

Themed Thursday:

Quiz Two: Trains

The answers to the questions below are all connected with Trains and Railways.

Don't worry if you're not a Rail enthusiast - you'll be surprised how much you do know, and hopefully you'll also learn something!

As usual I'll send the answers out on Monday.

1. Who presents the BBC series *Great British Railway Journeys*? **Michael Portillo.....**
2. And what is the name of the 1840's Guide he often uses? **Bradshaws.....**
3. Which station and Platform is the starting point for "*The Hogwarts Express*"?
...King's Cross Platform 9 3/4....
4. In which British City is the National Railway Museum? **.....York.....**
5. What was the name of the report that in the early 1960's reshaped the railways in Britain?
Beeching Report.....
6. Which station is the London Terminus for the Eurostar? **...St. Pancras.....**
7. What's the acronym for the French Intercity high-speed rail service? **...T.G.V.....**
8. In which Musical does a child's train set magically come to life and competes to be the "Fastest Engine in the World"? **Starlight Express..**
9. In 1830 which locomotive built by George Stephenson became the first ever commercial train and reached a then record speed of 30 m.p.h.? **.....Rocket.....**
10. In which British cities would you find the following stations:
a. Waverley b. Temple Meads c. Lime Street d. New Street
...Edinburgh, Bristol, Liverpool, Birmingham....
11. What nickname is given to the Shinkansen high-speed trains of Japan due to their appearance and speed?
Bullet Train.....
12. Between which two cities did the original *Orient Express* run? **...Paris & Istanbul....**
13. And who wrote the novel "*Murder on the Orient Express*" ? **Agatha Christie....**
14. In which James Bond film does most of the action take place on the "*Orient Express*"?
...From Russia with Love ...
15. Which train officially became the first steam locomotive to reach 100 m.p.h. and in which year?
...Flying Scotsman...1934....

16. Between which two locations does the UK's longest direct rail service run?

Aberdeen and Penzance.

17. There are only two sleeper services running in the U.K. The "*Night Riviera*" runs six nights a week between London and which town?

...Penzance.....

18. What happened in Buckinghamshire on 8th August 1963?

Great Train Robbery.

19. What is the standard gauge of railways in the U.K?

4 ft 8 ½ inches.....

20. What colour is *Thomas the Tank Engine*?

...Blue.....

21 In which classic 19th century novel is the heroine killed by a train?

Anna Karenina.....

22. Which train did Oliver Postgate write about?

Ivor the Engine.....

23. In which 1945 film does Celia Johnson meet Trevor Howard at a railway station? ...**Brief Encounter**

24. And in which real life station was it filmed?

.....Carnforth....

25. And finally... which famous Author died at a railway station in 1910?

...Leo Tolstoy.....

Enjoy your weekend: stay safe and healthy.