

80s Trivia Quiz

Totally radical! Test your knowledge of the 1980s with 20 questions about movies, music, technolo...

Name / Team:

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- 1 What 1985 movie features a teenager who travels back to 1955 in a DeLorean time machine?
 - A. The Breakfast Club
 - B. Ferris Bueller's Day Off
 - C. Back to the Future
 - D. Ghostbusters
- 2 Which video game console, released by Nintendo in 1985, helped revive the gaming industry?
 - A. Atari 2600
 - B. Sega Genesis
 - C. Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)
 - D. Game Boy
- 3 What was the name of the iconic Rubik's puzzle toy that became a worldwide craze in the early 1980s?
 - A. Simon
 - B. Etch A Sketch
 - C. Rubik's Cube
 - D. Trivial Pursuit
- 4 Which cable channel launched on August 1, 1981 with the words 'Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll'?
 - A. HBO
 - B. CNN
 - C. MTV
 - D. ESPN
- 5 What was the name of the Space Shuttle that tragically exploded 73 seconds after launch in January 1986?
 - A. Columbia
 - B. Discovery
 - C. Challenger
 - D. Atlantis
- 6 Which 1982 film features a boy who befriends an alien stranded on Earth?
 - A. Close Encounters of the Third Kind
 - B. The NeverEnding Story
 - C. E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
 - D. Flight of the Navigator
- 7 What year did the Berlin Wall fall?
 - A. 1987
 - B. 1991
 - C. 1989
 - D. 1985
- 8 Which pop star released the best-selling album 'Thriller' in 1982?
 - A. Prince
 - B. Madonna
 - C. Michael Jackson
 - D. Bruce Springsteen
- 9 What fashion trend involved wearing leg warmers, headbands, and leotards outside the gym?
 - A. Grunge
 - B. New Wave
 - C. Aerobics fashion
 - D. Punk
- 10 Which 1984 movie features four paranormal investigators battling ghosts in New York City?
 - A. Gremlins
 - B. The Goonies
 - C. Ghostbusters
 - D. Poltergeist
- 11 What was the first personal computer introduced by IBM in 1981?
 - A. Apple Macintosh
 - B. Commodore 64
 - C. IBM PC
 - D. Amiga 500

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12 Which 1980s TV show featured a talking car named KITT?

- A. The A-Team
- B. Magnum P.I.
- C. Knight Rider
- D. Airwolf

13 What was the name of the 1985 charity concert that raised money for famine relief in Africa?

- A. Farm Aid
- B. Woodstock
- C. Live Aid
- D. Band Aid

14 Which toy line featured action figures battling between Autobots and Decepticons?

- A. G.I. Joe
- B. He-Man
- C. Transformers
- D. Thundercats

15 What was the name of the 1986 nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union?

- A. Three Mile Island
- B. Fukushima
- C. Chernobyl
- D. Bhopal

16 Which breakfast cereal mascot said 'They're magically delicious'?

- A. Toucan Sam
- B. Tony the Tiger
- C. Lucky the Leprechaun
- D. Cap'n Crunch

17 What dance move, popularized by Michael Jackson, made it look like the dancer was gliding backward?

- A. The Robot
- B. The Running Man
- C. The Moonwalk
- D. The Cabbage Patch

18 Which 1983 movie follows a group of high school students in Saturday detention?

- A. Pretty in Pink
- B. Sixteen Candles
- C. The Breakfast Club
- D. St. Elmo's Fire

19 What was the name of the first handheld gaming device released by Nintendo in 1989?

- A. Nintendo DS
- B. Sega Game Gear
- C. Game Boy
- D. Neo Geo Pocket

20 Which 1987 movie featured a baby being rescued from goblins by a teenager played by Jennifer Connelly?

- A. The Princess Bride
- B. The Dark Crystal
- C. Labyrinth
- D. Legend

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1. C Back to the Future

Back to the Future, directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring Michael J. Fox, became one of the highest-grossing films of 1985.

2. C Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)

The NES launched in North America in 1985 with games like Super Mario Bros. and helped rebuild the video game market after the 1983 crash.

3. C Rubik's Cube

The Rubik's Cube was invented by Erno Rubik in 1974 but became a massive global phenomenon in the early 1980s.

4. C MTV

MTV (Music Television) launched in 1981. The first music video played was 'Video Killed the Radio Star' by the Buggles.

5. C Challenger

The Challenger disaster on January 28, 1986 killed all seven crew members, including teacher Christa McAuliffe.

6. C E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, directed by Steven Spielberg, became the highest-grossing film of the decade.

7. C 1989

The Berlin Wall fell on November 9, 1989, marking the beginning of German reunification and the end of the Cold War era.

8. C Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson's Thriller remains the best-selling album of all time, with estimated sales of over 66 million copies worldwide.

9. C Aerobics fashion

The aerobics fitness craze of the 1980s, popularized by Jane Fonda's workout videos, turned workout wear into everyday fashion.

10. C Ghostbusters

Ghostbusters starred Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, and Harold Ramis. Its theme song by Ray Parker Jr. became a massive hit.

11. C IBM PC

The IBM Personal Computer (IBM PC) launched in August 1981 and became the standard for business computing, giving rise to the term 'PC.'

12. C Knight Rider

Knight Rider starred David Hasselhoff as Michael Knight, who fought crime with the help of KITT, an advanced AI car.

13. C Live Aid

Live Aid was held on July 13, 1985 at venues in London and Philadelphia, raising over \$125 million for Ethiopian famine relief.

14. C Transformers

Transformers launched in 1984 as both a toy line and an animated TV series, featuring robots that could transform into vehicles.

15. C Chernobyl

The Chernobyl disaster on April 26, 1986 was the worst nuclear power plant accident in history, releasing radioactive contamination across Europe.

16. C Lucky the Leprechaun

Lucky the Leprechaun has been the mascot of Lucky Charms cereal since 1964, but the brand peaked in popularity during the 1980s.

17. C The Moonwalk

Michael Jackson debuted the Moonwalk during a performance of 'Billie Jean' on the Motown 25 television special in March 1983.

18. C The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club, directed by John Hughes, starred Molly Ringwald, Emilio Estevez, and Judd Nelson. It became a defining film of the 80s.

19. C Game Boy

The Game Boy launched in 1989 with Tetris as its killer app. It sold over 118 million units and dominated handheld gaming for a decade.

20. C Labyrinth

Labyrinth starred David Bowie as the Goblin King and Jennifer Connelly as Sarah. Directed by Jim Henson, it became a cult classic.