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# THE GREAT SINGAPORE QUIZ



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# Introduction

Let the games begin.

Welcome to *The Great Singapore Quiz*, a handy yet substantial compendium brimming with a multitude of fascinating and thought-provoking questions to test your grey matter—however you choose to play.

On every page you'll find a quiz of ten questions, each on a different subject. Enough for a challenge and ideal for a 'round' if you want to make the quiz longer.

Each quiz has one question from the following ten categories: Arts and Literature, Food and Drink, Geography, Pop Culture, Sport, History, General Knowledge, Nature, Money and Power and Language. If you prefer to concentrate on questions from one particular category, you can easily pick them out of each quiz.

All questions relate to Singapore so you always have a chance to answer about the place you know and love the best.

Throughout the book we have the pleasure of presenting ten celebrity questioners. They'll each be bringing you a quiz and you can score extra with a special 'bonus' question about them or their activity.

You'll find all the answers in a separate section at the back of the book—so there is no danger of accidentally seeing them while you read the questions.

## Quizzing Suggestions

*The Great Singapore Quiz* is highly versatile—there is no end to the ways in which you can use it:

**Go Solo**

No need for anyone else to ask the questions—why not do some ‘mental push-ups’ with a quiz on the journey to work or during your lunch break? Or keep your quiz book handy to pass the time whenever you’re stuck in a queue.

**One on One**

Do you have a healthy rivalry with a friend? Test whose brain is best by doing the same quiz together. There’s always another quiz if the result is a tie.

**Family**

*The Great Singapore Quiz* provides an ideal opportunity for some family fun. And it is perfect for getting everyone involved too. You can have one quizmaster with everybody answering individually, or you could divide into teams—girls vs. boys, old vs. young, wife’s family vs. husband’s family—and challenge each other.

**Friends**

Quizzes are a fantastic social activity. Whether the venue is a coffee shop, park, barbecue or bar, a great quiz will always get the discussion flowing, sparking laughter and building friendships.

It’s just as important to exercise your mind as it is your body so go on, have a go, enjoy yourself and build up those mental muscles at the same time.

**Roger Bullen**

# Quiz 1

**Arts and Literature:** Which Singapore theatre company staged *Confessions of Three Unmarried Women* (1987), *Block Sale* (1996) and *How Do You Know You're Chinese?* (1998)?

**Food and Drink:** Which company brews Tiger Beer?

**Geography:** Which former hotel, one of the three top hotels in Singapore in the early twentieth century, sat on the corner of Coleman Street and North Bridge Road?

**Pop Culture:** Which was the first cinema in Singapore to screen 'talkies' (films with dialogue) in the early 1930s?

**Sport:** In which sport did Abdul Halim Haron win an Asian Games gold medal despite holding down two jobs as a motorcycle despatch rider and part-time bouncer?

**History:** In which World War II battle in Singapore did Lieutenant Adnan Saidi die a war hero?

**General Knowledge:** Which mosque, located in Dunlop Street, has a large yellow and green sundial design on the front?

**Nature:** Which carnivorous plant drowns and dissolves its victims in a special liquid contained in its cup-shaped leaves?

**Money and Power:** Name the first prime minister of Malaysia.

**Language:** What does the acronym ASEAN stand for?

## Quiz 2

**Arts and Literature:** Which Tamil theatre group has a name meaning 'Theatre of Fire'?

**Food and Drink:** What part of the plant does tapioca come from?

**Geography:** Which Indonesian resort island is just 20 km away from Singapore?

**Pop Culture:** Which black-and-white Malay comedy film, produced by Shaw Brothers, starred P. Ramlee, Aziz Sattar and S. Shamsuddin and was a big hit in 1957?

**Sport:** Which game, of Malay origin, involves moving counters or seeds around holes on a long board in order to collect them in a larger hole at either end of the board?

**History:** What were the Abingdon Tunnels used for during World War II?

**General Knowledge:** What are the 5 Cs every Singaporean is supposed to aspire to?

**Nature:** What is the only Singaporean island on which Red Junglefowl can be found?

**Money and Power:** Who has been Speaker of Parliament since 2002?

**Language:** In 1966 which language policy was introduced into Singapore's education system?

## Quiz 3

**Arts and Literature:** In what year did Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay open?

**Food and Drink:** When frying crabs for dishes such as chilli crab, what colour should the shells turn when properly cooked?

**Geography:** How long is the Singapore River?

**Pop Culture:** What scantily clad entertainment was a popular draw at the Neptune Theatre Restaurant?

**Sport:** Which pool player won medals at six consecutive Southeast Asian Games from 1991 to 2001?

**History:** What was the name of the Japanese military police, much feared during the Occupation?

**General Knowledge:** What is the name of the mosque on South Bridge Road which has octagonal minarets?

**Nature:** What is the head of a monkey troop called?

**Money and Power:** What do Singapore Airlines, SingTel and DBS Bank have in common?

**Language:** 'Oh, mother!' can be expressed in Singlish in what way?