

The 1980s TRIVIA QUIZ

1. In what year was the iconic smiley face emoticon, :-), created by computer scientist Scott Fahlman? _____
2. In 1985, which famous popular drink made a bold move by introducing a 'new' brand but the public outcry was so immense that they reintroduced the original formula just a few months later? _____
3. What Steven Spielberg film was the highest-grossing film of the 1980s? _____
4. Which 1985 music video pioneered the combination of live-action and pencil-sketch animation? _____
5. Which nuclear disaster took place in the Ukraine in 1986? - _____
7. Who was the 40th President of the United States, serving two terms from 1981 to 1989? _____
8. What band released the album "The Joshua Tree" in 1987? _____
9. Name NASA's space shuttle that tragically exploded shortly after liftoff in 1986. _____
10. What popular toy, featuring a group of small, colourful, and collectible creatures, was first introduced by Mattel in 1982? _____
11. Which American rock band released the album "Appetite for Destruction" in 1987? _____
12. In 1980, the eruption of which volcano in Washington state resulted in the deadliest volcanic disaster in U.S. history? _____
13. What iconic dance move, popularized by one of the 1980s's biggest stars, involved quickly moving your feet in place while moving your arms side to side? _____
14. In 1989, which famous animated character made his debut on the Tracy Ullman Show before getting his own series? _____
15. What popular arcade game, released in 1980, featured a yellow, pie-shaped character that ate dots and was pursued by ghosts? _____
16. Which English musician and former member of the band Genesis released the successful solo album "No Jacket Required" in 1985? _____
17. Which team won the English FA Cup in 1987 for the only time in their history. _____
18. Which famous British Comedian died at Tewksbury in May 1984? _____
19. Which American Athlete won 4 track and field Gold medals at the 1984 Olympic Games. _____
20. What conflict was Britain involved in during the spring of 1982? _____



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ANSWERS

Answers:
1. 1982. 2. Coca Cola. 3. E.T. 1982. 4. 'Aha' 'Take on Me'. 5. Chernobyl. 6. The destruction of the Berlin Wall. 7. Ronald Reagan. 8. U2.
9. Challenger. 10. The Smurfs. 11. Guns 'n' Roses. 12. Mount St. Helens. 13. The Moonwalk. 14. Bart Simpson. 15. Pac-Man. 16. Phil Collins.
17. Coventry City. 18. Eric Morecambe. 19. Carl Lewis. 20. The Falklands conflict
