

# Somerset Youth & Community Service

## Thinking Outside the Box Quiz



1. Is there any law against a man marrying his widow's sister?

2. If you had only one match and entered a cold room that had a kerosene lamp, an oil heater and a wood stove, which would you light first for maximum heat?

3. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark with him during the great flood?

4. How many birthdays does the average man have? And the average woman?

5. According to international law, if an aeroplane should crash on the exact border between two countries, would unidentified survivors be buried in the country they were travelling to, or the country they were travelling from?

6. An archaeologist claims he has dug up a coin that is clearly dated 46BC. Why is the coin a fake?

7. A man builds an ordinary house with four sides, except each side has a Southern exposure. A bear comes to the door and rings the doorbell. What colour is the bear?

8. Some months have 31 days and some have 30. How many have 28?

9. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and add 10.

10. How many sides are there in a circle?

11. How far can a dog run into a wood?

**12.** Chelsea and Leeds each play five games. They each win three games. No ties or disputed games are involved. How come?

**13.** Why can't a man living in Camberley be buried in Aldershot?

**14.** You have two coins totalling 11 pence. One is not a 10 pence piece. What are the two coins?

**15.** How much soil (to the nearest square inch) is in a 2" x 2" x 4" hole?

**16.** If two monkeys sat in the corner of a room and look at two more monkeys in the next corner, and so on until every pair in every corner looks at another pair of monkeys, how many could say that they were looking at other monkeys?

**17.** If you drove a bus leaving Waterloo with 40 passengers, dropped off 5 at Aldwych, picked up 7 at Holburn, dropped off 4 and picked up 6 at St Paul's and then drove to Liverpool Street arriving at 10:30am, what would the driver's name be?

And finally, a brain teaser...

**18.** A detective; Mr Snoop, has been given information that an international drug smuggler Jack Jones is due to land in America on a certain flight from England. Detective Snoop attends the airport to arrest Jack Jones. He has not been given any personal description of Mr Jack Jones.  
On checking the flight information, there are three Mr Jack Jones on the flight. All three people claim on their visas not to have ever been to the USA previously and that they are all there for holiday purposes. Detective Snoop decides to observe all the suspects. On arrival in America after collecting their luggage, suspect one heads straight to the toilets. Suspect two is met by another male of a similar age and is accompanied immediately to an awaiting car outside the airport and suspect three goes into the airport shop and buys a bar of chocolate with the change in his pocket and then leaves the airport.

How does Detective Snoop know who to arrest?

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### Answers

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*There's no law against a man marrying his widow's sister, however to have a widow he would have to be dead!*

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*First of all you'd light the match*

3. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark with him during the great flood?

*Moses took no animals at all. It was Noah who took two of each.*

4. How many birthdays does the average man have? And the average woman?

*The average man has only one birthday as does the average woman. All the rest are anniversaries. In France 'birthdays' are known as 'anniversaries.'*

5. According to international law, if an aeroplane should crash on the exact border between two countries, would unidentified survivors be buried in the country they were travelling to, or the country they were travelling from?

*You can't bury survivors under any law!*

6. An archaeologist claims he has dug up a coin that is clearly dated 46BC. Why is the coin a fake?

*The coin is a fake because BC means 'Before Christ,' and who would have guessed in advance when Christ would be born?*

7. A man builds an ordinary house with four sides, except each side has a Southern exposure. A bear comes to the door and rings the doorbell. What colour is the bear?

*White! The only place you could build a house with four Southern exposures is the North Pole, where every direction is South.*

8. Some months have 31 days and some have 30. How many have 28?

*All months have 28 days.*

9. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and add 10.

*70 (30 / 0.5 = 60. 60 + 10 = 70)*

10. How many sides are there in a circle?

*Two – inside and outside*

**11.** How far can a dog run into a wood?

*Halfway, then it starts to run out again*

**12.** Chelsea and Leeds each play five games. They each win three games. No ties or disputed games are involved. How come?

*Chelsea and Leeds did not play each other for all the games.*

**13.** Why can't a man living in Camberley be buried in Aldershot?

*"Living" – He is still alive.*

**14.** You have two coins totalling 11 pence. One is not a 10 pence piece. What are the two coins?

*A 10 pence piece and a 1 pence piece (ONE was not a 10 pence piece – the other was!)*

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*None – It's a hole!*

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*None – Monkey's cannot speak!*

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*"You" - Your own name*

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How does Detective Snoop know who to arrest?

*Detective Snoop arrests the man who buys a bar of chocolate. All men claim never to have previously been to America; however you cannot get change from Foreign Currency Exchange Bureaus – only notes. The man buys the chocolate with the change in his pocket.*