

# July Trivia Questions and Answers

## Color Our World

1. **(\$100) In Dutch, it is bruin.**  
What is brown? Bruin is also a folk name for a bear, especially the brown bear.
2. **(\$200) It can precede bull, gate, horde, or rule.**  
What is golden?
3. **(\$400) Jean Harlow was famous for having this silvery shade of blonde hair.**  
What is platinum? The 1930's movie star was known as Hollywood's original "Blonde Bombshell" and "Platinum Blonde," but many others followed. Can you think of other platinum blondes? (Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield, Veronica Lake, Mamie Van Doren, etc.)
4. **(\$600) In names of Crayola colors, this color has preceded "heart," "pizzazz," and "mountain majesty."**  
What is purple?
5. **(\$800) Color television works by blending these 3 primary colors of light.**  
What are red, green, and blue? These 3 colors make up the dots on a color TV screen. When displayed together or in fast succession, these images will blend together to produce a single color as seen by the viewer.
6. **(\$1000) Something producing rainbow-like colors is said to be this, after Iris, goddess of the rainbow.**  
What is iridescent? **Iridescence** can often be seen in soap bubbles, butterfly wings, bird feathers, and shells.

## Fictional Title Characters

7. **(\$100) This boy was "lawless, and vulgar and bad" and Tom Sawyer "was under strict orders not to play with him."**

- Who is Huckleberry Finn? Huck Finn narrates *Adventures of Huck Finn*, the sequel to *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, published in 1884.
8. **(\$200) This detective was modeled in part on Dr. Joseph Bell, one of Arthur Conan Doyle's teachers.**  
Who is Sherlock Holmes? Holmes first appeared in publication in 1887, and was featured in four novels and 56 short stories.
  9. **(\$400) Lewis Carroll based this title girl on a daughter of the dean of Oxford's Christ Church College.**  
Who is Alice? **Charles Lutwidge Dodgson**, better known as Lewis Carroll, attended Christ Church College, and also taught mathematics there for 26 years. In 1856, a new Dean, Henry Liddell, arrived at Christ Church with his family, including his daughter Alice. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* was published in 1865.
  10. **(\$600) This Dickens' juvenile pickpocket is "as roystering and swaggering a young gentleman as ever stood four feet six."**  
Who is Oliver Twist? **Oliver Twist** was Charles Dickens' second novel, first published in 1838.
  11. **(\$800) This Bronte heroine uses the pseudonym Jane Elliott after she flees from Mr. Rochester.**  
Who is Jane Eyre? *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte, was first published in 1847.
  12. **(\$1000) The name of this James Thurber character has become synonymous with a daydreamer.**  
Who is Walter Mitty? James Thurber's short story "**The Secret Life of Walter Mitty**" was published in *The New Yorker* in 1939. It was made into a film of the same name in 1947, starring Danny Kaye.

## "Man" in the Middle

13. **(\$100) The art or skill of writing by hand.**  
What is penmanship?

14. **(\$200) An annual publication chock full of facts and figures.**  
What is almanac?
15. **(\$400) Not temporary.**  
What is permanent?
16. **(\$600) To take apart.**  
What is dismantle?
17. **(\$800) Officially take possession or control of something, especially for military purposes.**  
What is commandeer?
18. **(\$1000) Hellbenders and newts are types of these.**  
What is salamander?

## **TV of the '50s**

19. **(\$100) The 1952 movie *Here Come the Nelsons* served as the pilot for this sitcom.**  
What is *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*? The sitcom ran on television from 1952 to 1966, starring the real-life Nelson family, Ozzie, Harriet, David, and Ricky.
20. **(\$200) In this 1950's sitcom Theodore's classmates at Grant Ave. School included Larry Mondello, Gilbert Bates, and Whitey.**  
What is *Leave it to Beaver*? The show, which was one of the first primetime sitcom series written from a child's point-of-view, debuted in 1957 and ran until 1963. Do you remember the name of Theodore "Beaver" Cleaver's brother? (Wally) How about Wally's friends? (Eddie Haskell and "Lumpy" Rutherford)
21. **(\$400) In the 1950s, Sgt. Friday's partners on this show included Sgt. Ben Romero, Sgt. Ed Jacobs, and Officer Frank Smith.**  
What is *Dragnet*? Perhaps one of the most influential and famous police dramas, *Dragnet* had its first run on TV from 1951 to 1959. It then came back in the '60s, '80s, and had its

last revival from 2003-2004. "Just the facts ma'am" is commonly associated with the show, although Joe Friday actually never said that line. The closest line was, "All we want are the facts, ma'am."

22. **(\$600) In the 1950s, Richard Crenna played Walter Denton on *Our Miss Brooks* and Luke on this successful "rural" comedy.**

What is *The Real McCoys*? The McCoys were a mountain family who moved from the hills of West Virginia to the countryside of California. This was the first "rural" comedy before *The Andy Griffith Show*, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, and *Green Acres* of the '60s. The show ran from 1957 to 1963.

23. **(\$800) His 1950's game shows *Guess Again*, *The Big Surprise*, and *Who Pays?* were 30, not 60, minutes.**

Who is Mike Wallace? Wallace hosted a number of game shows during the 1950s, a common practice for fellow newscasters of the day, such as Walter Cronkite. In 2006, after 37 years with 60 Minutes, Wallace announced his retirement.

24. **(\$1000) This June 2, 1953, royal event was telecast worldwide and filmed in Technicolor.**

What is Queen Elizabeth II's coronation? Queen Elizabeth ascended the throne upon the death of her father, King George VI, in 1952. The coronation took place more than a year after the accession, however, due to the long-standing tradition that a joyous festival such as a coronation was considered inappropriate during the period of mourning.

## And I Quote

25. **(\$100) Bob Hope was quoted as saying this "is my profession. I tell jokes to pay my greens fees."**

26. What is golf? Bob Hope was one of Hollywood's greatest golfers. *The Bob Hope Classic*, part of the PGA Tour's early season, formerly called the Palm Springs Classic, has taken place since the 1960s.

27. **(\$200) In *Notes on Hospitals*, she wrote that the first**

- requirement of a hospital is to "do the sick no harm."**  
Who is Florence Nightingale?
28. **(\$400) He once said, "I have constructed 3,000 different theories in connection with the electric light."**  
Who is Thomas Edison?
29. **(\$600) "I will make you shorter by a head" was one of this Tudor queen's favorite sayings.**  
Who is Elizabeth I?
30. **(\$800) George Bernard Shaw wrote, "A government which does this "to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."**  
What is robs Peter?
31. **(\$1000) John Adams wrote of this 1773 event, "There is a dignity, a majesty...in this last effort of the patriots that I greatly admire."**  
What is the Boston Tea Party?

## **Alphabet Soup**

31. **(\$100) Created in 1958, this agency superseded the NACA, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.**  
What is NASA? Do you know what NASA stands for? (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
32. **(\$200) A cable network, or an explosive.**  
What is TNT?
33. **(\$400) The 2 letters that designated a 33 1/3 rpm record.**  
What is LP? LP stands for long-playing.
34. **(\$600) It's the highest officer of a company, like Michael Eisner was for Disney.**  
What is CEO?
35. **(\$800) Paul Muller won a 1948 Nobel Prize for developing this now widely banned insecticide.**

What is DDT? **Muller** won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery of the use of DDT to control malaria and yellow fever. Use in agriculture grew popular, and negative effects on the environment and human health led to its ban in the U.S. in 1972. However, its limited use in disease control remains controversial today.

36. **(\$1000) In the 1950s, John Foster Dulles was Secretary of State and his brother, Allen, was the director of this.**  
What is the CIA? **Allen Dulles** was the first civilian (non-military) director of the CIA. He also served the longest, from 1953 to 1961.