Easy Everyday Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. A weather display says 22 °C. What is it reporting?
   A. Temperature
   B. Wind speed
   C. Rainfall amount
   D. Hours of daylight
   Correct answer: A. Temperature
   Degrees Celsius are used to measure temperature. Rainfall, wind speed, and daylight duration use different units.

2. A map’s north arrow points toward the top of the page. On which side of the page is east?
   A. The top edge
   B. The left side
   C. The right side
   D. The bottom edge
   Correct answer: C. The right side
   When north points up, east is a quarter turn clockwise from north and lies to the right.

3. A painting shows a baker sitting for a likeness. What kind of artwork is it?
   A. A landscape
   B. A portrait
   C. A still life
   D. A street map
   Correct answer: B. A portrait
   The baker is the subject of the painting. An artwork made to represent a person is a portrait.

4. A jar contains two U.S. half-dollar coins. What is their combined face value?
   A. Two dollars
   B. Twenty-five cents
   C. Fifty cents
   D. One dollar
   Correct answer: D. One dollar
   Each half dollar is worth 50 cents. Two of them total 100 cents, or one dollar.

5. A dragonfly is an insect. How many legs does an adult dragonfly have?

A. Four
B. Six
C. Eight
D. Ten

Correct answer: B. Six
Adult insects have six legs. Eight legs are characteristic of spiders and other arachnids.

6. What is the main source of the light you see when you look at the bright part of the Moon?

A. Sunlight reflecting off the Moon
B. Heat glowing from the Moon’s surface
C. Light made inside lunar rocks
D. Streetlights shining upward from Earth

Correct answer: A. Sunlight reflecting off the Moon
The Moon’s sunlit side reflects sunlight. The Moon itself does not produce the visible light we see from Earth.

7. You bought a U.S. First-Class Mail Forever stamp last year. The postage rate has gone up. What happens if you use that unused stamp on a standard one-ounce domestic letter?

A. It is now valid only for postcards.
B. It covers only half the postage.
C. It expired when the rate went up.
D. It still covers the postage.

Correct answer: D. It still covers the postage.
A regular U.S. First-Class Mail Forever stamp keeps its value for the standard one-ounce letter rate when that rate changes.

8. A trail map has small shapes printed beside named places. Where should you look to find what each shape stands for?

A. The north arrow
B. The map’s publication date
C. The map legend
D. The distance scale

Correct answer: C. The map legend
A map legend, also called a key, pairs the symbols with the features they represent.

9. Which combination typically produces the outdoor rainbow you see after a rain shower?

A. Sunlight and water droplets
B. Wind and dry sand
C. Snow and a thermometer
D. Cloud shadows and rocks

Correct answer: A. Sunlight and water droplets
As sunlight enters and leaves water droplets, it bends and separates into colors. Reflection inside droplets helps send that light toward the observer.

10. A ribbon is exactly one meter long. Which label shows that same length in centimeters?

A. 0.1 cm
B. 10 cm
C. 1,000 cm
D. 100 cm

Correct answer: D. 100 cm
One centimeter is one hundredth of a meter. It takes 100 of them to make one meter.

11. On an everyday weather forecast, 0 °C is the freezing point of pure water at ordinary air pressure. Which reading is below that point?

A. 10 °C
B. Positive 2 °C
C. Negative 2 °C
D. 32 °C

Correct answer: C. Negative 2 °C
Negative 2 is two degrees below zero on the Celsius scale. Each of the other readings is above zero.

12. A pitcher holds one liter. You pour in 250 milliliters, then another 750 milliliters. How much space is left if the pitcher started empty?

A. 250 milliliters
B. None. The pitcher is full.
C. 500 milliliters
D. 750 milliliters

Correct answer: B. None. The pitcher is full.
The two pours add up to 1,000 milliliters, which is exactly one liter.

13. A table tennis game played by international rules is tied at 10–10. The same player wins the next two points. What is the winning score?

A. 13–10
B. 11–10
C. 11–11
D. 12–10

Correct answer: D. 12–10
From 10–10, the first player to lead by two points wins. Winning both points makes the score 12–10.

14. You want to watch a full Moon come up near the horizon. At a typical midlatitude location, when should you look?

A. Around sunset
B. Around sunrise
C. Around local noon
D. Around local midnight

Correct answer: A. Around sunset
A full Moon is roughly opposite the Sun in our sky, so it usually rises near sunset. Exact times depend on the date and location.

15. A map legend says 2 centimeters represent 1 kilometer. The straight line between a picnic area and a visitor center measures 6 centimeters on the map. How far apart are those places along that straight line?

A. 6 kilometers
B. 2 kilometers
C. 3 kilometers
D. 12 kilometers

Correct answer: C. 3 kilometers
Each 2-centimeter segment represents 1 kilometer. Six centimeters contain three of those segments, so the straight-line distance is 3 kilometers.