

**NPR Ask Me Another Contestant Test
Season 2**

Name:

How do you pronounce your name?
(ie. "Benedict Cumberbatch" = Ben-eh-DIKT Cum-burr-BATSH)

Email:

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City, State:

We know this quiz isn't easy; it's not supposed to be! But relax, you don't have to get all the answers right to get on our air. We're more interested in how your mind works. There's no penalty for guessing, partial answers are okay and funny/clever answers will get you far. So please enjoy the quiz, demonstrate your braininess, and show us your sense of humor.

This quiz is done entirely on the honor system, since you can obviously find the answers to nearly all of these questions on the Internet. Really, if we think you know more than you really do, it'll only end poorly on national radio, so please, no cheating.

Once you're done, send it back to askmeanother@npr.org. The subject line of your email should contain your name, the words "Contestant Quiz" and your preferred show date (if you have one). For example: **Benedict Cumberbatch - Contestant Quiz - Nov. 12**

Good luck!

Before we get to the questions, please assess your expertise/comfort level with the following subjects on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being complete lack of knowledge, and 10 being deity-like knowledge. This is just to help us get to know you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> television | <input type="checkbox"/> current music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> movies | <input type="checkbox"/> music over 25 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> geography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drama | <input type="checkbox"/> politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> musicals | <input type="checkbox"/> celebrity/pop culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> science | <input type="checkbox"/> consumer brands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. history | <input type="checkbox"/> crossword puzzles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> world history | <input type="checkbox"/> word games |

AND NOW, ON TO THE QUIZ...

1. What television anchor's daughter is one of the stars of the HBO series "Girls"?
2. What classic film is believed to be the first to show a toilet flushing?
3. To get his first wife to grant him a divorce, Albert Einstein had to promise her what?
4. In the children's book series, how much did Encyclopedia Brown charge for his services?

5. The following names are missing some letters – specifically, all of the letters in the first half of the alphabet, from A to M. So for example, the phrase __ TY P_RRY would be “Katy Perry.” Fill in the rest.

__ _ _ P _ _ _ _ O P R _ (Author)

_ N _ _ _ _ _ _ R _ _ _ (Current world leader)

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ R R Y (Actress)

_ _ _ _ _ Y _ O R _ _ N (Rock musician)

S _ _ _ _ _ _ Y _ _ (Actress)

T _ R R Y _ _ _ _ _ _ _ N (Author)

_ _ N R _ T _ _ R (TV Anchor)

_ _ V _ _ _ _ N _ _ _ R (Director)

_ _ R _ _ R _ T _ _ O (Comedian)

6. In 2012, Darius Rucker was invited to join country music's Grand Ole Opry. You might know Rucker as the lead singer of what 90s band?

7. Since 1998, Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson have appeared in the same movie a whopping TEN times. Name as many of them as you can.

8. What famous inventor wrote articles for the National Geographic using the pseudonym "H.A. Largelamb"? (HINT: It's an anagram of a way to spell his name.)

9. Both the 1908 novel and 1986 film "A Room With a View" refer to a room with a view of what European city?

10. Name the television show that is associated with these fictional towns.

a) Dillon, Texas _____

b) Sunnydale, California _____

c) Cabot Cove, Maine _____

d) Cicely, Alaska _____

e) Lanford, Illinois _____

f) Pawnee, Indiana _____

g) Bikini Bottom, Pacific Ocean _____

h) Stars Hollow, Connecticut _____

11. What are the names of Michael Jackson's three children?

12. When Fredric Baur died in 2008, his ashes were buried in a container that he invented which you'll find in bodegas and supermarkets everywhere. What kind of container was it?

13. What product is protected by United States patent #4289794, a "Process for Preparing Gasified Candy"?

14. Fill in the blanks with a word that will make a common phrase out of the first pair of words, and a different phrase from the last two. For example, in the clue EGG _____ HOUSE, the word "white" would produce "egg white" and "White House."

English _____ top

Fiscal _____ diving

Second _____ slug

Secret _____ theft

British _____ waist

Vampire _____ retreat

Brand _____ normal

Epic _____ whale

15. Besides humans, there are four genuses (ok, genera) of great apes in the world today. Name them.

16. Who was the last U.S. President who did not attend Harvard or Yale (undergraduate or graduate school), and where did he graduate from?

17. SONG LYRICS! *Fill in the blanks with the correct lyrics. Or if you don't know the answer, something funny. Bonus points if you can name the artist and song title.*

a) Some people call me the space cowboy / Some call me the gangster of love
Some people call me _____ / Cause' I speak of the _____

b) I feel stupid and contagious / Here we are now, entertain us
A mulatto, an albino / a _____, my _____
Yeah

c) I know somebody paying child support for one of his kids /
His baby mama's car and crib is bigger than his /
You will see him on TV any given Sunday /
Win the Super Bowl and _____

d) If you wanna be my lover, you gotta get _____
Make it last forever, _____ never ends
If you wanna be my lover, you have _____,
_____ is too easy, but that's the way it is.

e) It's just another manic Monday / I wish it was Sunday
'Cause that's my _____ / My I don't _____
It's just another Manic Monday

18. A lipogram is a written work in which a particular letter or group of letters is intentionally omitted. For example, Ernest Wright wrote his 1939 novel "Gadsby" without the letter "e"...his book was 50,000 words long! With that in mind, write us a paragraph or two without using the letter "o". Funny, clever, and coherent is worth as much as length; please don't submit more than 200 words.