

1980s MUSIC TRIVIA

QUESTIONS 1-5 | Choose one answer for each question.

1. Who released the album Thriller in 1982?

- A. Prince
- B. Michael Jackson
- C. Lionel Richie
- D. Stevie Wonder

2. Which singer recorded "Like a Virgin"?

- A. Cyndi Lauper
- B. Whitney Houston
- C. Paula Abdul
- D. Madonna

3. Which band recorded "Livin' on a Prayer"?

- A. Bon Jovi
- B. Def Leppard
- C. Journey
- D. Europe

4. Who recorded "Girls Just Want to Have Fun"?

- A. Belinda Carlisle
- B. Debbie Gibson
- C. Cyndi Lauper
- D. Tiffany

5. Which Norwegian band had a hit with "Take On Me"?

- A. Duran Duran
- B. a-ha
- C. Tears for Fears
- D. Spandau Ballet

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QUESTIONS 6-10 | Choose one answer for each question.

6. Who starred in the film Purple Rain and recorded its soundtrack?

- A. Rick James
- B. Billy Ocean
- C. Terence Trent D'Arby
- D. Prince

7. Which duo recorded "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go"?

- A. Wham!
- B. Pet Shop Boys
- C. Eurythmics
- D. Hall & Oates

8. Who sang "I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me)"?

- A. Janet Jackson
- B. Tina Turner
- C. Whitney Houston
- D. Anita Baker

9. Which band recorded "Every Breath You Take"?

- A. Dire Straits
- B. The Police
- C. INXS
- D. Simple Minds

10. Who recorded the hit "What's Love Got to Do with It"?

- A. Diana Ross
- B. Patti LaBelle
- C. Gladys Knight
- D. Tina Turner

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QUESTIONS 11-15 | Choose one answer for each question.

11. Which band released "Sweet Child o' Mine"?

- A. Guns N' Roses
- B. Mötley Crüe
- C. Poison
- D. Whitesnake

12. Who sang "Never Gonna Give You Up"?

- A. Jason Donovan
- B. Howard Jones
- C. Rick Astley
- D. Nik Kershaw

13. Which duo recorded "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)"?

- A. Soft Cell
- B. Eurythmics
- C. Erasure
- D. Yazoo

14. Which band recorded "Don't You (Forget About Me)," featured in The Breakfast Club?

- A. The Human League
- B. The Psychedelic Furs
- C. Echo & the Bunnymen
- D. Simple Minds

15. Which singer released "Born in the U.S.A." in 1984?

- A. Bruce Springsteen
- B. Bryan Adams
- C. John Mellencamp
- D. Bob Seger

QUIZ SCORE My score: _____ / 15

13-15: Music Legend! | 10-12: Jukebox Superstar!

7-9: Golden Hits Expert! | 4-6: Rising Music Fan!

0-3: Time to spin some records!

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ANSWERS & FUN FACTS | 1-8

1. B. Michael Jackson

Fun fact: The "Thriller" music video was presented as a short horror film, complete with dancing zombies and narration by actor Vincent Price.

2. D. Madonna

Fun fact: Madonna performed "Like a Virgin" at the first MTV Video Music Awards in 1984, wearing a wedding dress.

3. A. Bon Jovi

Fun fact: "Livin' on a Prayer" tells the story of Tommy and Gina, a young working-class couple trying to get by.

4. C. Cyndi Lauper

Fun fact: Professional wrestler Captain Lou Albano played Lauper's father in the song's colorful music video.

5. B. a-ha

Fun fact: The famous video mixes live action with pencil-style animation. Its rotoscoping technique involved tracing filmed movements frame by frame.

6. D. Prince

Fun fact: The Purple Rain soundtrack was credited to Prince and the Revolution. Its songs included "When Doves Cry" and "Let's Go Crazy."

7. A. Wham!

Fun fact: Wham! consisted of George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley. Their brightly colored "CHOOSE LIFE" shirts became a memorable part of the video.

8. C. Whitney Houston

Fun fact: The song won Whitney a Grammy for Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female.

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ANSWERS & FUN FACTS | 9-15

9. B. The Police

Fun fact: Although often treated as a romantic song, its lyrics describe possessiveness and watching someone closely.

10. D. Tina Turner

Fun fact: The song became Tina Turner's first solo No. 1 on the US Billboard Hot 100, marking a major moment in her 1980s comeback.

11. A. Guns N' Roses

Fun fact: The song appeared on the band's debut album, Appetite for Destruction. Its opening guitar riff became one of the band's most recognizable sounds.

12. C. Rick Astley

Fun fact: Decades later, the music video became the centerpiece of "rickrolling," an internet prank that sends people to the song unexpectedly.

13. B. Eurythmics

Fun fact: Eurythmics consisted of Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart. Lennox's orange hair and tailored suit made the video especially memorable.

14. D. Simple Minds

Fun fact: The song accompanies the famous closing scene of The Breakfast Club, when Judd Nelson's character raises his fist in the air.

15. A. Bruce Springsteen

Fun fact: Despite its rousing chorus, the song tells a troubled story about a Vietnam veteran's experiences after returning home.