Friends TV Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. In which city is the main group of Friends characters based?
   - A. New York City
   - B. Boston
   - C. Seattle
   - D. Chicago

   Correct answer: A. New York City
   Friends is set in New York City. Its opening coffeehouse scene takes place in Manhattan.

2. Who played Joey Tribbiani on the original Friends TV series?
   - A. David Schwimmer
   - B. Matthew Perry
   - C. Matt LeBlanc
   - D. James Michael Tyler

   Correct answer: C. Matt LeBlanc
   Matt LeBlanc played Joey. The Television Academy credits him with that role in its Emmy nomination records.

3. Which U.S. broadcast network originally carried the sitcom Friends?
   - A. ABC
   - B. NBC
   - C. CBS
   - D. Fox

   Correct answer: B. NBC
   Friends premiered on NBC. The Television Academy records the show’s Emmy entries under that network.

4. Friends reached its 30th anniversary in 2024. In which year did the original sitcom premiere?
   - A. 2004
   - B. 1992
   - C. 1996
   - D. 1994

   Correct answer: D. 1994
   The first episode aired in 1994, thirty years before the 2024 anniversary.

5. Which two of the six main Friends characters are siblings?

A. Monica and Joey
B. Monica and Ross
C. Phoebe and Chandler
D. Rachel and Ross

Correct answer: B. Monica and Ross
Monica is Ross’s sister. Courteney Cox played Monica and David Schwimmer played Ross.

6. In the opening Central Perk scene of the pilot, which character arrives wearing a wedding dress?

A. Rachel
B. Monica
C. Phoebe
D. Janice

Correct answer: A. Rachel
Rachel arrives as a runaway bride. The show’s creators recall how her arrival established the series’ opening situation.

7. Which pop-rock group recorded the Friends theme song, ‘I’ll Be There for You’?

A. The Cranberries
B. Counting Crows
C. Hootie & the Blowfish
D. The Rembrandts

Correct answer: D. The Rembrandts
The Rembrandts recorded the theme. Their label later issued an expanded track for radio.

8. Which pair created Friends and later gave the Television Academy an oral history of how they pitched it?

A. Philip Rosenthal and Ray Romano
B. James Burrows and Greg Grande
C. Marta Kauffman and David Crane
D. Tina Fey and Robert Carlock

Correct answer: C. Marta Kauffman and David Crane
Kauffman and Crane created the series and described pitching it to NBC in their oral history.

9. Warner Bros. identifies Burbank as the location of the original Friends soundstage. Which stage number did the reunion return to?

A. Stage 24
B. Stage 3
C. Stage 8
D. Stage 16

Correct answer: A. Stage 24
The studio announced that the reunion returned the cast to Stage 24, the sitcom’s original soundstage.

10. What role did Christina Applegate play when she won the 2003 guest actress comedy Emmy for Friends?

A. Cecilia
B. Sandra
C. Judy
D. Amy

Correct answer: D. Amy
The Academy names Applegate as Amy in its 2003 guest actress record for the series.

11. The Television Academy’s 2002 comedy series nominees included Friends, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Everybody Loves Raymond, and Will & Grace. Which of those shows won that category that year?

A. Everybody Loves Raymond
B. Curb Your Enthusiasm
C. Friends
D. Will & Grace

Correct answer: C. Friends
Friends won Outstanding Comedy Series in 2002. The other three listed choices were also nominees.

12. A viewer recalls an Emmy winner named Lisa Kudrow and a character named Phoebe. Which description connects the two correctly in the 1998 Friends award records?

A. Kudrow won a directing award for an episode about Phoebe
B. Kudrow won supporting actress in a comedy for playing Phoebe Buffay
C. Kudrow won a guest actress award for playing Phoebe once
D. Kudrow won a lead actress award for playing Monica Geller

Correct answer: B. Kudrow won supporting actress in a comedy for playing Phoebe Buffay
The Academy credits Kudrow with the 1998 supporting actress Emmy for playing Phoebe Buffay.

13. A listing for Friends: The Reunion describes the cast returning to the original soundstage in 2021. What kind of program did the studio announce?

A. A new comedy about the characters in high school
B. A scripted eleventh season
C. A feature-length animated sequel
D. An unscripted reunion of the cast

Correct answer: D. An unscripted reunion of the cast
Warner Bros. promoted the reunion as a real-life unscripted special with the original performers.

14. The 2004 finale, ‘The Last One’, was taped on two January dates. How does the Television Academy describe that episode?

A. The finale was a two-part episode
B. The series used the first date for a pilot remake
C. One date was for the later reunion
D. The two dates mark two different TV seasons

Correct answer: A. The finale was a two-part episode
The Academy describes the finale as a single two-part episode taped on January 16 and 24, 2004.

15. The record label describes a longer radio version of the Friends theme released in 1995. Which release first carried that expanded track on a Rembrandts studio album?

A. The Rembrandts
B. Untitled
C. L.P.
D. Lost Together

Correct answer: C. L.P.
Rhino identifies the group’s third album, L.P., as the release that carried the expanded theme track.