poetry Library' is located off the Canongate in Edinburgh and forms part of the redevelopment area close to the new Scottish Parliament. It houses a unique collection of poetry from all over the world and events take place throughout the year.

**H** What was removed from the Greek Parthenon by Thomas Bruce?  
a. Stone of Destiny b. statue of Alexander the Great  
c. Elgin Marbles

**N** What is kept at 'Shabbellie House' near Dumfries?  
a. Scotland's national costume collection b. old junk  
c. Robert Burns' poems

EXP

**C** Who won the Grammy Award for best female singer in 1996?  
a. Sheena Easton b. Shirley Manson c. Annie Lennox

**M** Who is the Earl of Carrick better known as?  
a. Duke of Atholl b. First Minister c. Prince Charles

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What is kept at 'Shabbellie House' near Dumfries?

a. Scotland's national costume collection

'Shabbellie House' is the home of many fascinating items of fashion and clothing from down the centuries and is part of the collections of the Museums of Scotland.

**H** What caused the Royal Oak battleship to sink in Scapa Flow in 1939?  
a. rocks b. German U boats c. bomb

**N** What is unusual about a 'dry stane dyke'?  
a. made without mortar b. made of wood c. covered in moss

**C** What was James Leslie Mitchell's pen name as a writer?  
a. Hugh MacDiarmid b. Lewis Grassic Gibbon c. Iain M Banks

EXP

**M** Which hotel, still going strong, opened in 1924?  
a. Gleneagles b. Balmoral c. One Devonshire Gardens

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What was James Leslie Mitchell's pen name as a writer?

b. Lewis Grassic Gibbon

Mitchell's short life (1901-35) was spent in Arbutnott and Welwyn Garden City in England. His outstanding trilogy about life in the north east of Scotland *A Scots Quair* consists of the novels *Sunset Song*, *Cloud Howe* and *Grey Granite*. He also wrote about the life of Mungo Park.

**H** Which sporting event between Scotland and England first took place in 1599?  
a. football match b. rugby match c. golf match

**N** What is 'Jarlshof' on Sumburgh, Shetland?  
a. local brewery b. archaeological site c. woollen mill

EXP

**C** Who starred in the 1954 film *Brigadoon*?  
a. Frank Sinatra b. Burt Lancaster c. Gene Kelly

**M** Where is 'Talisker' whisky produced?  
a. Skye b.Islay c. Jura

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What is 'Jarlshof' on Sumburgh, Shetland?

b. archaeological site

'Jarlshof' is some 25 miles from Lerwick and is one of the most comprehensive archaeological sites in Scotland, with relics and exhibits from the Stone Age through to the Viking period and medieval Scotland.

**H** In 1862, John McDougall Stuart became the first man to cross which country from north to south?  
a. Chile b. Canada c. Australia

**N** Near which town is the French-named 'Chatelherault Country Park'?  
a. Falkland b. Hamilton c. Bon Accord

**C** What was the 'Scotchchronicon'?  
a. early timekeeping device b. early hospital  
c. history of Scotland in Latin

**M** On what hour every day except Sunday is a single shot fired from a cannon at Edinburgh Castle?  
a. noon b. one o'clock c. five o'clock

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At what hour every day except Sunday is a single shot fired from a cannon at Edinburgh Castle?

b. one o'clock

The tradition dates back to the late 19th century when a time-ball on Nelson's Monument, Calton Hill was dropped at one o'clock to allow sailors in the Forth to rest their chronometers accurately. However, sometimes sailors were unable to see the time-ball in foggy weather so a gun was fired simultaneously. The gun shot can be heard up to two miles away.



**H** Whose sons were called Robin Oig and James Mor?  
a. Ossian b. Macbeth c. **Rob Roy**

**N** Beside which loch stands the ruins of Castle Urquhart?  
a. **Loch Ness** b. Loch Tay c. Loch Fyne

**C** What does the old Scots word 'couthie' mean?  
a. **friendly and agreeable** b. hungry and thirsty  
c. bad-tempered and rude

**M** What was the original predicted cost of building the new Scottish Parliament?  
a. **£40 million** b. £240 million c. £340 million  
**EXP**

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What was the original predicted cost of building the new Scottish Parliament?

a. **£40 million**

The escalating cost of building the new Scottish Parliament for the country's newly devolved government was a major source of controversy. The building was originally estimated to cost £40 million, but by the time of completion in 2004 that figure had risen over ten-fold.

**H** Which African river was explored and charted by Captain Hugh Clapperton?  
a. Nile b. Zambezi c. **Niger**

**N** In what area does Oban lie?  
a. Speyside b. **Argyll** c. Highland and Islands

**C** When was the National Bard, Robert Burns, born?  
a. **25th January** b. 25th June c. 25th November  
**EXP**

**M** When did Tibet's spiritual leader, the 'Dalai Lama', make a historic visit to Scotland?  
a. 1974 b. 1994 c. **2004**

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When was the National Bard, Robert Burns, born?

a. **25th January**

Robert Burns was born in 1959 and died in 1796. Also known as Rabbie Burns, he changed his surname from Burns to Burns in 1786. Scots worldwide celebrate his birthday on 25th January at a 'Burns Supper' with toasts, songs and poems and a recital of 'To a Haggis'.

**H** Which medieval alchemist and wizard was included in Dante's 'Inferno' as one of the damned?  
a. Major Thomas Weir b. **Michael Scott** c. Angus Saruman

**N** In the Highlands, the road from Gairloch to Poolewe (A832), is also known as what?  
a. Road to Perdition b. Quality Street c. **Destitution Road**

**C** Who was known as the 'Ettrick Shepherd'?  
a. **James Hogg** b. Allan Ramsay c. Sir Walter Scott  
**EXP**

**M** Lord Mackenzie Stuart achieved Scottish legal history in the 1970s for what?  
a. conducting an inquiry into crofts b. **first Scottish judge in European Court** c. first Scottish judge to address Congress  
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Who was known as the 'Ettrick Shepherd'?

a. **James Hogg**

James Hogg became one of Scotland's most important writers of the 19th century when he moved to Edinburgh in 1810, having been a shepherd at Ettrick in the Scottish Borders.

**H** Whose famous slogan was 'Commerce and Christianity'?  
a. John Knox b. Tony Blair c. **David Livingstone**

**N** Which castle is owned by the Earl of Strathmore?  
a. Dunvegan Castle b. Skibo Castle c. **Glamis Castle**  
**EXP**

**C** What Shakespearean play is known as the 'Scottish play'?  
a. *King Lear* b. **Macbeth** c. *Hamlet*

**M** What brand name is associated with Red and Black label Scotch whisky?  
a. William Grant b. **Johnnie Walker** c. Bells

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Which castle is owned by Earl of Strathmore?

c. **Glamis Castle**

Glamis Castle near Forfar in Angus, is a grand baronial affair with more pointed turrets than any fairy-tale princess could ask for. It has become famous for being the childhood home of the late Queen Mother.

**H** Who wrote his way out of impending bankruptcy?  
a. Robert Louis Stevenson b. JM Barrie c. **Sir Walter Scott**

**N** When fully grown, roughly how tall is a Shetland pony?  
a. **3 feet 6 inches** b. 4 feet c. 4 feet 6 inches

**C** To pursue deer with a rifle is called what?  
a. deer hunting b. **deer stalking** c. deer  
**EXP**

**M** What is the North Sea's largest crude oil producing field?  
a. **Forties** b. Brent c. Piper

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To pursue deer with a rifle is called what?

b. **deer stalking**

Deer stalking has been a popular sport in the Highlands since the mid 19th century. It involves a day on the hills, crawling and walking to get within range of a red deer to kill it cleanly with a single shot.

**H** Where were Spanish troops defeated in the Jacobite rising of 1719?  
a. Lamancha b. Fort George c. **Glen Shiel**  
**EXP**

**N** Which city is famous for its granite and its oil?  
a. Dundee b. Inverness c. **Aberdeen**

**C** What is a 'bawbee'?  
a. animal b. fruit c. **coin**

**M** Which company pioneered the brewing of lager in Scotland?  
a. **Tennents** b. McEwans c. Budweiser

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Where were the Spanish troops defeated in the Jacobite rising of 1719?

c. **Glen Shiel**

The Jacobites had formed an alliance with the Spaniards to fight against the British Government forces and together with the Jacobites the Spaniards fought at the battle of Glen Shiel. The Spaniards surrendered a few hours after the start of the battle and were imprisoned, but eventually allowed to return to Spain.

**H** Which clan name comes from the Gaelic for 'son of the carpenter'?  
a. MacNail b. MacWood c. **MacIntyre**

**N** In heraldry, what are 'tinctures'?  
a. tartan setts b. **metals, colours and furs** c. stars and moon

**C** What does the word 'haiver' mean?  
a. **to talk foolishly** b. to talk all the time c. to talk in rhyme

**M** What was transported by car up Edinburgh's Royal Mile after centuries in London?  
a. crown jewels of Scotland b. body of King James VI  
c. **Stone of Destiny**  
**EXP**

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What was transported by car up Edinburgh's Royal Mile after centuries in London?

c. **Stone of Destiny**

The Stone of Destiny, on which Scottish monarchs were crowned, lay for centuries in Westminster Abbey before being returned in a symbolic gesture to Edinburgh in 1996, ahead of the planned devolution to Scotland of its Parliament.

**H** Who pioneered the use of quinine as a cure for malaria?  
a. Norman Grist b. **George Cleghorn** c. Sir Charles Bell

**N** How long is the Skye Road Bridge?  
a. **1,705 feet** b. 2,705 feet c. 4,705 feet

**C** What does the term 'whillie-wa' mean?  
a. to whistle b. to tell a lie c. **to procrastinate**

**M** Which performer's tombstone bears the epitaph, 'I told you I was ill'?  
a. Sir Harry Lauder b. Rikki Fulton c. **Spike Milligan**  
**EXP**

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Which performer's tombstone bears the epitaph, in Gaelic, 'I told you I was ill'?

c. **Spike Milligan**

Spike Milligan was a comedian renowned for his spontaneous and chaotic humour. He had always joked that this would be his final message to the world and although the line caused controversy amongst his family and friends, it was eventually added to his tombstone two years after his death in 2002.



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**PLAYER/TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Just write down your answers a, b or c, mark them correct or wrong at the end of the round and total up the correct answers to see who is the winner!

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