

QI: wrong answers

Before you watch

1 Use the words to complete the sentences about *QI*.

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- 1 *QI* is a British television general knowledge comedy quiz show. The letters QI stand for Quite _____.
- 2 The questions in *QI* are very difficult to answer because they are usually very _____.
- 3 One section of the programme is dedicated to questions that have obvious but wrong answers. It's called General _____.
- 4 The programme is presented by the actor, writer and comedian, Stephen Fry. In January 2010 Stephen had 1,300,775 followers on _____.
- 5 In the programme, four people (panellists) try to answer questions. When a panellist wants to answer a question, he or she presses a _____.
- 6 In English, an answer that is very wrong is sometimes called a _____.

2 Put the words in the correct order to form questions.

- 1 to circumnavigate / man / the first / Who was / the globe ?
- 2 of the helicopter / the nationality / of the inventor / What was ?
- 3 for a / you get / What do / long time / if you / suck your pencil ?

3 Choose the correct answer to each of the questions in exercise 2.

- 1
 - a Ferdinand Magellan
 - b Juan Sebastian del Cano
 - c Christopher Columbus
- 2
 - a British
 - b Italian
 - c Chinese
- 3
 - a lead poisoning
 - b nothing
 - c a headache

While you watch

4 Watch the video and check your answers to exercises 2 and 3.

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5 Watch again and complete Stephen's words.

1 'Magellan was killed in the Philippines halfway round. He never finished. His _____ was the first to.'

2 'The first known helicopter was a popular _____ called the Bamboo Dragonfly which could fly 25 feet vertically up into the air.'

3 'I think the nation that really lays claim to inventing the first modern helicopter ... is in fact the _____.'

4 'There is no lead in a pencil. It's _____ lead but it has no Pb in it, no element... It's pure graphite.'

6 The panellists' buzzers have different sounds. Which of these sounds do you hear?

- a a modern train horn
- b a phone ring
- c a steam train whistle
- d a car horn
- e a doorbell
- f an elephant call

After you watch

7 Write three questions for a general knowledge quiz. Try to think of questions that your classmates will give wrong answers to.

8 Ask your questions to the rest of the class.

9 Do you ever watch quiz shows on television? Describe your favourite quiz show to another student. Do they know the show?

Glossary

buzzer (*noun*) - a button that makes a noise when you press it

circumnavigate (*verb*) - to sail or fly completely around

element (*noun*) - a substance that consists of only one type of atom

lay claim to (*phrase*) - to say something belongs to you

lead (*noun*) - a type of metal

lead poisoning (*noun*) - illness when lead is absorbed into the body

obscure (*adjective*) - not well-known

obvious (*adjective*) - clear

panellist (*noun*) - member of a panel of people

suck (*verb*) - to put something in your mouth against your tongue

Twitter™ (*name*) - a social networking Internet site