

Sketch Comedy Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts

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Sketch Comedy trivia explores the fast-paced world of short-form comedy, from early revue traditions to influential TV series and online sketch groups. It offers a lively way to test what you know about recurring characters, famous performers, and the formats that helped define modern comedic style.

HARD SKETCH COMEDY TRIVIA

1. Before it became a cultural institution, what exact on-air title did "Saturday Night Live" premiere under in 1975?

Answer: NBC's Saturday Night

2. Who created "Saturday Night Live"?

Answer: Lorne Michaels

3. Name one performer who was part of the original "Saturday Night Live" cast: the high-energy comic known for anarchic early-era work.?

Answer: John Belushi

4. What year did "Monty Python's Flying Circus" first air on the BBC?

Answer: 1969

5. Which future comedy figure from this list was a member of the sketch troupe The State?

Answer: Michael Showalter

6. Which sketch series took home the 1993 Emmy for Outstanding Writing in a Variety or Music Program?

Answer: The Ben Stiller Show

7. On which network did "The Tracey Ullman Show" premiere in 1987?

Answer: Fox

8. Those little animated shorts that eventually grew into a giant franchise first appeared on which sketch-comedy series?

Answer: The Tracey Ullman Show

9. What eventually hit sitcom began life as animated shorts on "The Tracey Ullman Show"?

Answer: The Simpsons

10. In what year did MTV premiere "The State"?

Answer: 1993

11. What year did "That Mitchell and Webb Look" win the BAFTA for Best Comedy Programme?

Answer: 2007

12. How many series did "A Bit of Fry & Laurie" run?

Answer: four series

13. Complete this super-fan stat: "Chappelle's Show" ran for how many complete seasons on Comedy Central?

Answer: two complete seasons

14. What does the sketch-comedy acronym "SCTV" stand for?

Answer: Second City Television

FUNNY SKETCH COMEDY TRIVIA

1. Before it became a movie quote machine, which recurring sketch debuted on Saturday Night Live?

Answer: Wayne's World

2. Who played the Church Lady on Saturday Night Live, delivering judgment with a heavenly dose of side-eye?

Answer: Dana Carvey

3. Which comedian played motivational speaker Matt Foley on Saturday Night Live?

Answer: Chris Farley

4. The phrase "More cowbell" comes from a famous sketch on which show?

Answer: Saturday Night Live

5. Which recurring Saturday Night Live duo brought maximum pep and minimum shame to the gym floor?

Answer: Spartan cheerleaders

6. What was the name of the recurring Saturday Night Live parody sketch that turned quiz shows into chaos?

Answer: Celebrity Jeopardy!

7. On Key & Peele, which recurring sketch introduced football players with names that sounded like they were generated by a keyboard doing jazz hands?

Answer: East/West Bowl

8. Which Key & Peele classroom sketch became famous for turning ordinary attendance into a full-contact event?

Answer: Substitute Teacher

9. What recurring Chappelle's Show segment featured Charlie Murphy telling over-the-top celebrity stories?

Answer: Charlie Murphy's True Hollywood Stories

10. Which musician was famously portrayed in a Chappelle's Show sketch that became comedy legend?

Answer: Rick James

11. Which sketch comedy series in this list comes from Australia?

Answer: The Auntie Donna Show

12. In the U.S., The Fast Show went by what alternate title?

Answer: Brilliant

13. Kids in the Hall featured what recurring office worker character, a name that somehow sounds both ordinary and extremely not ordinary?

Answer: Gavin

FUN SKETCH COMEDY TRIVIA

1. What do you call the segment that gets filmed before the big live broadcast instead of during it?

Answer: A pre-tape.

2. If the performers are doing the scene right now in front of the audience or camera feed, what kind of sketch is it?

Answer: A live sketch.

3. What is the name for a scene that sneaks in before the opening titles roll?

Answer: A cold open.

4. Where do sketch ideas typically get tossed around, rewritten, and sharpened by a team?

Answer: The writer's room.

5. When a comedy sketch imitates a style or a specific work to get laughs, what is that called?

Answer: Parody.

6. Which famous production hub has frequently served as a center for American television sketch comedy?

Answer: Hollywood.

7. Edinburghâ the city tied to the Fringeâ is located in which country?

Answer: Scotland.

8. Which city is closely linked with the production history of "SCTV"?

Answer: Toronto.

9. Second City has helped train many sketch performers. In what city is that major institution especially associated?

Answer: Chicago.

10. The Groundlings call which city home?

Answer: Los Angeles.

11. What year did "A Bit of Fry & Laurie" first air?

Answer: 1989.

12. Which sketch series arrived first: "A Bit of Fry & Laurie" or "In Living Color"?

Answer: "A Bit of Fry & Laurie" arrived first.

13. "In Living Color" brought its energy to TV in what premiere year?

Answer: 1990.

SKETCH COMEDY FAMILY TRIVIA

1. What was the full title of Monty Python's television series?

Answer: Monty Python's Flying Circus

2. Which performer appeared in the sketch series "Not the Nine O'Clock News"?

Answer: Rowan Atkinson

3. Who starred in "The Catherine Tate Show"?

Answer: Catherine Tate

4. Who co-created the series "At Home with Amy Sedaris"?

Answer: Amy Sedaris

5. Which sketch show with "Club" in its title was released by Netflix?

Answer: Astronomy Club: The Sketch Show

6. Before many of his famous movie roles, which comedian made early TV appearances on "The Richard Pryor Show"?

Answer: Robin Williams

7. On which network did "A Black Lady Sketch Show" premiere in 2019?

Answer: HBO

8. Who were the two co-creators of "Little Britain"?

Answer: Matt Lucas and David Walliams

9. "Tracey Takes On..." starred which performer?

Answer: Tracey Ullman

10. In "Blackadder Back & Forth," Rowan Atkinson played what character?

Answer: Blackadder

11. Which comedy duo created "Key & Peele"?

Answer: Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele

12. What year did "Chappelle's Show" premiere?

Answer: 2003

EASY SKETCH COMEDY TRIVIA

1. Which long-running sketch comedy show premiered on NBC in 1975?

Answer: Saturday Night Live

2. What sketch comedy series aired on Comedy Central and featured the duo behind many viral sketches?

Answer: Key & Peele

3. MADtv originally aired on which network?

Answer: Fox

4. Which two British performers starred in A Bit of Fry & Laurie?

Answer: Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie

5. Who co-created Chappelle's Show?

Answer: Dave Chappelle

6. Name one co-creator of Mr. Show with Bob and David.?

Answer: Bob Odenkirk

7. Who created A Black Lady Sketch Show?

Answer: Robin Thede

8. Which comedian co-created Little Britain?

Answer: Matt Lucas

9. The Kids in the Hall is a sketch comedy television series from which country?

Answer: Canada

10. SCTV originated in what country?

Answer: Canada

11. Which performer was part of the original cast of SCTV?

Answer: Catherine O'Hara

12. Which comedian starred in her own sketch series on American television?

Answer: Tracey Ullman

13. Who stars in I Think You Should Leave with Tim Robinson?

Answer: Tim Robinson

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