




# Brian's Infamous and Fiendish BSCC Christmas and Technology Quiz

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- Questions are either Christmas or Technology related
  - Christmas related questions are marked with 
  - Windows 10/11 related questions are marked with 
  - Smartphone related questions are marked with 
- To make it easier, at least three possible answers are given for each question – all you have to do is pick the right one
- Possible answers are generally listed in alphabetical order
- There are 15 questions this year
- Warning: hard questions are at the beginning and then gradually get more difficult!



## Q1

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How many different types of birds are mentioned in this song ?

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A: 40,000 3½-inch floppy disks



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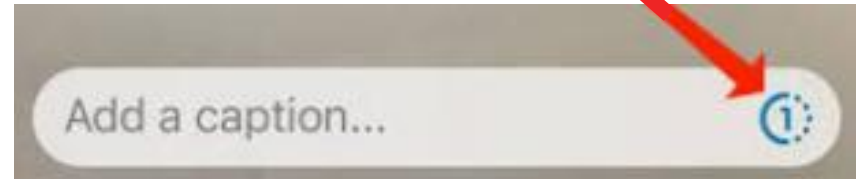


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According to Brandwatch, which was the most followed Twitter account in November 2022?

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## Q6

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The top five 'countries' are listed below alphabetically but which 'country' came top of the table with an average speed of 263Mbps?

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The two most frequently used letters in written English are 'E' followed by 'T'. Which is the third most frequently used?

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## Q9

Although the boy is not named in the book 'The Snowman', in the film what name is he given on his present tag?

A: Jacob

B: James

C: John





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## Q11

Which of these is the most expensive per 100ml unit?

A: Canon Genuine Ink Cartridges PG-545/CL-546 2-pack (1 x black, 1 x colour, each 8ml) from Amazon

B: CHANEL N°5 Eau de Parfum Spray, 50ml from John Lewis

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You have received an email informing you that your TV licence is due for renewal which contains a link. Which of the following is a valid link to the TV Licensing website?

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B: [www.tvlicencing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicencing.co.uk)

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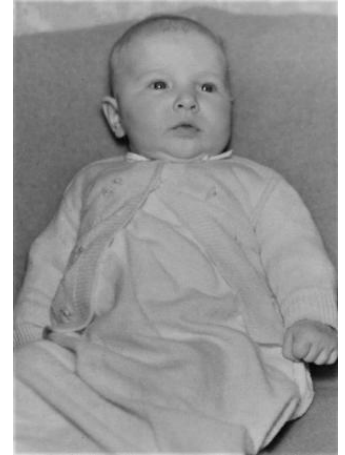
B:



C:



D:





## Answers



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**Answer B: Six**

*On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:  
Twelve drummers drumming, Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing,  
Eight maids a-milking, Seven **swans** a-swimming, Six **geese** a-laying, Five gold rings,  
Four **calling birds**, Three **French hens**, Two **turtledoves** and a **partridge** in a pear tree.*

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### Answer C: 64GB USB flash drive

*The standard 3½-inch floppy disk had a capacity of 1.44MB so it would take nearly 45,000 of them to match the equivalent storage capacity of a 64GB USB flash drive which can be bought today for under £10.*

*A standard DVD has a storage capacity of 4.7GB so it would take 14 of them to match the equivalent storage capacity of a 64GB USB flash drive.*



Q3

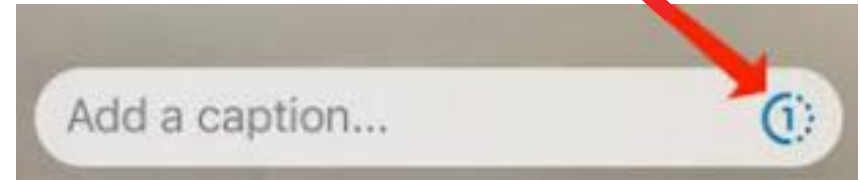


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### Answer C: View Once

You can send a photo or video that will disappear on WhatsApp after the recipient has opened it and exited the media viewer.

Once they exit the media viewer, the media will no longer be visible in that chat and they can't view it again.

View once photos and videos won't be saved to the recipient's Photos or Gallery, and they can't forward them.

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Barack Obama	@BarackObama	133.2m
Elon Musk	@elonmusk	118.1m
Justin Bieber	@justinbieber	113.7m
Katy Perry	@katyperry	108.8m
Rihanna	@rihanna	107.2m
Cristiano Ronaldo	@Cristiano	105.1m
Taylor Swift	@taylorswift13	91.9m
Lady Gaga	@ladygaga	84.9m
Narendra Modi	@narendramodi	84.5m
Ellen DeGeneres	@TheEllenShow	77.0m



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**Answer B: The Scarecrow**

*The second character Dorothy meets is the Tin Man and lastly the Lion.*



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**Answer E: Macau (263Mbps)**

*The second to fifth fastest are:*

2. *Jersey                      257 Mbps*
2. *Iceland :                  216 Mbps*
3. *Liechtenstein : 166Mbps*
5. *Gibraltar:                159Mbps*

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**Answer A: A**

**ETAON RISHD LFCMU GYPWB VKJXZ Q**

*There are three main ways to count letter frequency and they result in very different charts for common letters:*

- *count letter frequency in root words of a dictionary*
- *include all variants when counting such as "abstracts", "abstracted" and "abstracting" and not just the root word of "abstract" which results in letters like 's' appearing more frequently*
- *count letters based on their frequency of use in actual texts which results in letter combinations like 'th' appearing more common due to the frequent use of words like 'the', 'then', 'this' and 'both'. The sequence above is based on this method.*



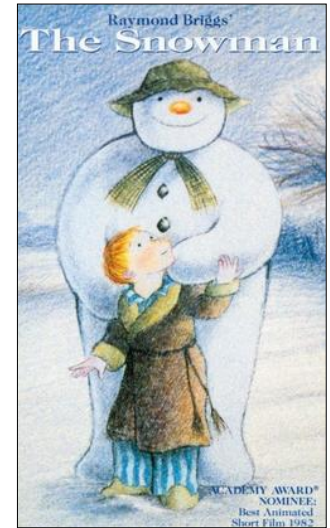
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**Answer B: James**

*The name was added by animator Joanna Harrison as it was her boyfriend's (later her husband) name.*



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**Answer C:** Your location has recently been accessed.

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### Answer A: Canon Genuine Ink Cartridges PG-545/CL-546 2-pack

*Canon Genuine Ink Cartridges PG-545/CL-546 2-pack (1 x black, 1 x colour, 8ml each) was £27.15 at Amazon which works out at £169.69 per 100ml*

*CHANEL N°5 Eau de Parfum Spray, 50ml was £77.35 at John Lewis which works out at £154.70 per 100ml*

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*(Prices on 22 November 2022)*

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### Answer C:

*Images A and B have had one wing removed and image B is facing the wrong way.*



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**Answer A: Lobster**

*Daisy played the 'first' lobster as "... there was more than one lobster present at the birth of Jesus".*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9chdp8izEtk>

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**Answer C: [www.TVLicensing.co.uk](http://www.TVLicensing.co.uk)**

*Websites names are not case dependent so they can be any mix of lowercase and uppercase. Conventionally, they are generally written in lowercase although occasionally uppercase is used to give the name more clarity as in this example.*

*Unlike the USA, in the UK licence when used as a noun is spelt with a 'c' but when used as a verb it is spelt with a 's' on both sides of the Atlantic.*

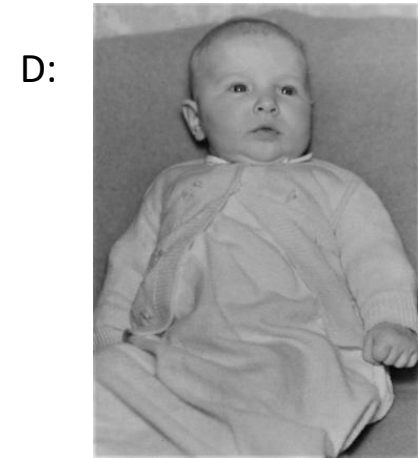
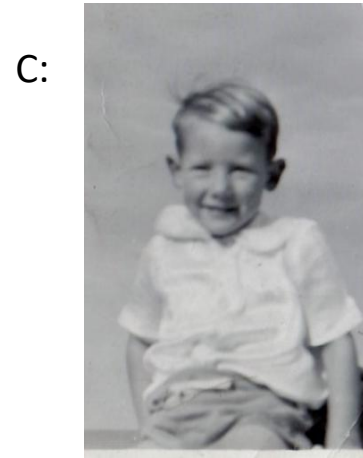
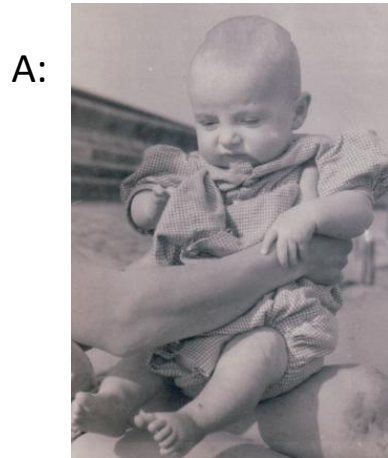
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*[www.tv1licencing.co.uk](http://www.tv1licencing.co.uk) is not a valid website (but could be bought and used one day by a scammer). Notice the '1' made to look like an 'l' by use of a different font.*



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### Answer :

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C: *John*

D: *Sue*

*One point for either 3 or 4 correct answers.*



Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year