

Mostly Harmless Quiz – question bank

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Round	Question	Answer	Bonus Question	Bonus Answer
Sports	How many goals did Big Dave Likely score in the course of his football career?	four		
Sports	How many points are awarded for catching the golden snitch in a game of Quidditch?	150		
Sports	Who is the host of Running Man?	Damon Killian		
Sports	What are participants in the Hunger Games called?	Tributes		
Sports	How many game pieces used inHow many pieces are used in the Cyvasse, a game introduced to Westeros from Volantis?	10	What is the most powerful piece?	The Dragon
Sports	Pyramid is the space-poker game played in Battlestar Galactica, but what shape are the cards?	Hexagons		
Sports	C3PO uttered the famous advice "Let the Wookie win". But what game were R2D2 and Chewwie playing at the time?	Dejarik		
Sports	Ron was a knight, Harry was a Bishop and Hermione was a castle. But what game were the three playing in the first Harry Potter book?	Wizard's Chess		
Sports	What game does David use to convince the NORAD super computer in WarGames that the only winning move is not to play?	Tic-tac-toe/noughts and crosses		
Sports	Bill & Ted go on a Bogus Journey and die. But they get a reprieve from death by beating him (best of three), at which games?	Battleship, Twister, and Cluedo.		
Sports	In Terry Pratchett's Discworld series, the Ankh-Morpork Assassins' Guild play a variation of Chess. What is it called?	Stealth Chess	What is the extra piece	The Assassin

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			used in Stealth Chess?	
Transport	How many parsecs did Hans Solo do the Kessel Run in	Less than 12	What is a parsec a measurement of?	Distance/length
Transport	What drives does the SS Enterprise use for sub light speed travel?	Impulse Drive		
Transport	What did the Little Hairy Man give Tristan to allow him to travel great distances?	A Babylon Candle		
Transport	What's the name Arthur Dent's alien friend gives himself after misidentifying the dominant life form of Earth?	Ford Prefect		
Transport	How many different rebel fighters can you name that appear in the original Star Wars trilogy?	X wing, A wing, B wing and Y wing.		
Transport	Conceived as a 24th-Century "hot rod," the Delta Flyer was the brainchild of which member of the Star Trek Voyager crew?	Tom Paris		
Transport	Who owned the Canterbury in James SA Corey's Leviathan Wakes?	Pur'n'Kleen Water Company		
Transport	Who commissioned the Nauvoo? The generational ship constructed at Tycho Station in Leviathan Wakes?	Mormons		
Transport	What vehicles use to Flynn, Tron and Ram escape into the mainframe in Tron?	Lightcycles		
Transport	How did Granny Weatherwax start her broom?	Bump start/ running start		
Transport	Paul Atreides and his Freman ride into battle in the final act of Frank Herbert's Dune on the backs of giant what?	Sandworms		
Transport	What does TARDIS stand for?	Time and Relative Dimension in Space		

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Geography (GoT)	What is the closest town south of Castle Black?	Mole's Town		
Geography (GoT)	Name as many of the castles on the Wall as you can. One point per correct name, special bonus prize if you can name all 19!	Westwatch-by-the-Bridge, The Shadow Tower, Sentinel Stand, Greyguard, Stonedoor, Hoarfrost Hill, Icemark, The Nightfort, Deep Lake, Queensgate, Castle Black, Oakenshield, Woodswatch-by-the-Pool, Sable Hall, Rimegate, Long Barrow, The Torches, Greenguard,		
Geography (GoT)	Name the three main land masses on the known world	Westeros, Essos, Sothoryos		
Geography (GoT)	Where would the Mountains of the Moon be found?	Vale of Arryn/ The Vale		
Geography (GoT)	Name the starting and ending points of the Kings Road	Castle Black (the Wall) - Storm's End		
Geography (GoT)	What are the Fourteen Flames?	The chain of volcanos where the Valyrian's first found dragons.		
Geography (GoT)	What sea lies to the West of Westeros?	The Sunset Sea		
Geography (GoT)	Where would you find Vaes Dothrak?	In the Dothraki Sea		
Geography (GoT)	What guards the harbour entrance to the city of Bravos?	Titan of Braavos		
Geography (GoT)	What is the capital of the Seven Kingdoms?	Kings Landing		
Geography (GoT)	What castle can be found on the northern shore of the Gods Eye lake?	Harrenhal		
Geography	You're standing on top of Isengard looking East. What is that big group of trees called?	Fangorn Forest		
Geography	You are on the Brass Bridge, what river 'flows' beneath you?	The Ankh River		

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Geography	If there's a bright center to the universe, which planet is farthest from it?	Tattooine		
Geography	The Discworld is supported on the back of a giant what?	Turtle		
Geography	When Mark Watney is stranded on Mars in Andy Weir's The Martian, what is the name of the landing site he needs to get himself to in order to have any chance of rescue?	Schiaparelli crater	Who or what is Schiaparelli?	Giovanni Schiaparelli, Italian astronomer and science historian who first observed and named the seas and continents of Mars
Precious items	What am I? - Made by Mikken the Blacksmith, suitable for a water dance, but you wouldn't use me for sewing...	Needle		
Precious items	What are we? A diary, a ring, a locket, a cup, a diadem and a snake.	Horcruxes		
Precious items	What is Tristan asked to bring back to Victoria Forrester in exchange for a kiss and the pledge of her hand?	The Fallen Star	What is the name of the star?	Yvaine
Precious items	By defeating Acererak in the video game Joust. Parzival is awarded which key to gain the first appearance on the 'scoreboard' and attract worldwide attention. Gold, Silver, Copper or USB?	Copper		
Precious items	The Tales of Beedle the Bard, "The Tale of the Three Brothers" features brothers receiving 'prizes' from Death himself. What are those three items?	The Elder Wand, The Resurrection Stone, The Cloak of Invisibility		
Precious items	What is the item that can be used to rewrite destiny in the Nightwatch & Daywatch books by Sergei Lukyanenko? Is it the Chalk of Fate, the Pen of Premonition or the Quantum Quill?	Chalk of Fate		
Precious items				
Weapons	What is the name of Aragorn's sword?	Andúril	Also known as?	Flame of the West

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Weapons	What is Richard the Seeker's weapon of choice? The Sword of Truth, The Sword of Lies, The Sword of Answers or the Sword of Poetic License?	Sword of Truth		
Weapons	Describe Hermione's wand	10¾", vine, dragon heartstring		
Weapons	What weapon does Chewbacca carry?	A Bowcaster		
Weapons	In the opinion of one Corellian smuggler, hokey religions and ancient weapons are no match for what?	A good blaster at your side		
Weapons	David Gemmell's most famous character, Druss the Legend wielded a formidable battle-axe. What was its name?	Snaga the Sender		
Weapons/Biology	What's the name of the organ that enables girls/women to harness electricity?	The Skein		
Weapons/Drugs	What's the name of the drug that intensifies The Power?	Glitter		
Weapons/Drugs	What causes the global pandemic that wipes out most of the human race?	BlyssPluss		
Weapons	What do Westerosi Pyromancers call Wildfire?	The Substance	What do the lowest circles derisively refer to it as?	pyromancer's piss
Weapons	What can the two sides of the Subtle Knife do?	One can cut through any known matter in the universe, and one which can cut into different worlds		
Weapons	Who is armed with a Lawgiver	Judges/ Judge Dress		
Cannon or not cannon	Who said "... is a merry fellow! Bright Blue his jacket is, and his boots are yellow!"	Tom Bombadi		

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Cannon or not cannon	One of the biggest differences between The Watchmen comic and the movie is the ending. Both feature Ozymandias' master plan to unite the world to fight a common enemy. In the movie this enemy is Doctor Manhattan. Who or what is the common enemy in the com	A giant psychic squid teleported to the center of New York City	Straw poll on whether movie or book ending is better?	
Cannon or not cannon	Who marries Ramsey Bolton in Game of Thrones? And who really marries Ramsey Bolton in A Song of Ice and Fire?	In Game of Thrones it is Sansa Stark. In ASOFAI it is Jeyne Poole whom the Boltons pretend is Arya Stark	Whose idea was it for the wedding between the Boltons and the Starks?	Tywin Lannister
Cannon or not cannon	In the Jurassic Park movie, the T Rex gloriously returns to save the day and the protagonists by seeing off those pesky velociraptors. But who saves the day in the Michael Crichton book?	The Costa Rican military bombs the place. (Points award for military or equiv.)		
Cannon or not cannon	In the movie I Am Legend Will Smith's Robert Neville sacrifices himself for the sake of the human race to protect the cure he made against the 'infected'. But the book has a different darker ending. What is it?	Robert Neville kills himself while awaiting execution at the hands of the new society set up by those he previously saw as 'infected'.		
Cannon or not cannon	Children of Men is set in a dystopic world where, due to a global infertility epidemic, the United Kingdom is the last functioning government. A small group of resistance to this authoritarian rule have come across the first pregnant woman in nearly thirt	The film has a baby girl. The book has a baby boy.		

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Cannon or not cannon	Many Harry Potters fans are peeved that this character never made it into the movies...	Peeves the poltergeist at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.	Supposedly Peeves did make it as far as the cutting room floor. But which actor portrayed him?	Rik Mayall
Quotes	You know nothing Jon Snow	Ygritte		
Quotes	"A towel, it says, is about the most massively useful thing an interstellar hitchhiker can have."	The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy		
Quotes	"My words lied. My eyes and my arm shouted out the truth, but you were not seeing"	Syrio Forel		
Quotes	What was said next: "Big man in a suit of armor. Take that away and what are you?"	A genius billionaire playboy philanthropist.		
Quotes	Who am I? "He hardly ever spoke of magic, and when he did it was like a history lesson and no one could bear to listen to him."	Mr Norrell		
Quotes	"This must be Thursday... I never could get the hang of Thursdays."	Arthur Dent		
Quotes	When I was your age, television was called books. And this is a special book. It was the book my father used to read to me when I was sick, and I used to read it to your father. And today I'm gonna read it to you.	Grandpa	Who played Grandpa in the movie adaptation of The Princess Bride?	Peter Falk (Possible half point for "The guy who played Columbo").
Quotes	Charming, to the last. You don't know how hard I found it, signing the order to terminate your life	Grand Moff Tarkin		

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Quotes				
Quotes	Who was this quote attributed to? "If there's going to be crime, it might as well be organised"	Havelock Vetinari		
Shapeshifters	Professor McGonagall's animagus is a cat. But what type?	Tabby		
Shapeshifters	Name as many of Fitz's bond animals as possible	Nosy, Smithy, Nighteyes, Motely, (Beloved, The Fool, Lady Amber, Lord Golden, Lord Chance.)	What are they?	Nosy is a hound, Smithy is a terrier, Nighteyes is a wolf, Motely is a crow (and Beloved is a white prophet).
Shapeshifters	How many regenerations does an average Timelord have?	13		
Shapeshifters	What event causes Sauron to lose his shapeshifting ability, leaving him stuck in his dark, hideous form?	the sinking of the island of Númenor		
Deaths	What killed Dumbledore?	Snape's killing curse		
Deaths	Han Solo took a lightsaber through the stomach, but what colour was it?	Red		
Deaths	Who killed fencing master Inigo Montoya's father Domingo? Count Rugen, Prince Humperdinck, Dread Pirate Roberts or Fezzik?	Count Rugen		
Deaths	Boba Fett and Jango Fett met very different ends. Can you describe their respective demises?	Han Solo inadvertently fires Boba into the mouth of the Sarlacc inhabiting the Great Pit of Carkoon. Jango is decapitated by Mace Windu		
Deaths	In Harry Potter, Sir Nicholas de Mimsy-Porpington, known after his death as Nearly Headless Nick, the Gryffindor ghost - How many chops did the executioner take before only partially beheading him?	45		

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Deaths	What were Sirius Black's last words before being struck by Bellatrix LeStrange?	"Come on, you can do better than that!"		
Deaths	How much older than the universe itself is Marvin the Paranoid Android when he dies?	37 times older than the universe itself		
Deaths	Before his death, who uttered the famous words: "If you strike me down I shall become more powerful than you can possibly imagine".	Obi-Wan Kenobi (Old Ben Kenobi)		
Deaths	"All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain. Time to die" were the last words of which character in the movie Blade Runner?	Roy Batty		
Deaths	He spent most of the trilogy seeking to regain his "precioussss", and when he finally recovered it how did Gollum meet his end?	Fell into the Cracks of Doom		
Deaths	Baron Vladimir Harkonnen was the main antagonist in the Frank Herbert's book Dune. How did he get his comeuppance?	Poisoned (with a gom jabbar by his own granddaughter)		
Deaths	"I am a leaf on the wind. Watch how I -"	Wash (Serenity)		
Deaths	Which film has the highest known on screen death count?	Guardian's of the Galaxy		
Deaths	Who was first stabbed in the back of the knee by Merry, then finished off by a stab in the face by Éowyn?	Witch-King of Angmar/ The Lord of the Nazgûl		
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Sound of Star Wars	Lightsaber	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		

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Sound of Star Wars	Darth Vader breathing	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
Sound of Star Wars	Light saber turning off	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
Sound of Star Wars	R2D2	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
Sound of Star Wars	Tusken raiders (sand people)	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
Sound of Star Wars	Millennium Falcon	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
Sound of Star Wars	AT AT side gun/ gun	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
Sound of Star Wars	X Wing Fighter Proton torpedo	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		

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Sound of Star Wars	ATST Chin gun	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
Sound of Star Wars	AT AT walker	Email fundraise@literacytrust.org.uk for sound files		
History	What year was the Unseen University in Ankh Morpork founded	1282 AM		
History	Who founded the Unseen University?	Alberto Malich the Wise.	What year was it founded?	1282 AM
History	Who is the Patrician who's paranoid rule lead to the Glorious Revolution of the Twenty-Fifth of May in Ankh Morpork in Terry Pratchett's Night Watch	Lord Winder		
History	Name the watchmen and revolutionaries who died on the barricades during the Glorious Revolution of the Twenty-Fifth of May - one point for each correct name	Cecil Clapman, Horace Nancyball, Billy Wiglet, Dai Dickins, Ned Coates, and, temporarily, Reg Shoe - NOTE John Keel did not die at the barricades, he was killed by Carcer		
History	Name the four great time periods of Arda referred to in Tolkien's The Silmarillion	the Ainulindalë, the Years of the Lamps, the Years of the Trees (the Valian years) and the Years of the Sun		

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History	In the Second Age of Middle Earth, who did Sauron serve as Chief Captain?	Morgoth/ Morgoth Bauglir		
History	In Star Trek, who invented the Warp Drive?	Zefram Cochrane	When (year) was his first light-speed flight?	2063
History				
Author Questions	Noughts and Crosses was inspired by which Shakespeare play?	Romeo and Juliet		
Author Questions	What does Sephy's father, Kamal, do for a living?	He's a politician/government minister/Home Office Minister		
Author Questions	What is the name of the terrorist organisation that features in the N&Cs series?	The Liberation Militia		
Author Questions	What is the name of Callum's sister?	Lynette		
Author Questions	What would Callie Rose have been named if she'd been born a boy?	Ryan		
Author Questions	In Knife Edge, what name does Sephy insist on using in the band she joins?	Ridan		
Author Questions	In Checkmate, where do Sephy and Callie Rose re-bond after Jasmine traps them there?	In the wine cellar.		
Author Questions	At the end of Double Cross, what does Tobey do for the benefit of the local people?	He sets up the Meadowview Shelter to treat alcohol/drug addiction		
Author Questions	In Double Cross, what are the names of the two rival criminal factions?	The Dowds and the McAuleys		
Author Questions	In Double Cross, Tobey delivers a macabre package to Louise Resnick. What was in the package?	A little finger/ her husband's little finger		

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Flora and Fauna	What is the name of the killer plant in Little Shop of Horrors?	Audrey II		
Flora and Fauna	In The Day of the Triffids, adult triffids are describe as typically how high?	7 feet (2.1 m)		
Flora and Fauna	What plant, considered a weed by most, does Tauriel heal Kili in Peter Jackson's The Hobbit?	athelas/kingsfoil		
Flora and Fauna	What effect does Dittany have when used in a healing potion?	Its use makes fresh skin grow over a wound, and after application, the wound seems several days old		
Flora and Fauna	Name five types of creatures known to inhabit the Forbidden Forest (one point for each)	Acromantulas, thestrals, unicorns, centures, wolves		
Flora and Fauna				
Flora and Fauna	The Martians in War of the Worlds are "slain, after all man's devices had failed, by the humblest things that God, in his wisdom, has put upon this earth". Who or what are these humble things?	Earthborne microbes to which the martians have no resistance		
General knowledge	What is the difference between fantasy and high fantasy?	High fantasy is defined as fantasy set in an alternative, fictional ("secondary") world, rather than "the real", or "primary" world. The secondary world is usually internally consistent, but its rules differ from those of the primary world.		
General knowledge	According to "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy", what is the most important personal possession?	A towel		

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General knowledge	What race is Riddick from "The Chronicles of Riddick"?	Furyan		
General knowledge / literature	Which Kurt Vonnegut novel features Billy Pilgrim as its protagonist?	Slaughterhouse 5		
General knowledge / film	Le voyage dans la lune / A Trip to the Moon is widely considered the first ever sci-fi film. Who directed it?	Georges Méliès	In what year was it released?	1902
General knowledge / film	The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury is a collection of stories of humans fleeing from Earth to Mars. But what are they fleeing from?	An imminent nuclear war		
Finish the quote - Star Wars	When 900 years you reach...	look as good, you will not, hmm?	Who said it?	Yoda
Finish the quote - Star Wars	Your son is gone. He was weak and foolish like his father...	so I destroyed him	Who said it?	Kylo Ren
Finish the quote - Star Wars	Why, you stuck-up, half-witted...	scruffy-looking, Nerf-herder!	Who said it?	Princess Leia
Finish the quote - Star Wars	You will never find a more...	wretched hive of scum and villainy	Who said it?	Obi-Wan
Finish the quote - Star Wars	Do or do not.	There is no try	Who said it?	Yoda
Finish the quote - Star Wars	Fear is the path to the Dark Side	Fear leads to anger, anger leads to hate, hate leads to suffering	Who said it?	Yoda
Finish the quote - Star Wars	Hokey religions and ancient weapons...	are no match for a good blaster at your side, kid	Who said it?	Han Solo

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Finish the quote - Star Wars	I am altering the deal.	Pray I don't alter it any further.	Who said it?	Darth Vada