

The National Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts  
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The National trivia begins with an American rock band formed in Brooklyn in 1999 by musicians with roots in Cincinnati, Ohio. Fronted by Matt Berninger and anchored by brothers Aaron and Bryce Dessner and Scott and Bryan Devendorf, the group became a defining presence in 21st-century indie rock through its brooding sound and critically acclaimed albums. Their long-running lineup and distinctive style make them a rich subject for questions ranging from accessible to deep-cut.

HARD THE NATIONAL TRIVIA

1. Before The National, what was the name of the band the members played in together?

Answer: Nancy

2. In what year was The National's self-titled debut album released?

Answer: 2001

3. "Sad Songs for Dirty Lovers" arrived in which year?

Answer: 2003

4. Pin the year: "Alligator" was released in what year?

Answer: 2005

5. What Grammy category did "Sleep Well Beast" win at the 60th Grammy Awards?

Answer: Best Alternative Music Album

6. Which Cincinnati festival did The National headline that was co-founded by Aaron and Bryce Dessner?

Answer: Homecoming Festival

7. Aaron Dessner co-founded Brassland with whom?

Answer: Alec Bissonnette

8. "Boxer" was released on which label?

Answer: Beggars Banquet

9. What label issued "High Violet" ?

Answer: 4AD

10. Which guest vocalist is noted for prominent vocals on "I Am Easy to Find" ?

Answer: Mina Tindle

11. Name the vocalist who contributed to "I Am Easy to Find" : Gail Ann Dorsey or Rosanne Cash?

Answer: Gail Ann Dorsey

12. Which Irish singer-songwriter is among the guest vocalists on "I Am Easy to Find" ?

Answer: Lisa Hannigan

13. Which artist contributed vocals to "I Am Easy to Find" : Sharon Van Etten or Sufjan Stevens?

Answer: Sharon Van Etten

14. Kate Stables appears on "I Am Easy to Find" as the leader of which act?

Answer: This Is The Kit

#### FUNNY THE NATIONAL TRIVIA

1. Which National song title sounds like a very dramatic room-cleaning report?

Answer: Squalor Victoria

2. What single-word National song title might also be someone's first name: "Abel" or "England" ?

Answer: Abel

3. Which National song title is also a common given name: "Karen" or "Brainy" ?

Answer: Karen

4. If the lights came on at a National song title party, which title would fit best?

Answer: Lit Up

5. Which "Boxer" track sounds like an awkward introduction at a party?

Answer: Mistaken for Strangers

6. On "Boxer," what song title makes it seem like someone forgot to leave after the weekend?

Answer: Guest Room

7. Which National song title sounds like it already finished the crossword?

Answer: Brainy

8. What "Boxer" song title suggests a very specific accessory color?

Answer: Green Gloves

9. Which best-known National song title sounds like a talent show moving at half speed?

Answer: Slow Show

10. What National song title sounds like the start of a brand-new notebook?

Answer: Blank Slate

11. Which National B-side sounds like a person more than a place?

Answer: Santa Clara

12. What National song title could double as an RSVP status?

Answer: Available

13. Which striking title appears in The National catalog: "Murder Me Rachael" or "Apartment Story" ?

Answer: Murder Me Rachael

## FUN THE NATIONAL TRIVIA

1. Which EP came first in The National's catalog?

Answer: Cherry Tree

2. What song closes 'High Violet' with the memorable title 'Vanderlyle Crybaby Geeks'?

Answer: Vanderlyle Crybaby Geeks

3. Which 'High Violet' track is titled 'Anyone's Ghost'?

Answer: Anyone's Ghost

4. Name The National's 2023 single with a very headline-ready title.?

Answer: Tropic Morning News

5. Which featured artist appears on The National song 'The Alcott'?

Answer: Taylor Swift

6. Who guests on the song 'This Isn't Helping'?

Answer: Phoebe Bridgers

7. 'Once Upon a Poolside' includes a feature from which artist?

Answer: Sufjan Stevens

8. Rosanne Cash guests on what National song?

Answer: Weird Goodbyes

9. Which collaborator also appears on 'Weird Goodbyes' alongside Rosanne Cash?

Answer: Bon Iver

10. On which 2023 album was 'Weird Goodbyes' included?

Answer: Laugh Track

11. What single from 'First Two Pages of Frankenstein' is named after a tree?

Answer: Eucalyptus

12. Which 2023 National song puts another band's merch in the title?

Answer: New Order T-Shirt

13. Which 2023 track by The National sounds like an arcade boss battle?

Answer: Space Invader

## THE NATIONAL FAMILY TRIVIA

1. How many members are in The National?

Answer: Five

2. Matt Berninger was born in what year?

Answer: 1971

3. In which year was Aaron Dessner born?

Answer: 1976

4. Bryan Devendorf's birth year is which of these?

Answer: 1975

5. Which year is associated with a key milestone for The National?

Answer: Sad Songs for Dirty Lovers

6. Which album did The National release in 2005?

Answer: Alligator

7. "Mr. November" belongs to which National album?

Answer: Alligator

8. Name the "Trouble Will Find Me" single that sounds like a giant ocean in three words.?

Answer: Sea of Love

9. Which song from "Sleep Well Beast" is titled "Day I \_\_\_" ?

Answer: Day I Die

10. What is the title of The National's 2019 album?

Answer: I Am Easy to Find

11. Which "Game of Thrones" song did The National contribute?

Answer: The Rains of Castamere

12. What National song was later featured in the film "Warrior" ?

Answer: About Today

#### EASY THE NATIONAL TRIVIA

1. In what city was The National formed in 1999?

Answer: Cincinnati, Ohio

2. Who is the lead vocalist of The National?

Answer: Matt Berninger

3. Which twin brother in The National can be named from the pair Aaron and Bryce Dessner?

Answer: Aaron Dessner

4. Name one of the Devendorf brothers who is a founding member of The National.?

Answer: Scott Devendorf

5. What is the title of The National's debut studio album?

Answer: The National

6. Which National album came out in 2007?

Answer: Boxer

7. What 2010 album did The National release?

Answer: High Violet

8. Which well-known National song includes the name of their home state in the title?

Answer: Bloodbuzz Ohio

9. On which album does "I Need My Girl" appear?

Answer: Trouble Will Find Me

10. Which 2023 National album arrived first: "First Two Pages of Frankenstein" or "Laugh Track" ?

Answer: First Two Pages of Frankenstein

11. What later-2023 album followed "First Two Pages of Frankenstein" ?

Answer: Laugh Track

12. Which member of The National plays drums?

Answer: Bryan Devendorf

13. Before becoming a band, the members got to know each other while living in which New York borough?

Answer: Brooklyn, New York

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