

## Silent Film Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Silent Film trivia explores the inventive period of early cinema when filmmakers relied on visual storytelling, expressive performances, and title cards to captivate audiences. From slapstick comedy and epic dramas to groundbreaking directors and screen icons, it highlights how silent movies shaped film language and popular culture. Whether you want easy laughs or deeper challenges, it offers a family-friendly way to test what you know about the movies before sound.

### HARD SILENT FILM TRIVIA

1. Which filmmaker directed the 1920 race-film landmark "Within Our Gates"?

Answer: Oscar Micheaux directed "Within Our Gates."

2. Oscar Micheaux directed which silent feature centered on the title "The Symbol of the Unconquered"?

Answer: "The Symbol of the Unconquered."

3. Who directed the Japanese silent film "A Page of Madness"?

Answer: Teinosuke Kinugasa directed "A Page of Madness."

4. If you're watching "Dragnet Girl," whose direction are you seeing?

Answer: Yasujiro Ozu.

5. In Japan's silent era, what were the live narrators who often accompanied screenings called?

Answer: They were called benshi.

6. Which director made "The Passion of Joan of Arc"?

Answer: Carl Theodor Dreyer directed "The Passion of Joan of Arc."

7. Abel Gance directed which epic silent film about the French leader named in its title?

Answer: "Napoleon."

8. Which Abel Gance silent feature is not "Napoleon" but "La Roue"?

Answer: "La Roue."

9. Name both credited directors of "The Golem: How He Came into the World."?

Answer: Paul Wegener and Carl Boese.

10. Fritz Lang directed which silent film titled "Destiny"?

Answer: "Destiny."

11. Who directed "Dr. Mabuse the Gambler"?

Answer: Fritz Lang directed "Dr. Mabuse the Gambler."

12. "The Last Laugh" is associated with which director?

Answer: F. W. Murnau.

13. Who directed the city-symphony documentary "Man with a Movie Camera"?

Answer: Dziga Vertov directed "Man with a Movie Camera."

14. The famous Odessa Steps sequence belongs to which silent film?

Answer: "Battleship Potemkin."

#### FUNNY SILENT FILM TRIVIA

1. Which silent-film figure wore the crown-like nickname "King of Comedy" without needing a single spoken acceptance speech?

Answer: Mack Sennett

2. The famously chaotic Keystone Kops came from whose studio, proving traffic control was never the goal?

Answer: Mack Sennett's studio

3. Which major silent-film comedian had the nickname in quotation marks right in his name: Roscoe "Fatty" who?

Answer: Roscoe Arbuckle

4. Who was a leading silent comedy star whose screen presence arrived well before punchlines made any noise?

Answer: Mabel Normand

5. Which comedian was one of the big silent-screen laughs of the 1920s: Harry Langdon, Douglas Fairbanks, or Erich von Stroheim?

Answer: Harry Langdon

6. Which film stars Buster Keaton and sounds like the ideal job for someone who never broke character: "The Cameraman," "Girl Shy," or "The Strong Man"?

Answer: The Cameraman

7. Which Harold Lloyd film has a title that sounds like romance tripping over its own shoelaces?

Answer: Girl Shy

8. Which Harold Lloyd movie sounds less like a hero and more like the family member who got the smaller slice of pie?

Answer: The Kid Brother

9. Which Harry Langdon feature promises muscles right in the title, whether or not the title card can bench-press: "The Strong Man" or "The Immigrant"?

Answer: The Strong Man

10. Which Harry Langdon title repeats itself three times, as if the movie were already hurrying down the sidewalk?

Answer: Tramp, Tramp, Tramp

11. Who stars in "Show People," a title that basically waves jazz hands before the projector even starts?

Answer: Marion Davies

12. Which leading silent comedy star headlines "The Extra Girl"â a title that sounds one audition away from chaos?

Answer: Mabel Normand

13. True or false: "Cops" is a 1922 Buster Keaton short, proving even the title wastes no time.?

Answer: True

#### FUN SILENT FILM TRIVIA

1. Which cliff-hanging silent comedy hit screens in 1923?

Answer: Safety Last!

2. What 1924 silent film has the detective-flavored title "Sherlock Jr."?

Answer: Sherlock Jr.

3. Which silent film put Harold Lloyd at the center of campus comedy?

Answer: The Freshman

4. If Buster Keaton checked into "Our Hospitality," who would be greeting you on the marquee?

Answer: Buster Keaton

5. Which swashbuckling star led the silent film "The Mark of Zorro"?

Answer: Douglas Fairbanks

6. Who starred in the silent film "Don Juan"?

Answer: John Barrymore

7. Which heartthrob starred in the silent film "The Eagle"?

Answer: Rudolph Valentino

8. The one-word silent film title "It" starred which actress?

Answer: Clara Bow

9. Who starred in the question-marked silent title "Why Be Good?"?

Answer: Colleen Moore

10. Which actor starred in the silent film "The Last Command"?

Answer: Emil Jannings

11. Who made Academy Awards history by winning the very first Best Actor prize?

Answer: Emil Jannings

12. Which actress took home the first Academy Award for Best Actress?

Answer: Janet Gaynor

13. Which company built major film-production facilities at Joinville-le-Pont near Paris?

Answer: Pathé

#### SILENT FILM FAMILY TRIVIA

1. In what year was "City Lights" released?

Answer: 1931

2. Which silent film in this set came out in 1926?

Answer: The General

3. A big storm and lots of comic chaos fill which 1928 silent film?

Answer: Steamboat Bill, Jr.

4. Which movie won the very first Academy Award for Outstanding Picture?

Answer: Wings

5. What year was the first Academy Awards ceremony held?

Answer: 1929

6. Which film won the first Academy Award for Unique and Artistic Picture?

Answer: Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans

7. True or false: "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" was released in 1920.?

Answer: True

8. Which famous silent-era film first appeared in 1922?

Answer: Nosferatu

9. Who starred in the silent film "The Phantom of the Opera"?

Answer: Lon Chaney

10. Which actress was promoted as a silent-screen vamp?

Answer: Theda Bara

11. Which silent-film star helped popularize the bob haircut in 1920s movies?

Answer: Colleen Moore

12. Who was a major screenwriter of the silent era?

Answer: Frances Marion

#### EASY SILENT FILM TRIVIA

1. What is the name of the film that was filmed in 1888 and is often cited among the earliest motion pictures?

Answer: Roundhay Garden Scene

2. Which silent film was released in 1902?

Answer: A Trip to the Moon

3. What film was released in 1903: "The Great Train Robbery" or "The Gold Rush"?

Answer: The Great Train Robbery

4. Who starred in the silent film "Sherlock Jr."?

Answer: Buster Keaton

5. Which silent star is famously seen hanging from a clock in "Safety Last!"?

Answer: Harold Lloyd

6. Which film features both Charlie Chaplin and Jackie Coogan?

Answer: The Kid

7. Which actress was nicknamed the "It Girl"?

Answer: Clara Bow

8. Who starred in the silent hit "The Sheik"?

Answer: Rudolph Valentino

9. Who starred in the silent film "Flesh and the Devil"?

Answer: Greta Garbo

10. Which actress starred in "Way Down East"?

Answer: Lillian Gish

11. Who played the title role in "The Thief of Bagdad"?

Answer: Douglas Fairbanks

12. Which actress appeared in "The Toll of the Sea"?

Answer: Anna May Wong

13. Which performer became a major silent-film star in the United States?

Answer: Sessue Hayakawa

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