

Reggae Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Reggae trivia highlights the music's Jamaican origins, signature offbeat rhythms, and the performers who carried it from Kingston to audiences around the world. Expect a mix of easy, funny, family-friendly, and harder questions that touch on classic songs, influential figures, and reggae's lasting cultural impact.

HARD REGGAE TRIVIA

1. Who produced Burning Spear's album "Marcus Garvey"?

Answer: Jack Ruby

2. Name the producer attached to Burning Spear's "Marcus Garvey."?

Answer: Jack Ruby

3. Which vocal group recorded the Studio One-era song "Book of Rules"?

Answer: The Heptones

4. "Book of Rules" belongs to the Studio One era, but which act actually recorded it?

Answer: The Heptones

5. Who sang the classic reggae track "Skylarking"?

Answer: Horace Andy

6. If "Skylarking" comes on, which singer should get the credit?

Answer: Horace Andy

7. What was Dennis Brown's first Jamaican No. 1 hit?

Answer: Money in My Pocket

8. The Abyssinians are best known for which roots reggae song?

Answer: Satta Massagana

9. Which song is most strongly associated with The Abyssinians in roots reggae history?

Answer: Satta Massagana

10. King Tubby was born under what name?

Answer: Osbourne Ruddock

11. Before the dub legend became known as King Tubby, what was his given name?

Answer: Osbourne Ruddock

12. As a studio engineer, King Tubby helped pioneer which style?

Answer: dub

13. What were the surnames of the duo Sly and Robbie?

Answer: Dunbar and Shakespeare

14. Fill in the surnames: Sly ____ and Robbie ____.

Answer: Dunbar and Shakespeare

FUNNY REGGAE TRIVIA

1. Which Bob Marley and the Wailers song from 1977 sounds like the official anthem of a very relaxed party schedule?

Answer: Jamming

2. Bob Marley and the Wailers released which song in 1980 that asks a romantic question without waiting for a text reply?

Answer: Could You Be Loved

3. In Jamaican speech, what word means feeling good or pleasantâ basically the verbal version of a sunny breeze?

Answer: Irie

4. When "Pass the Dutchie" became a hit, the members of Musical Youth were what age group?

Answer: Teenagers

5. "Pass the Dutchie" climbed all the way to No. 1 on which UK chart in 1982?

Answer: The UK Singles Chart

6. In what year did the One Love Peace Concert take place in Kingston, giving reggae a very memorable date on the calendar?

Answer: 1978

7. At the One Love Peace Concert, Bob Marley joined the hands of Edward Seaga and which other political leader onstage?

Answer: Michael Manley

8. Which reggae artist appeared at the One Love Peace Concert in 1978â because one legend apparently was not enough for the evening?

Answer: Peter Tosh

9. Which Jamaican deejay is known for dancehall style and has a name that sounds impossible to forget?

Answer: Yellowman

10. Eek-A-Mouse got his stage name from what sourceâ proof that inspiration can come from unexpected places?

Answer: A racehorse nickname

11. What dance style is closely associated with reggae, in case your feet suddenly decide to become very rhythmic?

Answer: Skanking

12. In Jamaican music, what does the term "riddim" refer to?

Answer: An instrumental backing track

13. Who recorded the song "Bad Boys," the tune that practically arrives wearing sunglasses?

Answer: Inner Circle

FUN REGGAE TRIVIA

1. Which reggae bassist answered to the stage name "Family Man"?

Answer: Aston Barrett used the stage name "Family Man."

2. What year did Gregory Isaacs release the album "Night Nurse"?

Answer: Gregory Isaacs recorded the album "Night Nurse" in 1982.

3. If you pulled "War Ina Babylon" from a reggae shelf, which album title would you be holding?

Answer: You would be holding "War Ina Babylon," the Max Romeo album released in 1976.

4. Burning Spear's "Marcus Garvey" marched onto the scene in what year?

Answer: Burning Spear's album "Marcus Garvey" was released in 1975.

5. Bob Marley's famous Kingston address was 56 what?

Answer: Bob Marley lived at 56 Hope Road in Kingston.

6. What town serves as the capital of Saint Catherine Parish?

Answer: Spanish Town is the capital of Saint Catherine Parish.

7. Way Tree isn't a plant hereâ it's a district in which Jamaican city?

Answer: Way Tree is a district in Kingston, Jamaica.

8. The Grammy Award for Best Reggae Album first showed up in what year?

Answer: The Grammys created the Best Reggae Album category in 1985.

9. Who recorded the reggae staple "Pressure Drop"?

Answer: "Pressure Drop" was recorded by Toots and the Maytals.

10. What 1968 song title is famous for being the first to use the word "reggae"?

Answer: The term first appeared in the title of the 1968 song "Do the Reggay."

11. UB40 took its name from what unusual source?

Answer: UB40 was named after a British unemployment benefit form.

12. Which Marley is Bob Marley's son: Ziggy Marley, Lee Perry, or Gregory Isaacs?

Answer: Ziggy Marley is the son of Bob Marley.

13. Before the stage lights came on, Burning Spear was born with what name?

Answer: Burning Spear was born Winston Rodney.

REGGAE FAMILY TRIVIA

1. In a one drop beat, which beat usually gets the accent?

Answer: The third beat.

2. What year did Bob Marley die?

Answer: 1981.

3. Bob Marley's album "Exodus" came out in which year?

Answer: 1977.

4. The Wailers album "Burnin'" was released in what year?

Answer: 1973.

5. Peter Tosh was born in which Jamaican parish?

Answer: Westmoreland Parish, Jamaica.

6. Jimmy Cliff's birthplace is in which Jamaican parish?

Answer: Saint James Parish, Jamaica.

7. Desmond Dekker performed with what backing group?

Answer: The Aces.

8. Beres Hammond was born in which Jamaican town?

Answer: Annotto Bay, Jamaica.

9. Alpha Blondy is from which country?

Answer: Ivory Coast.

10. Lucky Dube was from which country?

Answer: South Africa.

11. Who was a pioneering Jamaican dub engineer?

Answer: King Tubby.

12. Dub often uses studio effects like which pair of sounds?

Answer: Echo and reverb.

EASY REGGAE TRIVIA

1. In what Jamaican village was Bob Marley born?

Answer: Nine Mile

2. Which Bob Marley song includes the title phrase "No Woman, No Cry"?

Answer: No Woman, No Cry

3. Peter Tosh released the album "Legalize It" in what year?

Answer: 1976

4. Who starred in the 1972 film "The Harder They Come"?

Answer: Jimmy Cliff

5. The hit song "Pass the Dutchie" was recorded by which group?

Answer: Musical Youth

6. Gregory Isaacs was famously nicknamed what?

Answer: Cool Ruler

7. Which reggae singer was widely known as the "Crown Prince of Reggae"?

Answer: Dennis Brown

8. Shabba Ranks is a Jamaican artist associated with reggae and what other style?

Answer: Dancehall

9. Which singer was a member of the I-Threes alongside Bob Marley's backing vocal group?

Answer: Marcia Griffiths

10. Judy Mowatt belonged to which vocal trio?

Answer: The I-Threes

11. Rita Marley performed as part of what vocal trio?

Answer: The I-Threes

12. "Redemption Song" appears on which Bob Marley album?

Answer: Uprising

13. Burning Spear recorded an album named after which historical figure?

Answer: Marcus Garvey

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