



# Advanced Cultural Quiz

- In what year did Russia class beer as an alcoholic beverage?**
  - 1979
  - 2011
  - 1942
  - 2015s
- What percentage of the world's hazelnuts are used to produce Nutella?**
  - 5%
  - 25%
  - 18%
  - 7%
- What is a Cuban medianoche?**
  - A sandwich
  - A type of rice
  - A coffee
  - Seafood pasta
- To eat a German Weisswurst, or white sausage, like a real Müncher, you must do which of the following?**
  - Eat it in a roll with sauerkraut
  - Dunk it in your beer first
  - Add tomato sauce
  - Suck the sausage out of its casing
- What is the most stolen food in the world?**
  - Truffles
  - Potato chips
  - Cheese
  - Chocolate
- Which food item is an ingredient in dynamite?**
  - Almonds
  - Pistachios
  - Pine nuts
  - Peanuts
- Which ingredient is a popular pizza topping in Brazil?**
  - Peas
  - Prawns
  - Artichokes
  - Corn
- How many languages are currently spoken worldwide?**
  - 10,000
  - 7,000
  - 9,500
  - 6,500
- In which country is selling, importing or spitting out chewing gum illegal?**
  - Japan
  - Malaysia
  - Singapore
  - Vietnam
- Which of the below fruits is classified botanically as a berry?**
  - Banana
  - Strawberry
  - Raspberry
  - Pineapple
- Which animal product is considered an expensive delicacy in China?**
  - Pig blood
  - Chicken feet
  - Bird saliva
  - Cow brain
- Which spread can be turned into diamonds?**
  - Vegemite
  - Peanut Butter
  - Strawberry Jam
  - Honey
- What ingredient is commonly used to create red food colouring or dye?**
  - Crushed beetles
  - Saffron
  - Raspberries
  - Beetroot
- Which fruit was once thought to be poisonous?**
  - Pineapple
  - Banana
  - Tomato
  - Apple

15. How many countries are there in Africa?

- a. 57
- b. 52
- c. 48
- d. 54

16. What is Scotland's national animal?

- a. Unicorn
- b. Dragon
- c. Horse
- d. Loch Ness Monster

17. What is the most linguistically diverse country in the world?

- a. Australia
- b. Papua New Guinea
- c. Solomon Islands
- d. Vanuatu

18. Which statement is a true custom for Bulgarians?

- a. It's considered rude to shake someone's hand
- b. It's considered polite to bow when meeting someone for the first time
- c. Nodding your head means 'No' and shaking your head means 'Yes'
- d. You must always look someone in the eye while toasting a drink

19. How did the 'Pound Cake' get its name?

- a. It weighs a pound
- b. The recipe calls for a pound of each ingredient
- c. It originally cost one pound
- d. It was originally produced by a bakery called 'Pound Bakery'

20. Which condiment was sold as medicine in the 1830s?

- a. Ketchup
- b. Mustard
- c. Mayonnaise
- d. Relish



# Advanced Cultural Quiz answer sheet

- 1. B** - Before 2011, beer and any alcoholic beverage under 10% ABV was classified as a soft drink. It probably goes without saying that this couldn't go on forever and Russia introduced legislation to control and limit the sale of beer to combat the issues of underage drinking and health.
- 2. B** - Nutella has become such a popular brand that 1 in 4 of every hazelnut on this planet becomes a jar of Nutella. The demand for hazelnuts has grown so much that universities are trying to grow them in labs to fight against global shortages.
- 3. A** - A medianoche is a sandwich of roast pork, mustard and dill pickles on egg bread. The sandwich's name means 'midnight' and is so called because of its popularity as a late-night snack.
- 4. D** - Properly eating weisswurst in Munich requires you to first take it out of a bowl of hot water, cut off both ends, dip it in sweet mustard and then suck the sausage out of its casing.
- 5. C** - The most stolen food in the world is in fact cheese. Around 4% of all the cheese made in the world gets stolen.
- 6. D** - Peanuts have oil in them called glycerol that's used to create nitroglycerin, a key ingredient in dynamite.
- 7. A** - One of the most popular pizza toppings in Brazil is green peas.
- 8. D** - There are roughly 6,500 spoken languages in the world today. However, about 2,000 of those languages have fewer than 1,000 speakers.
- 9. C** - In 1992, in an attempt to establish Singapore as an idyllic enclave, Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew introduced a set of stringent laws – like banning chewing gum. The leader believed gum would sully the country's pavement and subway carts.
- 10. A** - Bananas are berries! Strawberries and raspberries aren't really berries in the botanical sense. They are derived from a single flower with more than one ovary, making them an aggregate fruit. True berries are simple fruits stemming from one flower with one ovary and typically have several seeds. Tomatoes fall into this group, as do pomegranates, kiwis and—believe it or not—bananas.
- 11. C** - Bird's nest soup is an expensive delicacy made from rare bird's nests created from the saliva of small swiftlets. The nests, which have been used in Chinese cooking for over four centuries, are dissolved in water to make a soup which is believed to have exquisite flavour and be of benefit to health. These bird nests are considered to be one of the most expensive animal food products consumed by humans.
- 12. B** - Scientists at the Bayerisches Geoinstitut in Germany have discovered that since peanut butter is so rich in carbon, it's possible to turn simple Skippy into diamonds. All you need is to extract the oxygen from the carbon dioxide found in the peanut spread, and then enact immense pressure on the carbon left behind.
- 13. A** - Carmine, also known as carminic acid, is a common red food dye that can be found in Skittles, maraschino cherries, raspberry and strawberry-flavored junk food, and even lipstick. Carminic acid also happens to be made from the crushed carcasses of a beetle known as the *Dactylopius coccus*.
- 14. C** - In 18th century Europe, the tomato was nicknamed "the poison apple," because aristocrats would oftentimes get sick and die after eating them. Little did they know that the explanation had to do with their choice of tableware, not the tomatoes. The high acidity of tomatoes would cause lead to leach from the pewter plates used by rich aristocrats and cause lead poisoning. The aristocrats mis-attributed the issue to the tomato itself.
- 15. D** - There are 54 countries in Africa today, according to the United Nations.
- 16. A** - With Scotland being famed for its love for and long history of myths and legends, it is no surprise that a fabled creature such as the unicorn is Scotland's national animal. Unicorns have been linked to Scotland for centuries. While the animal is mythological, the ideals it represents are what make it a perfect fit as the national animal for Scotland, and because like this proud beast – Scots would fight to remain unconquered.
- 17. B** - Papua New Guinea has a diversity index of 0.990 and is the most linguistically diverse country on earth, as well as the world's most ethnically diverse. There are 852 languages in the country, three times the number of languages spoken in Europa. 840 are still spoken while 12 are extinct.
- 18. C** - You should be careful when nodding to mean "yes" and shaking your head when you mean "no" in Bulgaria, as this is one of the places where the meanings of these gestures are the opposite. Balkan countries such as Albania and Macedonia follow the same head-shaking customs as Bulgaria.
- 19. B** - Pound cake got its name from its original recipe, which called for a pound each of butter, eggs, sugar, and flour.
- 20. A** - In 1834, ketchup was sold as a cure for indigestion by an Ohio physician named John Cook. Tomato ketchup was popularized as a condiment commercially in the late 1800's and today Americans purchase 10 billion ounces of ketchup annually.