

## Nirvana Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts

### Printable Trivia Pack

Nirvana trivia explores the rise of the Aberdeen, Washington, band formed in 1987 by Kurt Cobain and Krist Novoselic. From early lineup changes, including drummer Chad Channing, to the arrival of Dave Grohl in 1990, these questions highlight key moments in the group's history and lasting impact on rock music.

#### HARD NIRVANA TRIVIA

1. Which song was Nirvana's debut single?

Answer: Love Buzz

2. Who produced Nirvana's debut album "Bleach"?

Answer: Jack Endino

3. Name the producer credited with shaping Nirvana's "Nevermind."?

Answer: Butch Vig

4. Which producer was behind the board for "In Utero"?

Answer: Steve Albini

5. Which Scottish indie duo did Nirvana famously cover and champion?

Answer: The Vaseelines

6. Who briefly served as Nirvana's second guitarist in 1989?

Answer: Jason Everman

7. Which Nirvana song was slated as the next U.S. single?

Answer: Pennyroyal Tea

8. What major award did Nirvana win for "MTV Unplugged in New York"?

Answer: Grammy Award for Best Alternative Music Album

9. Nirvana's unplugged take on "The Man Who Sold the World" originally came from which songwriter's catalog?

Answer: David Bowie

10. During "MTV Unplugged," which song in Nirvana's set was written by the Meat Puppets?

Answer: Plateau

11. "Oh, the Guilt" was issued on a split single with which band?

Answer: The Jesus Lizard

12. Which city hosted Nirvana's last American concert on January 7, 1994?

Answer: Seattle

#### FUNNY NIRVANA TRIVIA

1. Before the name Nirvana won the beauty pageant, what earlier Cobain project had the

gloriously unglamorous name?

Answer: Fecal Matter

2. Which early name sounded less like a future grunge giant and more like a parking-lot problem: Fecal Matter, Skid Row, or Very Ape?

Answer: Skid Row

3. What was Nirvana's early band name that sounds like names read one by one?

Answer: Ted Ed Fred

4. Which Nirvana song was the B-side to "Sliver"?

Answer: Dive

5. On the Hormoaning EP, which cover let Nirvana borrow a little Vaseline's sparkle?

Answer: Molly's Lips

6. Which Bowie song did Nirvana famously cover on Unplugged?

Answer: The Man Who Sold the World

7. Which Devo song did Nirvana cover?

Answer: Turnaround

8. Which TV show hosted the famously off-script Nirvana-era chaos?

Answer: 1996

9. Which Nirvana box set collected demos and rarities in 2004?

Answer: With the Lights Out

10. Which 2005 Nirvana rarities album collected leftovers from the box set?

Answer: Sliver: The Best of the Box

11. Which Nirvana song became a single in 2002, long after the band had already changed rock history's furniture arrangement?

Answer: You Know You're Right

12. Which track in the box set was a solo home recording by Kurt Cobain, proving that even odd little songs can get invited to the archive?

Answer: Beans

## FUN NIRVANA TRIVIA

1. What is the name of the baby pictured on the cover of Nevermind?

Answer: Spencer Elden

2. Which hidden track lurked on some editions of Nevermind like a loud little surprise after the main album ended?

Answer: Endless, Nameless

3. On which famous TV comedy and music show did Nirvana perform in January 1992?

Answer: Saturday Night Live

4. Where was Nirvana's MTV Unplugged special taped?

Answer: Sony Music Studios

5. When Nirvana went acoustic for MTV Unplugged, which band joined them onstage?

Answer: Meat Puppets

6. Which song did Nirvana cover on MTV Unplugged, titled "Jesus Doesn't Want Me for a \_\_\_"?

Answer: Sunbeam

7. Which Nirvana song was first released as a 1990 non-album single?

Answer: Sliver

8. Which song was the B-side to "Smells Like Teen Spirit"?

Answer: Aneurysm

9. What was Nirvana's first UK Top 10 single?

Answer: Smells Like Teen Spirit

10. Which 1992 festival gave Nirvana's live album its name?

Answer: Reading Festival

11. Which Nirvana live album was released in 2009?

Answer: Live at Reading

#### NIRVANA FAMILY TRIVIA

1. Bleach was first released in which year?

Answer: 1989

2. Which chart did \*Nevermind\* top in January 1992?

Answer: Billboard 200

3. Which lyric follows "Take your time, hurry up" in "Come as You Are"?

Answer: Choose your favorite

4. Which Nirvana song includes the line "I'm so happy, 'cause today I found my friends"?

Answer: Lithium

5. Which early Sub Pop album includes "About a Girl"?

Answer: Bleach

6. Which Nirvana album includes "All Apologies"?

Answer: In Utero

7. Which song did Nirvana cover on MTV Unplugged?

Answer: The Man Who Sold the World

8. In what city was Nirvana's MTV Unplugged set recorded?

Answer: New York City

9. What year was the live album MTV Unplugged in New York released?

Answer: 1994

10. Nirvana entered the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in what year?

Answer: 2014

11. Who was Nirvana's touring guitarist in its final years?

Answer: Pat Smear

12. Which lyric completes Nirvana's "Come as You Are" hook?

Answer: Take your time, hurry up

#### EASY NIRVANA TRIVIA

1. What Washington town was Nirvana's starting point?

Answer: Aberdeen

2. Who sang the opening line of "Smells Like Teen Spirit"?

Answer: Kurt Cobain

3. Which Nirvana member was the band's bassist?

Answer: Krist Novoselic

4. What year did Dave Grohl join Nirvana?

Answer: 1990

5. Which lyric opens Nirvana's breakthrough hit "Smells Like Teen Spirit"?

Answer: "Load up on guns, bring your friends"

6. Which Nirvana album features "Smells Like Teen Spirit"?

Answer: Nevermind

7. What famous TV music series did Nirvana record a performance for in 1993?

Answer: MTV Unplugged

8. Who played drums on Nirvana's Bleach before Dave Grohl?

Answer: Chad Channing

9. Which Nirvana song opens with that slinky, instantly recognizable riff?

Answer: Come as You Are

Source: <https://triviagong.com/trivia/nirvana-trivia>