

100 Contests of Trivia

In celebration of Williams Trivia's 100th contest, we have compiled 1 question from each contest (and even one from a contest that didn't happen) into a single super bonus. For some of the oldest contests, the questions have been lost, so we have improvised. For all the others, the question is one that was actually asked on the air. We've included the song that was played with the question, because that's one thing that has been the same about Williams Trivia from (almost) the very beginning. The song may or may not help you answer the question.

Keep in mind that the answers to some questions may have changed since they were asked. Your answer should be what the answer should have been when the question was asked.

Spring '66: *Frank Ferry*

Question: Who was the winner of the first Trivia contest?

Winter '66: *Frank Ferry*

Question: We hardly know anything about this contest. But if you do, tell us about it and receive full credit for this question.

Spring '67: *Frank Ferry & WCFM*

Question: What is significant about the music from this contest?

Winter '67: *WCFM*

Question: What unbreakable record was set by Carter House in this contest?

Spring '68: *Frank Ferry & WCFM*

Question: What distinction does Morgan, the winner of this contest, hold?

Winter '68: *Morgan*

Question: Name any one of Groucho Marx's 3 consolation prize questions on "You Bet Your Life."

Spring '69: *Carter (featuring Frank Ferry)*

Question: This contest was the first to include a feature whereby competing teams could attempt to come up with trivia questions that would stump the hosting team. What was this feature called?

Winter '69: *Williams B*

Question: Who played the hotel desk clerk in the movie "The Graduate"?

Music: "Goodbye Cruel World" by James Darren

Spring '70:

Question: There was no contest in May of 1970. Why not?

Winter '70: *Agard Memorial Tube Team*

Question: Who is Charlie Brown's baseball idol?

Music: "Stranded in the Jungle" by the Cadets

Spring '71: *Grand Duchy of Fenwick*

Question: What is the name of the mythical country in "The Mouse That Roared"?

Notes: Everyone promptly got this question WRONG, because a mistake was made by the team in choosing its name, "the Grand Duchy of Fenwick."

Winter '71: *Xanadu*

Question: Here's one for all you fans who watch TV every night at 6: quote the opening lines to "Star Trek."

Music: "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes" by Bobby Vee

Spring '72: *Free Tumblers*

Question: What is the last line in the movie "The Time Machine"?

Notes: The Free Tumblers' contest ended in the first-ever tie score in Williams trivia history. This sent the co-leaders, The Bayonnettes and The Grand Duchy of Fenwick, into a sudden death playoff. And death WAS sudden.... the Bayonnettes took the title on the very first overtime question and song. (The Grand Duchy missed both ends.) The incident passed into contest legend, particularly since the Bayonnette who came up with the trivia answer was John Sayles '72, described by one teammate as "basically having seen every movie ever made." Naturally, Sayles would go on to become a highly successful screenwriter and director. The incident passed into contest legend, particularly since the Bayonnette who came up with the trivia answer was John Sayles '72, described by one teammate as "basically having seen every movie ever made." Naturally, Sayles would go on to become a highly successful screenwriter and director.

Music: "Crying in the Chapel" by Sonny Till & the Orioles

Winter '72: *Bayonnettes*

Question: This was the first trivia contest played by the longest tenured non-Williams team... name that team!

Spring '73: *Wham-o*

Question: This team, which continues to play Trivia to this day, had victory snatched from their hands in the eighth hour by The Great Impostor, and finished in second place. Name them.

Winter '73: *The Great Impostor*

Question: Name any one of the seven college basketball players who in their careers had averaged twenty points and twenty rebounds per game.

Spring '74: *BOMO*

Question: Who was the young Marine who won \$12,000 on "Name That Tune"?

Music: "Um, Um, Um, Um, Um, Um," by Major Lance

Winter '74: *General Bumble*

Question: Remember when Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are about to jump off the cliff into the river? Sundance says, "But I can't swim." What is Newman's reply?

Music: "South Street," by the Orlons

Spring '75: *House of Gee*

Question: House of Gee had a "Pus Line" for players who wished to phone in with any complaints. What did you get when you called it?

Winter '75: *Son of Whamo*

Question: Son of Whamo is one of two "sequel" teams to win the contest. What is the other?

Spring '76: *General Bumble*

Question: What is Casey Kasem's patented last line for every edition of his American Top 40?

Music: "Sunny" by Bobby Hebb

Winter '76: *BOMO*

Question: Who introduced Johnny Carson on his first night on "The Tonight Show"?

Music: "Everything I Own" by Bread

Spring '77: *Buda Bear*

Question: What was the original name of Chapin Hall, and what was the reason the name was changed?

Notes: The paper copy of Buda Bear's on-air questions lists answers and songs only. None of their questions are included. However, a combination of scribbled notations and some trivial knowledge has allowed us to reconstruct the content, if not the precise style or wording, of most Buda Bear questions.

Music: "I'll Be Back," by the Beatles

Winter '77: *General Morgasm*

Question: What are the four planets mentioned or visited or mentioned [sic] in Star Wars?

Spring '78: *Alphabet Soup*

Question: Everyone knows that Maxwell Smart was Agent 86, and that Barbara Feldon played Agent 99, and that Max's shoe-phone was on his right foot. But, who was Yogi Bear's girlfriend?

Music: "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," by the Andrews Sisters

Winter '78: *BOMO*

Question: From "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," we all know that when Brad and Janet were driving to Dr. Scott's, it was raining, and pendulous storm clouds hung low on the horizon, but that wouldn't keep the two young lovers from having their fun; it was a night

out, a night to remember. We want to know what was playing on the car radio as they drove along?

Music: "Fire" by The Crazy World of Arthur Brown

Spring '79: *Maximus Drott*

Question: For what college does Bullwinkle play football?

Music: "Mama Said," by the Shirelles

Winter '79: *Alphabet Soup*

Question: Tug McGraw was once asked which surface he preferred, Grass or Astroturf? What did McGraw answer?

Music: "Grazin' in the Grass" by The Friends of Distinction

Spring '80: *Pros from Dover*

Question: Who was the only female athlete at the 1976 Olympics who was NOT given a sex test?

Music: "Polk Salad Annie," by Tony Joe White

Winter '80: *Cunning Linguists*

Question: At the 4am break for this contest, all songs were by the same artist. Which artist, and why?

Spring '81: *Grape Nehi*

Question: As we all know, "Saturday Night Live" has gone through many changes in the five years it's been on. Who is the only member of the current cast who has been on the show since its inception?

Music: "Another Saturday Night," by Sam Cooke

Winter '81: *Phasers on Stun*

Question: In the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey," from where does the computer HAL get its name?

Music: "Can't Get Next To You" by Temptations

Spring '82: *Singleman Party*

Question: What was unusual about the first ball thrown out for the 1982 baseball season?

Music: "Space Race" by Billy Preston

Winter '82: *Local 12*

Question: We'd like the names of the last three winners of the Bobby Jones Open, played annually at the Tyrone Hills Golf Club in Fenton, Michigan...

Music: "Lightning Strikes" by Lou Christie

Spring '83: *Smedley Terrace*

Question: During the 1970s, two artists released albums that had 4 Top Ten singles on them. Name the artists and the records.

Music: "Mercy. Mercy. Mercy," by the Buckingham

Winter '83: *Phasers on Stun*

Question: What was the last role Michael Dorsey's agent got for him, in the movie "Tootsie"?

Music: "Smoke from a Distant Fire" by Sanford-Townsend Band

Spring '84: *Rule 6*

Question: What two people starred in the 1959 General Electric Television play, "A Turkey for President"?

Music: "Tracy" by The Cuff Links

Winter '84: *Chicago 60609*

Question: How did the first three drummers of Spinal Tap die?

Music: "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man," by the Bob Seger System

Spring '85: *Nasty Big Pointed Teeth*

Question: What, according to "the Far Side," is the real reason the dinosaurs became extinct?

Music: "Misty," by Johnny Mathis

Winter '85: *Wile E. Coyote, Super Genius*

Question: Name the five original Avengers of Marvel Comics fame.

Music: "Iron Man," by Black Sabbath

Spring '86: *My Second Favorite Organ*

Question: What award has the Bernhard Music Center won?

Music: "Ray's Rockhouse," by Manhattan Transfer

Winter '86: *Giant Pygmies of Beckles*

Question: What are Africa's only three countries ruled by monarchies?

Notes: The contest-deciding question that started the Tonga tradition.

Music: "Black Betty" by Ram Jam

Spring '87: *We Begin Bombing in Five Minutes*

Question: In the first episode of "WKRP in Cincinnati," what record was Dr. Johnny Fever playing, when he was informed that the station was changing format from easy listening to rock 'n roll?

Music: "Last Child" by Aerosmith

Winter '87: *I Don't Have To Answer That Question*

Question: What team's name appears on the trophy tonight's victor will receive (if Paul will let go of it)?

Music: "Chicago," by Graham Nash

Spring '88: *A Judo, A Chop-Chop-Chop*

Question: You are walking down a New York City street, and someone walks up to you and says, "Kenneth, what is the frequency?" Who are you and what is about to happen to you?

Music: "Hustlin' Dan" by Bessie Smith

Winter '88: *Silly Me, That's Not The Talking End*

Question: How much more black could "Smell The Glove" be, according to Nigel?

Music: "Paint It Black" by Echo and the Bunnymen

Spring '89: *Leave the Gun, Take the Cannolis*

Question: THREE-POINT PLAY For one point, name either of the following: 1) the largest margin of victory in trivia history (excluding such gimmicks as pinball scoring) and the team that achieved it; or 2) the smallest margin of victory in trivia history and the team that lost. For two points, name both.

Music: "Smoking Gun," by Robert Cray

Winter '89: *Harry "Snapper" Organs*

Question: What product advertises that it "whitens teeth as it freshens breath"?

Notes: Des Devlin believes this to be The Perfect Trivia Question.

Music: "Smile A Little Smile For Me," by the Flying Machine

Spring '90: *Son, You've Got a Panty On Your Head*

Question: What Western military commander is generally credited with inventing germ warfare?

Music: "Be True to Your School" by The Beach Boys

Winter '90: *Oxygen Is for Losers*

Question: Name 7 actors who have played James Bond in the movies

Notes: The film "Casino Royale" featured 7 James Bonds.

Music: "Casino Royale" by Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass

Spring '91: *Five Is Right Out*

Question: Babe Ruth, Billy Martin, and other drunken All-Stars are honored with plaques in Yankee Stadium's centerfield shrine. But which ex-Cardinal shares space with those Yankee legends, even though he never played one game in a Yankee uniform?

Music: "Theme from 'A Summer Place'," by Percy Faith and his Orchestra

Winter '91: *Phasers On Stun: The Next Generation*

Question: What was Marge Simpson's last name before she consigned herself to marriage with Homer?

Music: "Unconditonal Love" by Donna Summers and Musical Youth

Spring '92: *Not Everyone Keeps Their Genitals In the Same Place*

Question: Dave Barry frequently passes along valuable information in his column about important issues sent in by alert readers. Who alerted Dave to Beano, the anti-flatulence

medicine for cows?

Music: "Break Like the Wind" by Spinal Tap

Winter '92: *Phasers On Stun: The Next Generation*

Question: Besides being vital cogs in the success of this question, what do the following people or items have in common: Barry Manilow, Jerusalem, Ping Pong, Michelangelo, Fu Manchu, April Fool's Day, Friday the 13th, Yankee Doodle, Holocaust, Lucifer, Autumn Leaves, and Splat?

Notes: Actually took place in January '93 due to a huge snowstorm

Music: "Don't Bring Me Down," by ELO

Spring '93: *Your Plastic Pal Who's Fun to Be With*

Question: Who wrote "The Dynamics of Interbeing and Monological Imperatives in 'Dick and Jane': A Study in Psychic Transrelational Gender Modes"?

Music: "What's New, Pussycat?" by Tom Jones

Winter '93: *The Purpose of the Military is to Kill People and Break Things*

Question: The Little Mermaid has 6 sisters. Name 3 for 1 point, name them all for 2 points.

Music: "Watermark," by Enya

Spring '94: *Oh No! Bette Midler*

Question: How do you order Hooked on Phonics?

Music: "The Look of Love (Part 1)" by ABC

Winter '94: *How Dare They Challenge Us With Their Primitive Skills*

Question: According to David Letterman, the movie Wayne's World earned even more money than what?

Music: "Deja Vu," by Dionne Warwick

Spring '95: *Can't...Do...Plaid! (thud)*

Question: On what TV show have Big Bill Shatner, Leonard "stop tweaking my ears" Nimoy, James "I kenna eat any faster" Doohan, and George "They cut my scene!" Takei all acted besides Star Trek?

Music: "Paranoid" by Black Sabbath

Winter '95: *Elvis Needs Boats*

Question: Earlier this year, the Olympic committee announced that two new "sports" would be added to the roster at the Sydney Summer Olympics in 2000, though it has not yet been decided whether they will be exhibition events or full competition events. What are these two physical activities?

Music: "Dancing Fool" by The Butthole Surfers

Spring '96: *A Bunch of Mindless Jerks Who'll Be the First Up Against the Wall When the Revolution Comes*

Question: In a "Simpsons" episode, Homer becomes the leader of a secret society called

the Stonecutters. Name the members of the Stonecutters World Council from that episode. Name two for 1 point, four of them for 2 points.

Winter '96: *We Make Holes in Teeth*

Question: Give the names of Rocky Balboa's main four opponents in the five Rocky films.

Music: "Killer Joe," by the Rocky Fellers

Spring '97: *Gentle Tongue-Tongue, He Weeps for He Has But One Small Tongue With Which to Taste the World*

Question: In the Schoolhouse Rock video short "I'm Just a Bill," what is the law proposed by Bill?

Music: "The Tale of Mr. Morton" by Skee-Lo

Winter '97: *Cthulu Matata*

Question: Tell us the nicknames of all the Spice Girls.

Notes: Cthulu Matata actually had the wrong answer for this question, misidentifying Geri Halliwell as "Sexy Spice."

Music: "Birds of a Feather," by Tim Curry

Spring '98: *A Dead Postman Doesn't Deliver Much Mail*

Question: What were Fox Mulder and Samantha Mulder doing when Samantha was abducted by "mysterious forces"?

Music: "Unmarked Helicopters" by Soul Coughing

Winter '98: *At 200 Miles Per Hour, There Is No Diplomatic Immunity*

Question: Identify the movie that contains the following line of dialogue: "The Claw is our master! The Claw chooses who will go, and who will stay!"

Spring '99: *I've Got Ives In My Pants*

Question: In "Back to the Future", Marty (Michael J. Fox) goes back in time from the Twin Pine Mall parking lot. Upon his return to his own time, however, the name of the Mall has changed. What did it change to, and why?

Music: "2000 Light Years from Home" by Sky Cries Mary

Winter '99: *Pokemon Laboratories*

Question: What do the following have in common: Soy sauce, Nyquil, Listerine, prune juice, S.S. Pierce vodka, Campbell's Tomato Soup, and Total Balance Complete Nutritional Drink?

Spring '00: *Make Way for Ducklings, Mother ***er*

Question: What do the following have in common: New York, Japan, Milan, my love, your party, my hat, my shirt, my car, my cat, and THIS song?

Music: "Get Dancin'" by Disco Tex & His Sex-O-Lettes

Winter '00: *The Funk of 40,000 Years*

Question: The ever-loveable Powerpuff Girls can all fly, they can all kick your ass, they all have heat vision, and they all look freaky with their big heads and tiny little bodies. However, each girl has a superpower unique to herself. For instance, Blossom can use her Ice Breath to freeze stuff. What is Bubbles' special power?

Music: "Buttercup (I'm a Supergirl)" by Shonen Knife

Spring '01: *Holy Sack and the Resident Vomit Specialists*

Question: What do the following have in common: stars, poo, food, Washington D.C., Crime and Punishment, Canada, and disorders?

Winter '01: *I Say It's Duck Season and I Say Fire*

Question: In 1997, Bill Clinton's State of the Union address was shown on many channels with a split screen so that the media could cover an event equally as important as the health of our great nation. What was it?

Music: "Ladykillers" by Lush

Spring '02: *Neutered Vampires Who Cheat at Kitten Poker*

Question: How did they come up with the name for the group "N*Sync"?

Notes: You didn't know Lance was short for that, did you?

Music: "Backdoor Lover" by DuJour

Winter '03: *Joanie Loves Trotsky*

Question: On "Dawson's Creek" last season, what did Joey ask Dawson to do for her?

Music: "Here and Now" by Letters to Cleo

Spring '03: *Night of the Dawn of the Day of the Son of the Bride of the Return of the Revenge of the Terror of the Attack of the Evil Mutant Hellbound Zombified Flesh-Eating Subhumanoid Living Dead Part IV*

Question: What was Humphrey Bogart's real name?

Music: "The Real Slim Shady" by Eminem

Winter '04: *Click Here to Get Huge*

Question: Most players agreed it was worth waiting out the blizzard for the 1993 contest run by Phasers on Stun: The Next Generation, which featured the first sample food bonus, the fake Action, and the original Lit Slits bonus, among other treats. However, the group of people running the game inside WCFM was missing something. Something that every other team in contest history has had. What?

Music: "You" by George Harrison

Spring '04: *Mortal Wombat*

Question: Who is the only non-Jedi/Sith Lord to use a light-saber in any of the Star Wars movies?

Music: "Beast of Burden" by Bette Midler

Winter '05: *Worker and Parasite*

Question: What did the following names have in common in 2003: Chico, Elmo, Harpo, Bingo, and Fabio?

Music: "Ocean Breathes Salty" by Modest Mouse

Spring '05: *Deine Mutter ist Geekenvermachtstaffle*

Question: Geraldo Rivera is so convinced of Michael Jackson's innocence that he has placed a wager on it. What has Geraldo vowed to do should Jackson be found guilty of child molestation?

Music: "Talk Show Survivors" by Howie and the Hillcats

Winter '06: *Gratuitous Use of the Word "Belgium"*

Question: What location is mentioned on every track on the Beastie Boys' breakthrough album, "Licensed To Ill"?

Music: "Slide It In," by Whitesnake

Spring '06: *Awesome Sauce: Grammar for *** Like You*

Question: Not known for his good taste or political correctness, what actor of TV and the silver screen in a 1996 film referred to the inhabitants of Zanzibar as "Zanzibarbarians"?

Music: "Shiver My Timbers" by The Muppets

Winter '07: *Suite, Suite Lovin'*

Question: When he appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone, in what was the ever-humble Kanye West attired?

Music: "Crucify" by Tori Amos

Spring '07: *Lay Men: JC Superstars: Take Me Caiaphas*

Question: Which Care Bear is ironically best friends with Funshine Bear, despite Funshine Bear's caring mission of helping people have fun?

Music: "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow" by The Soggy Bottom Boys

Winter '08: *The Ubernebulous Space Otters of Alpha Centauri*

Question: In the third season finale of Grey's Anatomy, Christina knows Burke is gone because six items are missing from their apartment. Name three of the six items.

Music: "Keep Breathing" by Ingrid Michaelson

Spring '08: *I'm Oxford (dot com) and friends*

Question: On the TV show "Lost", what does Charlie's shoulder tattoo read? And where does the idea for the tattoo come from?

Music: "Lady Madonna" by The Beatles

Winter '09: *Stink Stank Stunk*

Question: In November, Middlebury College in Vermont won its second straight championship in which sport?

Music: "The Seeker" by The Who

Spring '09: *Silence in the Hub*

Question: What do Fountains of Wayne and The Sopranos have in common?

Music: "Danke Schoen" by Wayne Newton

Winter '10: *Minnesota Pigpen*

Question: Who is the only fictional character to be honored with an obituary in the New York Times?

Music: "Your Belgian Things" by The Mountain Goats

Spring '10: *La Esponja Grande*

Question: Famous titles, an album cover, "S"-words, Japan-US relations, and therapists all notably have what in common?

Music: "Pretty Irish Girl" by Sean Connery

Winter '11: *Return of the Large Hardon Collider: Harder Better Faster Stronger*

Question: In the final game of the 2006 season, the Patriots' backup quarterback won the award for special teams player of the week for being the first person since 1941 to successfully do what?

Music: "I'm Shipping up to Boston" by Dropkick Murphys

Spring '11: *The Ohio Players*

Question: Some right wing blogs that wanted to expose Barack Obama as a dangerous socialist found their accusations blocked by the WordPress content filter. Was this another liberal conspiracy to silence the truth? Well, sure. But what was the even bigger reason WordPress censored accounts of Obama's socialism?

Music: "Easy To Be Hard" by Three Dog Night

Winter '12: *Second Place Stars*

Question: Zombie master George Romero got his start on TV in the 60s. On which scary show did he first work?

Music: "Undone (The Sweater Song)" by Weezer

Spring '12: *BOMO*

Question: We all know that HTTP Error 404 stands for "Not Found". But what about Error 418?

Notes: According to Wikipedia, "This code was defined in 1998 as one of the traditional IETF April Fools' jokes, and is not expected to be implemented by actual HTTP servers. However, known implementations do exist."

Music: "Tom's Diner" by Susanne Vega

Winter '13: *Must Capture Moose and Squirrel*

Question: Former White Sox outfielder Carlos May is the only man in the history of Major League Baseball to have what written on the back of his uniform?

Music: "Calendar Girl" by Neil Sedaka

Spring '13: *Noumenal Yodeling*

Question: What do a lie detector, jet-pack fuel, a Geiger counter, a xylophone, shark repellent, a roulette wheel and pool table, a washing machine, a water pump, a telegraph, a battery recharger, soap (made from plant fats), lead radiation suits and make-up, a helium balloon (made with rubber raincoats sewn together), and shark repellent have in common with each other but not with a seaworthy raft?

Music: "Once in a Lifetime" by Talking Heads

Winter '14: *Requiem for the Blue Civic*

Question: In 1974 Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan installed a sculpture of a working pendulum with a 42-inch steel ball on the end of a cable. It was moved outside in 1995. Why was it abruptly removed and put in storage in September 2013?

Music: "Wrecking Ball" by King Wilkie

Spring '14: *ANUSTART*

Question: This accomplished fellow has been a mailman, a security guard, a pageant judge, a playboy, a hot dog vendor, a high school librarian, and a general - all in the course of the last 15 years! Who is he?

Music: "Please Mr. Postman" by The Marvelettes

Winter '15: *Polar Vortex*

Question: What do Henry Kissinger (1976), Whoopi Goldberg (1990), Nelson Mandela (1996), and Pope John Paul II (2000) all have in common?

Music: "Basketball" by Bow Wow

Spring '15: *Freaky and the Fridays*

Question: Courtney Love claims to have auditioned for the Mickey Mouse club how?

Music: "Lucky" by Britney Spears

Winter '16: *Honey Bunches of Scrote*

Question: For the first time since 1789 this group of French professionals were allowed to take vacations without first notifying authorities in August of 2015. However this resulted in mass shortages throughout Paris. Who are these professionals?

Music: "Panis Et Circenses" by Os Mutante

Spring '16: *Taha Noa Noa*

Question: Tonga! Question number one in our contest... forever number one in our hearts... and now the nation of Tonga is #1 in the entire world! Tell us how!

Music: "We Are A Crowd" by The Lonely Island
