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Smashdown Practice Pack

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48 question-answer cards

A free FLQL practice pack. The original questions, answers and acceptance guidance have been retained in a cleaner reading layout.

Use it to play through with friends, test yourself, or see the kind of clue-writing that goes into an FLQL game.

QUESTION	ANSWER
Author of speculative fiction who also invented the LongPen, a device enabling people to sign physical documents remotely using a robotic arm. **Bird** whose hyoid bone wraps around the skull like a safety harness, working with powerful neck muscles to absorb force.	MARGARET ATWOOD and WOODPECKER

QUESTION

State capital whose port and airport form one of the world's busiest gateways to East Antarctica, playing a role comparable to Ushuaia's for the Antarctic Peninsula.

British writer, physician, who campaigned to overturn the wrongful convictions of George Edalji and Oscar Slater while becoming an ardent spiritualist; also dismissed legendary batsman W. G. Grace in 1900.

ANSWER

HOBART and ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

QUESTION	ANSWER
Author who introduced the Hundred Acre Wood to generations of readers, who served as a signals officer during both world wars before becoming a committed pacifist. (2-letter smash) **Family name** whose origins lie in a Mughal-era canal-side residence in Chandni Chowk granted to the Kashmiri scholar Raj Kaul by Emperor Farrukhsiyar. (Surname only)	A. A. MILNE and NEHRU [from Nahar]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Author with a 'trilogy' exceeding five books, who also championed endangered- species conservation through the Last Chance to See expeditions with zoologist Mark Carwardine. **Saviour-complex trope** whose 3-word label was first used in Richard Ames' 1692 poem 'Sylvia's Complaint of Her Sexes Unhappiness', with the motif going back to classical mythology and chivalric literature.	DOUGLAS ADAMS and DAMSEL IN DISTRESS

QUESTION	ANSWER
Controversial author who founded Lumos, an international charity working to end the institutionalisation of children. **Type of pasta** named from the Italian word for "little tongues", similar to fettuccine and trenette but with an elliptical instead of flat cross-section.	J. K. ROWLING and LINGUINE

QUESTION

Author of the Remembrance of Earth's Past trilogy, who spent decades working as a computer engineer at the Yangquan Power Plant before becoming China's leading sci-fi writer.

China's largest provincial-level division, home to the Turpan Depression.

ANSWER

LIU CIXIN and XINJIANG / Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

QUESTION

Ancient Egyptian symbol meaning “life” or “breath of life”, also the name of a fictional river flowing around a flat world carried on four giant elephants standing on a space-swimming turtle.

(2 letter smash) **Afghan-American novelist**, who previously practised medicine in California and later became a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador.

ANSWER

ANKH and KHALED HOSSEINI

QUESTION	ANSWER
Journalist-turned-author who investigated Sweden's far right, and whose bestselling book series was published posthumously. **Upcoming video game adaptation** whose cast includes Kristen Bell as Amy Rose and Idris Elba as Knuckles the Echidna, leaving the title character to Ben Schwartz.	STIEG LARSSON and SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

QUESTION

This **Freedom-of-expression advocate** was prosecuted under Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code over remarks made by fictional characters.

2-word term popularised by Donald Trump through his 2018 "Awards" recognising the year's worst examples of inaccurate journalism, particularly regarding the Russia probe.

ANSWER

ELIF SHAFAK and FAKE NEWS

QUESTION

Author whose work has helped preserve the memory of the Gwangju Uprising and broader struggles for democracy in South Korea.

Deep-sea creature named for the technique it employs, using a rod-like spine tipped with a fleshy esca that glows through bioluminescent bacteria to lure prey.

ANSWER

HAN KANG and ANGLERFISH

QUESTION

His wife, Berengaria of Navarre, is the only English queen who never set foot in England during her husband's reign.
Who?(Need the full popular name)

Author who proposed the concept of geostationary communication satellites in a landmark 1945 paper, leading to the term " Orbit."

ANSWER

RICHARD THE LIONHEART and ARTHUR C. CLARKE

QUESTION

Author whose experiences directing a Turin chemical factory, including diagnosing failed resin batches, became the basis for their well-structured book that uses chemical elements as the starting point for memories.

Spa town that lent its name to both a 1938 conference addressing the plight of Jewish refugees and the 1962 accords that brought the Algerian War to an end.

ANSWER

PRIMO LEVI and ÉVIAN / Évian-les- Bains

QUESTION

130-year-old company recognised by the American Chemical Society in 2022 for an invention that replaced a complicated process involving a light-sensitive plate and glass.

The route for what originated because founder Thierry Sabine got lost in the Ténéré desert in 1977?

ANSWER

KODAK and DAKAR RALLY

QUESTION	ANSWER
Giant catfish in Japanese mythology believed to cause earthquakes. **Iconic ceramic tiles** from the Iberian peninsula that actually get their name from the Arabic for "polished stone," and not the Portuguese word for blue.	NAMAZU and AZULEJOS

QUESTION	ANSWER
Professional birth companion whose title comes from a Modern Greek word meaning "female slave", despite the role gaining prominence through the U.S. natural childbirth movement of the 1960s. **Which capital city** was given its current name meaning "Red Hero" in 1924 after the Communist Revolution?	DOULA and ULAANBAATAR

QUESTION	ANSWER
Recent James Bond films (including Skyfall and Spectre) feature Bond drinking **what beer**? Frankfort (spelt with an 'o') is the capital of **which US state?**	HEINEKEN and KENTUCKY

QUESTION

Which hyphenated fitting pun (1,3) completes June Kenton's memoir 'Storm in a, after which Rigby & Peller lost its lingerie Royal Warrant?

Which small structure crowning a roof, dome or tower is an almost homophone of the surname of a New Hollywood icon?

ANSWER

D-CUP and CUPOLA [Reader: Please confirm **D-CUP** and not Tea Cup; **Cupola** and not Coppola]

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is the name of the legendary groundhog in the tradition of Groundhog Day (and its namesake film)? **The drummer and one of the singers of the band Genesis**, the father of the lead actress of Emily In Paris.	PUNSUXTAWNEY PHIL and PHIL COLLINS

QUESTION

In the Pirates of the Caribbean movies, Naomie Harris plays Tia Dalma, who is later revealed to be **which character**, recently played by a South African onscreen?

Paired muscle (major and minor), whose name comes from the Greek for "loins", and is a long ribbon-like muscle whose tightness is a common cause of lower-back pain and spasms; NOT a UK university specializing in global studies?

ANSWER

CALYPSO and PSOAS

QUESTION

Which fictional character, renowned for standing by society's outcasts, inspired the name of an organisation for heterosexual allies of the LGBTQ+ rights movement?

City remembered for the 1950 amphibious assault led by Douglas MacArthur, and home to South Korea's only official Chinatown, where jajangmyeon (sweet black bean noodles) was invented.

ANSWER

ATTICUS FINCH and INCHEON

QUESTION

What process that you might find in chemistry is derived from Latin for "to gnaw" or "to wear away"? It shares this root with the word rodent.

Waterbody where the Battle of Actium took place between Octavius/Augustus and Mark Antony in 31BC; also home to Odysseus's kingdom.

ANSWER

CORROSION and IONIAN SEA

QUESTION	ANSWER
Internet music slang for an album or playlist whose every track is considered worth hearing from beginning to end. **Common alliterative pastime** explained by gravity pulling an object down and lift pushing it up each time it hits the water.	NOSKIP / NO SKIP and SKIPPING STONES / Skipping stone

QUESTION

Who does Russell Crowe portray in Thor: Love and Thunder, someone who was mentioned multiple times, but not shown once, in The Odyssey (2026)?

Football icon whose tears after Portugal's 1966 World Cup defeat to England gave rise to the nickname Jogo das Lágrimas, despite scoring his side's only goal. (Popular mononymous name needed)

ANSWER

ZEUS and EUSEBIO

QUESTION

Singer-songwriter who rose to mainstream fame with Little Earthquakes, co- founded the anti-sexual violence organisation RAINN, and became the first woman honoured with a signature Bösendorfer piano.

MC who launched his career with the family outfit Urban Thermo Dynamics, and whose attempt to travel on a "World Passport" led to his detention in South Africa. (Need the popular 2-word name)

ANSWER

TORI AMOS and MOS DEF

QUESTION	ANSWER
"Regal" stage name of the jazz pianist (1919-1965) famous for hits such as "Unforgettable". **The largest of all taxonomic orders**, which comprises beetles and similar insects.	NAT KING COLE and COLEOPTERA

QUESTION

Which 1988 film by John Waters is named after a common cosmetic styling item from the 60s? It was made into a 2002 musical and also remade in 2007.

Insect whose posture inspired its scientific name combining Greek and Latin words for "prophet" and "religious".

ANSWER

HAIRSPRAY and PRAYING MANTIS

QUESTION	ANSWER
Historical name for Sri Lanka, which lends its name to lucky discoveries. **The taxonomic order** of insects with a pair of wings, which includes flies.	SERENDIP and DIPTERA

QUESTION

Which word completes the Law of General, the maritime doctrine requiring all stakeholders to share losses from cargo voluntarily sacrificed to save a vessel? Its modern meaning derives from an Arabic word for "maritime damages".

Band whose song War Within a Breath references the Zapatista flag's "black flag and a red star", and whose vocalist travelled to Chiapas in support of the movement.

ANSWER

AVERAGE and RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

QUESTION	ANSWER
If mace is the seed covering of Myristica fragrans, **what spice** is obtained from the seed itself? **The taxonomic order** of insects with large wings, which includes dobsonflies and fishflies.	NUTMEG and MEGALOPTERA

QUESTION

The End of the Tour is a 2015 film based on a 2010 memoir by David Lipsky, recounting his five-day road trip with **which American author**, whose unfinished novel was a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize of Fiction?

Motörhead's best-known song, conceived as a collage of gambling idioms, whose vocalist accidentally substituted a different card in live performances for nearly two years.

ANSWER

DAVID FOSTER WALLACE and ACE OF SPADES [Lemmy accidentally sang the wrong lyrics line ("the eight of spades") live for two years before anyone noticed]

QUESTION	ANSWER
The 2026 sequel to Resident Evil, sharing a name with a specific mass. (2-letter smash) Pre-dating modern emojis, **term** for pictorial representations such as:-):) and;-)	REQUIEM and EMOTICONS

QUESTION

From Persian meaning "taste" or "flavour", **this word** travelled into Turkish before **spreading** across the eastern Mediterranean.

Biblical name immortalised by a 1994 film, although the “path of the righteous man” speech was largely fabricated by the director, drawing on Sonny Chiba's 1976 film Karate Kiba (The Bodyguard)

ANSWER

MEZE and EZEKIEL

QUESTION	ANSWER
The 2026 sequel to Remedy Entertainment's Control, describing a frequency that generates the maximum amplitude in a physical system. The **tech company** behind the much-hyped Mythos LLM.	RESONANT and ANTHROPIC

QUESTION

As a noun, imbalances here can cause seborrheic dermatitis; its verb form means buying scarce items and reselling them at inflated prices. **What heady word**?

This extends approximately 1,200 km across eight countries: France, Monaco, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria and Slovenia.

ANSWER

SCALP and ALPS

QUESTION

(Name either) **The 2026 standalone sequel/spinoff for Silent Hill**, one letter different from a 2004 film that's the subject of various Hitler memes.

Chemical elements which exist in multiple different forms but the same physical state (e.g., diamond/graphite)

ANSWER

TOWNFALL or DOWNFALL and ALLOTROPE (or ALLOTROPY/ALLOTROPISM)

QUESTION

This 1985 film by Rob Reiner is **without doubt** believed to have inspired Dilwale Dulhania Le Jaayenge. It follows John Cusack and Daphne Zuniga travelling from New England to LA to find their ideal romantic match.

The Serpent's Egg (1977) was **this acclaimed director**'s only Hollywood film; shared his surname with another Hollywood legend who he also collaborated with.

ANSWER

(The) SURE THING and INGMAR BERGMAN

QUESTION

Radical political activist, and author of Women, Race & Class and Are Prisons Obsolete?, who twice ran for Vice President of the United States on the Communist Party ticket, in 1980 and 1984.

Central Philippine island group comprising major islands such as Cebu, Bohol, Panay and Leyte, situated between Luzon and Mindanao.

ANSWER

ANGELA DAVIS and VISAYAS

QUESTION

Nickname used for the cultural district in South Kensington, home to the V&A, the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum and Imperial College London. Profits from the Great Exhibition funded it.

Where would you find São Jorge (Castle Hill), São Vicente, Sant'Ana, Santo André, Santa Catarina, Chagas, and São Roque?

ANSWER

ALBERTOPOLIS and LISBON [The 7 hills]

QUESTION

1993 Sylvester Stallone film that took its title from a word that OED calls “a serial film in which each episode ends in a desperate situation".

The first female vice-presidential nominee representing a major American political party was this lady who ran alongside presidential nominee Walter Mondale.

ANSWER

CLIFFHANGER and GERALDINE FERRARO

QUESTION

Connect: Mars (The Martian); Jedha (Rogue One); Arrakis (Dune: Part Two); Planet Pasaana (Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker) and LV-223 (Prometheus).

Australian board game, named after the 1808 colonial coup that overthrew Governor William Bligh, in which players rise from convict to merchant before staging their own coup.

ANSWER

WADI RUM and RUM REBELLION

QUESTION

First Republican woman nominated for the U.S. vice presidency, who named her pet bloodhound AGIA after the Alaska Gasoline Inducement Act.

The **world's oldest active biological society** that holds the original correspondence and specimens of the eponymous figure, purchased by botanist Sir James Edward Smith in 1784

ANSWER

SARAH PALIN and LINNEAN (Society)

QUESTION

The first version of **this phrase** occurs in an early Sherlock Holmes story titled "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott", using the word "pistol".

Which Nobel laureate in Economics authored the influential 1944 study An American Dilemma: The Negro Problem and Modern Democracy, and was married to the 1982 Nobel Peace Prize winner?

ANSWER

SMOKING GUN and GUNNAR MYRDAL

QUESTION

Which Italian Alpine après-ski drink, made with egg liqueur and brandy or rum and topped with whipped cream, shares its name with a surreal crocodile character from the viral “Italian brainrot” meme trend?

"Terrible lizard" coined by Sir Richard Owen in 1842.

ANSWER

BOMBARDINO and DINOSAUR

QUESTION

American artist whose Lobster, Dolphin, and Balloon Dog in the Guggenheim are destroyed by Vulture in Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (2023).

1987 novel by Tim Powers about a puppeteer waylaid by buccaneers and pirates; loosely inspired and directly names the fourth installment in a related franchise.

ANSWER

JEFF KOONS and ON STRANGER TIDES

QUESTION

Cultural capital whose name literally means “New City”, distinguishing it from Rai, the earlier capital founded by King Mangrai; served as the capital of the Lanna Kingdom for nearly five centuries.

Classic cocktail invented not in the tropics but in Oakland, California, in 1944 by Victor “Trader Vic” Bergeron.

ANSWER

CHIANG MAI and MAI TAI

QUESTION

The SWR or Regulations of the UK govern the production and advertising of **this beverage**, providing exact fermentation and distillation guidelines. (Be careful which spelling you pick.)

News service founded by Rupert Murdoch to compete with CNN as the first 24- hour news channel in the UK, with its original slogan being, "We're there when you need us".

ANSWER

SCOTCH WHISKY and SKY NEWS

QUESTION

Arabic word that originally meant “wine” before being adopted for a beverage by Sufi mystics in 15th C. Yemen, from a root meaning “to lack hunger”.

(2 letter smash) The largest single signing of **this treaty** happened at Mangungu on February 12, 1840, where over 3,000 Māori gathered and 64 chiefs signed.

ANSWER

QAHWA and WAITANGI

QUESTION

First Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, who was demoted to serving as a secretary in her own courtroom after 1979.

Common Spanish valediction derived from a phrase meaning "I commend you to God", reflecting its origins as a blessing for a safe journey.

ANSWER

SHIRIN EBADI and ADIOS