

Writers guidelines for the Q Quiz

Introduction

1. Each question will be 90 characters long including spaces EXCEPT for those in the true/false which are 70 characters long.
2. All answers (except for true/false) will be up to 30 characters long and for all the questions except the true/false we will need four answers - the last one should not be silly just to fill a gap. It needs to be up to the same standard.
3. Pictures to be 200x200 pixels, 72 dpi and bitmaps. These will be sourced from Q and through their affiliates.
4. The questions will be 75% (or so) 1996 onwards, 25% before 1996. This shouldn't be such a worry, the sub-categories will reflect that so you can't (or shouldn't) write anything else.
5. All should be inputted into ConMan in the same order as usual. If the answers false, then the first entry is 'false', then 'true'. If you need to put answers in the correct order then the first will be the earliest, second the next and so on.
6. We will provide a list of which bands/groups/singers are in, which are out and which to only include only if we're taking the mickey.
7. There will be five difficulty levels – Inspirational (very easy), Easy, Medium, Hard and Game Stopper. In use, easy, medium and hard will tend towards medium.

A quick footballing sample using the same four answers: Middlesbrough, Arsenal, Chelsea and Tottenham

V Easy – Which of these football teams begins with the letter M?

Easy – Which of these football teams does not come from London?

Medium – Which of these football teams has never won the FA Cup?

Hard – Which of these teams was the last to appear in both the FA and League Cup finals in the same season?

Gamestopper – Which of these teams were formed in 1875?

All have the same right answer (Middlesbrough) and same wrong answers - those aren't variables – the questions themselves are.

Categories

TRUE OR FALSE – Two answers to be written (true/false) 1000 questions

Eyewitness 300

AKA 300

Q Said/Statement of Intent 400

PLACE IN RIGHT ORDER Four answers to be written, three to go up (All four are correct, have to get chronology/numbers in right order) 1000 questions

Listomania (Albums) 400

Singles Club (Singles) 300

Running Order (Artists) 300

PICTURE ROUNDS Four answers to be written (simply multiple choice, three answers, one picture) 1000 questions

Pop Art (Record Covers) 400

Picture This 500

Where Its At? 100

MULTIPLE Four answers to be written (as usual three will be shown, one correct) 2000 questions

Where Are They Now? 100

Odd One Out 300

Quote/Unquote 300

Culture300

Their Time Is Now 200

Classic Albums 300

Three Minute Heroes 200

Q Reviews 300

In Detail

True/False:

True or false rounds will be the fastest question rounds, with a short timer and low character counts to enable this.

Timer: 7 seconds

Question character limit: 70 chars

Answer: limited to 'True' or 'False'

True or false rounds:

- "Eye Witness" - A 'believe it or not' round
- "A.K.A." - Round based on bands' previous names, artists' previous names, band spin-offs and famous & not so famous stage names can also include artists previous band members etc. – recommended reading to include Pete Frame's 'Rock Family Trees'
- "Q Said" – Based upon the news as reported by Q but not limited to that – statements about pop/rock stars can be included.

Place in correct order:

These rounds will require the player to identify the correct order of three items (numerical, chronological etc.). The player must click on the 3 items in the order identified in the question.

Timer: 12 seconds

Question character limit: 90 chars

Answer character limit: 3 answers each 30 chars max.

- "Listomania" - General questions
- "Singles Club" - Questions based upon singles
- "Running order" - Questions based upon artists

Picture round:

Similar to the standard multiple choice rounds with the addition of a picture that the question can reference.

Timer: 9 seconds

Picture: approx 200x200 pixels

Question character limit: 90 chars

Answer character limit: 3 answers each 30 chars max.

- "Pop art" - Identify the album cover, pop poster etc. – could include close up sections of album covers, blurred or mosaic images of album covers etc.
- "Where It's At?" - Identify the location/focus of a famous music photo/poster/album cover– e.g. Abbey Road
- "Picture This"- a pot luck style picture-based round

Multiple choice:

- "Odd man out" – worded so that it has a definitive correct answer, eg. "Which of these artists cannot read sheet music?"
- "Where Are They Now?"
- "Quote-Unquote" - The quotes round, that could be text or picture based.
- "Culture" - Books and films with a music slant (Rockumentaries, biographies etc.)
- "Their Time Is Now" – Questions from the last 12 months
- "Classic Albums" - Classic albums of the last 50 years (ie. a decades-type category).
- "Three Minute Heroes" - A round dedicated to one-hit wonders
- "Q Review" - Quotes from reviews and questions

Categories In Detail

Category	Sub-Category	Source	Type of Questions
Eyewitness	2001	Q	True/False
	2000		TF
	1999		TF
	1998		TF
	1997		TF
	1996		TF
AKA	1990s	Pete Frame and Q	TF
	1990s		TF
	1980s		TF
	1980s		TF
	1960/70s		TF
	1960/70s		TF
Q Said	2001	Q	TF
	2000		TF
	1999		TF
	1998		TF
	1997		TF
	1994-96		TF
	1991-93		TF
	1986-90		TF
Listomania	100 Best Albums	Q website +	Place In Right Order
	50 BOTY 2000/01	Guinness Albums	PIRO
	50 BOTY 1998/99		PIRO
	50 BOTY 1996/97		PIRO
	Album Order 96-01		PIRO
	Album Order All		PIRO
	Album Chart Pos		PIRO
Number of Albums		PIRO	
Singles Club	1999-2001	Guinness Singles	PIRO
	1996-98		PIRO
	1990-1995		PIRO
	1980s		PIRO
	1970s		PIRO
	1960s		PIRO
Running Order	Gigs/Events	Rock Encyclopedia	PIRO
	Births		PIRO
	Deaths		PIRO
	Genres		PIRO
	TV Shows		PIRO
	Band Events		PIRO

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Pop Art	2000s	Website/Q Arch.	Picture
	1996-2000		PICT
	1996-2000		PICT
	1991-1995		PICT
	1986-90		PICT
	1981-85		PICT
	1971-80		PICT
	1961-70		PICT
Picture This	Blokes	Q Archive	PICT
	Blokes		PICT
	Blokes		PICT
	Birds		PICT
	Birds		PICT
	Birds		PICT
	Groups		PICT
	Groups		PICT
Where It's At?	Locations	Websites/Q Arch.	PICT
	Locations		PICT
Where Are They Now?	Where Are They	Q	Multiple choice
	Now as in Q		MC
Odd Man Out	Groups	All books	MC
	Blokes		MC
	Birds		MC
	Genres		MC
	Years		MC
	Instruments		MC
Quote/Unquote	2001	Q	MC
	2000		MC
	1999		MC
	1998		MC
	1997		MC
	1996		MC
Culture	Films	Websites	MC
	Films		MC
	TV		MC
	TV		MC
	Books		MC
	Books		MC
The Time Is Now	Blokes	2001 Qs	MC
	Birds		MC
	Bands		MC
	DJs		MC

Category	Sub-Category	Number of Qs	Type of Questions
Classic Albums	1990s	Q Website	MC
	1990s	100 Best Albums +	MC
	1980s	50 Best of the Year	MC
	1980s		MC
	1970s		MC
	1970s		MC
	1960s		MC
	1960s		MC
3 Minute Heroes	Blokes	Guinness Singles	MC
	Birds		MC
	Bands		MC
	Bands		MC
Q Reviews	1999-2001	Q	MC
	1996-1998		MC
	1991-1995		MC
	1986-1990		MC