

## Nordic Quizzing Championships

### Individual competition, Round 1

1. What product, which has not been available for long, is this? This product has already been banned from The Museum of Modern Art in New York (MoMa) as well as from several Premier League football grounds.



2. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln. Who is the last president you can see at Mount Rushmore?

3. In what US city does the South by Southwest set of influential festivals and conferences take place?

4. What Swedish author is considered to have been the cause of the Social Democrat government losing the 1976 election, through the so-called "Pomperipossa-effect", where the authors tax rate (around 102%) was publicised and sparked a stormy tax debate in Sweden?

5. Which is the only group in the Periodic table that has members existing in solid, liquid, and gaseous states at room conditions? (room condition is unofficially defined as 25.0 °C and one atmosphere pressure)

6. For what national team does Manchester United-player Marouane Fellaini play?



7. In 1741 Commander Vitus Bering, sailing for the Russian Navy, was shipwrecked and died of scurvy on Bering Island, along with 28 of his men. Bering Island is the largest island of which group of treeless and sparsely populated islands in the Bering Sea?

8. Founded by Chinese entrepreneur Jack Ma in 1999, what is the name of the Chinese e-commerce company that went public on NYSE in September 2014? With a somewhat un-

Chinese name, this company became the largest technology listing in US history, exceeding Facebook.

9. What is the name of the backpack produced by the Swedish manufacturer Fjällräven, which has been a best seller since it was launched in 1978?



10. In what country do you find the archeological and historical city of Petra?

11. What British artist is the only one to have been awarded the Mercury Prize twice, for "Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea" (2001) and "Let England Shake" (2011)?

12. "Russian Mountains" were a predecessor to a type of very popular man-made constructions. To this day a number of languages still use the equivalent of "Russian Mountains" (e.g. French *montagne russe*) to refer to these constructions. In Russia, however, the first ones were called "American Mountains". What is the English name for these constructions today?

13. Literally "those who confront death," what is the name of the military forces of the Kurds in Iraq?

14. Born Melinda Ann French in 1964, she has achieved awards and recognitions such as Time's Person of the year in 2005, an honorary degree from Cambridge as well as being ranked #3 in Forbes 2013 and 2014 lists of the 100 Most Powerful Women. Under what name is she known?

15. Sarawak is one of two Malaysian states at the island of Borneo. What is the other state called?

16. Which Dominican American fashion designer who famously dressed Jacqueline Kennedy in the 1960s and whose maxim was, "Every day you have to reinvent yourself," passed away in October of 2014?