1. Food for Thought:

1) What was little Miss Muffet eating on her tuffet? **ANSWER:** Curds and whey
2) York, Bayonne, Serrano and Parma are all associated with what type of meat? **ANSWER:** Ham
3) Sturgeon eggs are considered a great delicacy and are usually very expensive; by what name are they better known? **ANSWER:** Caviar
4) The spire of St Bride’s Church off Fleet St is said to have inspired the shape of what? **ANSWER:** The traditional shape of a wedding cake
5) Sushi, the traditional Japanese dish, usually consists of small pieces of raw fish or vegetable in a small roll with what main ingredient? **ANSWER:** Rice
6) Which foodstuff was the title of Joanne Harris’ best-selling 1999 novel set in France? It was later made into a film with Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp. **ANSWER:** Chocolate (Chocolat)
7) What particular version of a flat food, now hugely popular in England, was named after Queen Margaret of Italy in 1889? **ANSWER:** Pizza Margherita
9) If savoury dishes are described as Florentine, what ingredient do they contain? **ANSWER:** Spinach (eg Eggs Florentine)
10) Who ate a bowl of gruel and asked “Please, sir, can I have some more?” **ANSWER:** Oliver Twist

2. Red, White and Blue

1. The Red Priest was a nickname for which famous Baroque composer from Venice? **ANSWER:** Vivaldi
2. Which children’s television programme popularised the phrase “And here’s one I made earlier”? **ANSWER:** Blue Peter
3. What sort of shoes did Elvis Presley sing about? **ANSWER:** Blue Suede
4. In which film did Sean Connery, with his usual strong Scottish accent, play a Russian submarine captain? **ANSWER:** The Hunt for Red October
5. What is the name, in English, of the highest peak in the Alps? **ANSWER:** Mount White, White Mountain – ie Mont Blanc.
6. What phrase is used both for anti-Communist forces opposed to the Red Army after 1917 and for a creamy cocktail? **ANSWER:** White Russian
7. Whose national football team is known as the “Azzurri”, the Blues? **ANSWER:** Italy’s. (Azzurri is The Blues in Italian.)
8. What term is used for overnight flights arriving early in the morning? **ANSWER:** the Redeye
9. Rose Red is whose sister in the Brothers Grimm fairy tale? The sister shares her name with the heroine of different fairy tale featuring dwarves. **ANSWER:** Snow White
10. How is Manfred von Richthofen, the First World War ace, better known? **ANSWER:** The Red Baron

3. Planes, Trains and Automobiles (and possibly Ships)

1) From which platform does the Chatanooga Choo Choo depart? **ANSWER:** Track 29
2) In which cities would you find JFK, LHR, CDG, and BRS? **ANSWER:** (score one point if you get all correct, half a point if you get three right) Airport codes: Kennedy in New York, London Heathrow, Charles de Gaulle in Paris, and Bristol.
3) What record is held by The Mallard? **ANSWER:** Speed record for a steam train.
4) When was Britain’s first motorway opened? (You may have four years either way.) ANSWER: 1958, (the Preston Bypass, part of the M6)
5) Which famous locomotive was created by the Reverend W. Awdry? ANSWER: Thomas the Tank Engine
7) Alcock and Brown’s aeroplane engine was made by which British company also famous for prestige automobiles? ANSWER: Rolls-Royce
8) If green is District, silver is Jubilee, and yellow is Circle, what are we talking about? ANSWER: They are colours of London Underground lines on the map
9) The famous clipper ship Cutty Sark, named after a phrase in Robert Burns’ poem “Tam O’ Shanter”, was built to carry what specific cargo? ANSWER: Tea
10) Which car manufacturer has recently reached the highest market valuation ever of an American car company, and overtaken Volkswagen as the second most highly valued car company in the world, despite never having made an annual profit? ANSWER: Tesla (second still to Toyota)

4. Picture Round
Answers:
1. WG Grace: Cricket
2. Katherine Grainger: Rowing
3. Roger Federer: Tennis
4. Tanni Grey-Thompson: Wheelchair racing
5. Virginia Wade: Tennis
6. Martin Johnson: Rugby
7. Nicola Adams: Boxing
8. Christine Ohuruogu: Athletics
9. Jonny Brownlee: Triathlon (half a point if you get the wrong Brownlee)
10. Sachin Tendulkar: Cricket

5. Names and Eponyms
1. Which British general gave his name to a type of boot? ANSWER: Wellington
2. Which biscuit is named after a fighting hero of Italian unification? ANSWER: Garibaldi
3. Charles Richter devised a scale to measure the magnitude of what? ANSWER: Earthquakes
4. What name is shared by the composer of the New World Symphony and the inventor of an alternative to the Qwerty keyboard? ANSWER: Dvorak
5. John Montagu was responsible for the creation of which type of finger food? ANSWER: Sandwiches (he was the Earl of Sandwich)
6. Which Irish land agent gave his name to a campaign of organised avoidance or ostracism after he was subjected to such a campaign by his tenants and neighbours in 1880? ANSWER: Captain Boycott
7. World War II RAF slang referred to life jackets using the name of which American film actress? ANSWER: Mae West
8. The SI unit of power is named after which Scottish pioneer of the steam engine? ANSWER: (James) Watt
9. Which Roman dictator gave his name to an operation? ANSWER: Julius Caesar – Caesarian section
10. The baggy ladies’ underwear named after an American women’s rights campaigner were known as what? ANSWER: Bloomers
6. Numbers Cardinal and Ordinal

1. Which of Beethoven’s symphonies is often referred to as The Choral Symphony? **ANSWER:** Ninth Symphony

2. 2017 marked the 500th anniversary of an event seen as sparking the Reformation in Europe. A document referred to as the Ninety Five Theses was posted up on a church in Wittenburg by whom? **ANSWER:** Martin Luther

3. What 1961 novel by Joseph Heller about the Second World War has a short title which has entered the language as a phrase in its own right? **ANSWER:** Catch 22

4. The 6 naturally occurring Noble or Inert Gases form Group 18 of the Periodic Table. Can you name two of them? **ANSWER:** Helium, Neon, Argon, Krypton, Xenon, Radon

5. What measure was brought in by the 18th amendment to the American Constitution in 1920, and repealed by the 21st amendment in 1933? **ANSWER:** Prohibition

6. Ron Goodwin wrote memorable music for a 1964 film: what was the number of the fictional RAF squadron in the title of the film? **ANSWER:** 633 Squadron

7. In 1974 the British Government changed the definition of the word billion as used in official figures; after that it meant a thousand million in British English as well as American English – what did it mean before that? **ANSWER:** a million million

8. The 1949 film set in Vienna, written by Graham Greene and starring Orson Wells, is called what? **ANSWER:** The Third Man

9. What day is the opening of the Grouse shooting season? **ANSWER:** 12th August (= The Glorious Twelfth)

10. How many dalmations? **ANSWER:** 101