



Quirky Quiz Questions

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French

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1 Introduction

Quirky Quiz Questions is a fun, motivating and adaptable resource. It is designed to improve the language learning skills of listening, speaking and reading, and offers a variety of revision and consolidation activities. These revisit familiar topics in different ways, and provide a natural way of encouraging the practice of question forms.

The Questions

These include different types of multiple-choice questions and answers:

- some words look alike
- some words sound alike
- some questions include funny alternatives
- the questions are based on common topic areas
- many are based on examination-type questions
- they target the average to higher ability learner - age 11 upwards
- they can be amended for lower ability learners

The resource has been revised, by popular request, to provide four options in line with popular TV game show quizzes.

Preparation:

- select question sheets
- or select individual question cards and paste up onto template
- print onto card
- (if wished, cover with plastic) then cut into card sets or keep as A4 sheets

Then, check that the learners are familiar with:

- the question types
- the style of multiple choice answers
- the letters a... b... c... d... This way learners still wary of pronouncing a whole word or phrase can answer using the appropriate letter instead.

Next:

- the quizzes can be run in a variety of ways along the lines of common parlour games or various TV quiz shows.
- establish individual quiz groups with a quizmaster and contestants or
- be the quizmaster yourself and run the quiz as a whole class activity
- the quizmaster gives points to the first team or contestant to answer
- or a time limit is set for a contestant to answer
- or the quizmaster asks each side in turn: if wrong, the question passes to the other side
- award 2 points for a correct answer, award 1 if the question is passed over.

Finally:

- debrief: what did you think the question meant? what did it actually mean?
- award a bonus point to those who can explain their choice of an alternative answer.

To make it easier:

- choose cards with short questions and answers so that the learners haven't forgotten the question by the time they have heard the last answer!
- amend some of the possible answers to ones which are glaringly obvious!
- reduce to two or three options.
- offer options (des jokers) in line with the TV quiz show, e.g. le cinquante-cinquante/l'appel à un ami/l'avis du public.

Also:

- learners can make up their own sets of questions, using the blank template.

Reading activities:

- the question sheets can also be used as regarding materials, using the second version of each quiz page without the correct answer being underlined.

A Les contraires

A1

Les contraires



Le contraire de bas, c'est...

a. chaud

c. haut



b. long

d. riche

A2

Les contraires



Le contraire de heureux, c'est...

a. joli

c. petit

b. méchant

d. malheureux



A3

Les contraires



Le contraire du bruit, c'est...

a. la folie

c. la sieste

b. le silence

d. le soleil



A4

Les contraires



Le contraire de court, c'est...

a. long

c. lent

b. gros

d. large



A5

Les contraires



Le contraire de debout, c'est...

a. dernier

c. début

b. assis

d. assez



A6

Les contraires



Le contraire du début, c'est...

a. la fin

c. la vieille

b. le milieu

d. la ferme



A7

Les contraires



Le contraire de premier, c'est...

a. deuxième

c. second

b. ministre

d. dernier



A8

Les contraires



Le contraire de devant, c'est...

a. dessous

c. dessus

b. derrière

d. dernier



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c. tout droit

b. à gauche ✓

d. maladroit

A10

Les contraires



Le contraire de large, c'est...

a. étroit ✓

c. étrange

b. mince

d. grand

A11

Les contraires



Le contraire de faux, c'est...

a. cher

c. permis

b. vert

d. vrai ✓

A12

Les contraires



Le contraire du futur, c'est...

a. le présent

c. le passé ✓

b. l'âge

d. l'avenir

A13

Les contraires



Le contraire de gros, c'est...

a. moyen

c. gras

b. poli

d. mince ✓

A14

Les contraires



Le contraire de honnête, c'est...

a. vrai

c. malhonnête ✓

b. bête

d. maladroit

A15

Les contraires



Le contraire de correct, c'est...

a. méchant

c. impoli

b. mauvais

d. faux ✓

A16

Les contraires



Le contraire de jeune, c'est...

a. vert

c. vieux ✓

b. vertigineux

d. triste

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