

THE GREAT 80s TRIVIA TEST
ARE YOU A TRUE 80s FAN?

Here are the answers for those of you who didn't find them all yourself. I admit I even had to look some of them up myself.

1. Soft Cell, sang Tainted Love.
2. The Moody Blues had a huge following in the late 70's but in the 80s were basically a one-hit-wonder with Wildest Dreams.
3. John Hughes Films: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, Uncle Buck (1989), The Great Outdoors, She's Having a Baby (1988), Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Some Kind of Wonderful (1987), Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Pretty in Pink (1986), Weird Science, National Lampoon's European Vacation, The Breakfast Club (1985), Sixteen Candles (1984), Mr. Mom, National Lampoon's Vacation, Nate and Hayes (1983), National Lampoon's Class Reunion (1982).
4. Saint Elmo's Fire was a huge hit for every person involved with the film, it was responsible for starting what Hollywood fondly referred to as "The Brat Pack". The Brat Pack continued in the 80s with other young actors/actresses ie.. Tom Cruise, Ralph Macchio, Matthew Broderick, Molly Ringwald, etc...
5. Chuck Taylor
6. Brunette. Although this may seem like a dumb question, it was common knowledge that Molly died her hair to be different from anyone else in Hollywood, it worked!!
7. Kevin Bacon appeared in 14 movies in the 80s, some better than others, here is the list: Criminal Law, The Big Picture (1989), She's Having a Baby (1988), Planes, Trains & Automobiles, End of the Line, White Water Summer (1987), Quicksilver (1986), Footloose (1984), Enormous Changes at the Last Minute (1983), Forty Deuce, Diner (1982), Only When I Laugh (1981), Friday the 13th, Hero At Large (1980).
8. Before Sting became a singer he was still called Sting, However, his real name is Gordon Sumner, and he was an English teacher.
9. Please don't ask me to explain.
10. Matching
 1. Sting = d. The Police
 2. Ric Ocasek = e. The Cars
 3. Belinda Carlisle = k. The Go-Go's
 4. Danny Elfmann = g. Oingo Boingo
 5. Annie Lennox = a. The Eurythmics
 6. Don Henley = i. The Eagles
 7. George Michael = h. WHAM
 8. Phil Collins = c. Genesis
 9. David Lee Roth = f. Van Halen
 10. Ozzy Osbourne = b. Black Sabbath
 11. Allison Moyet = j. Yaz
11. The connection between Tom cruise and Charles DeMar is that they played best friends in Risky Business. Of course DeMar's real name is Curtis Armstrong.
12. Huey Lewis was drafted into the NFL as a Defensive Back, but was concurrently pursuing a singing career, he chose the singing.
13. Rick Springfield was an actor playing a doctor on "General Hospital" when he hit the charts with "Working Class Dog".
14. Mathew Broderick's 1st film was "War Games".

15. KISS came back with "Lick it Up" and appeared publicly as a group for the first time without makeup.
16. I will have to give credit for anybody who mentioned the American Flag (even though I am not sure there is any 80s significance to that) what I wanted was that it was Bruce's backside in a pair of the 80s legendary LEVI'S 501's.
17. Gene Simmons (KISS) was the bad boy of "Runaway".
18. One of the biggest cult films ever was Harrison Ford's sci-fi hit "Blade Runner".
19. Milli Vanilli were a bunch of lip-sinc'ers.
20. The Duke's car was the General Lee and its # was 01.
21. Raw eggs for Rocky.
22. Before Samantha Fox sang she was both a topless model as well as a porn actress.
23. George and Molly both appeared on "The Facts of Life" but Molly appeared first.
24. Eddie Murphy's first was "48 Hrs" (1982) and then "Trading Places" (1983).
25. Daisy Duke and Uncle Jessie Drove a Jeep named Dixie and an Old truck. (whether it was really a 1970 F- series I am not sure).
26. This list could go for days: (I will give credit for The Cure because the lead singer did have quite the doo, and credit for Duran Duran, but when most people refer to Big Hair they mean the rockers of the 80s): Europe, KISS, Bon Jovi, Cinderella, White Snake, Great White, Warrant, Motley Crue, Ratt, Poison, Queensryche, Accept, Autograph, Dio, Dokken, Van Halen, Quiet Riot, WASP, Loudness, I think that's enough for now.
27. All 9 of U2's albums were 80s releases.
28. (1980) The Empire Strikes Back- \$290,158,751 / Superman II- \$108,200,000
29. (1981) Raiders of the Lost Ark- \$242,374,454 / On Golden Pond- \$119,200,000
30. (1982) ET. The Extra Terrestrial- \$399,804,600 / Rocky III was actually #4 preceded by #3 An Officer and a Gentleman, & #2 Tootsie which made only \$177,200,000
31. (1983) Return of the Jedi- \$309,125,409 / Terms of Endearment- \$108,400,000
32. (1984) Ghostbusters- \$238,600,000 / Bev Hills Cop actually too 2nd \$234k while Indiana Jones & the Temple of Doom came in 3rd.
33. (1985) Back to the Future- \$208,242,000/ Rambo II was 2nd and Rocky IV 3rd with \$127,900,000
34. (1986) This was by far the closest year ever with Top Gun edging out Crocodile Dundee with sales of \$176,781,720 to \$174,635,000 respectively.
35. (1987) Three Men and a Baby- \$167,700,960 / Fatal Attraction- \$156,645,693.
36. (1988) Rain Man was "big" with \$172,825,435 and Big a little small coming in 4th with \$114,968,774 it was out sold by both Who Framed Roger Rabbit 2nd, & Coming to America 3rd.
37. (1989) Batman- \$251,188,924 / Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade- \$197,171,806
38. In the early 80s, Billy Idol hit the top 10 with a remake of Tommy James & the Shondells 1969 top ten hit Mony Mony. Tommy James died in 1999.
39. John Mellencamp started in the late 70's under the name John Cougar. It was the same name he was using when he had his first #1 hit in 1982. The #1 song of that album was Jack & Dianne, no other hits were #1, Hurts so Good topped out at #4 I think.
40. Different strokes consisted of Arnold, Willis, & Kimberly.
41. Eddie Murphy hit top 10 in the 80s with a 1-hit-wonder called "My Girl (Wants to Party All the Time)."
42. Match the one-hit-wonders with their hit.
 1. Stacey Q = l. 2 of Hearts
 2. Glass Tiger = m. Don't Forget Me When I'm Gone

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| 3. Toni Basil = | n. Mickey |
| 4. Buckner & Garcia | d. Pac-Man Fever |
| 5. A - Ha = | b. Take on Me |
| 6. After the Fire = | e. Don't Turn Around (Der Kommissar) |
| 7. The Alan Parsons Project = | g. Eye in the Sky |
| 8. Power Station = | i. Get it On (Bang a Gong) |
| 9. Musical Youth = | k. Pass the Dutchie |
| 10. Scritti Politti = | j. Perfect Way |
| 11. Taco = | f. Puttin' on the Ritz |
| 12. Mike & the Mechanics = | h. All I Need is a Miracle |
| 13. Quarterflash = | a. Harden My Heart |
| 14. Murray Head = | c. One Night in Bangkok |
| 15. Frankie Goes to Hollywood = | r. Relax |
| 16. The Waitresses = | s. I Know What Boys Like |
| 17. M = | o. Pop Music |
| 18. Dream Academy = | q. Life in a Northern Town |
| 19. Gary Neuman = | p. Cars |
43. Carlos Irwin Estevez is Charlie Sheen, the brother of Emilio Estevez. Emilio chose to use his mother's maiden name when he took up acting because he didn't want it said that the only reason he had a job was because of his father (Martin).
 44. Although his role in "Toy Soldiers" and "The Sure Thing" wasn't the lead, without them Tim Robbins would have never made "Top Gun" and later, become a premier 90s actor?
 45. Lisa Bonet of "The Cosby Show" made her big screen debut in a controversial movie with Mickey Rourke. (Angel Heart, 1987), Bill Cosby removed her from The Cosby Show because of the crude sexual nature of one of the scenes.
 46. Gnarly is: cool, awesome, gruesome, rad. That was a totally gnarly flick. Dude, that gnarly crash will cause one gnarly wound.
 47. John Travolta's first hit of the 80s was Urban Cowboy (1980). Before that he played the Italian "Sweathog" Vinnie Barbarino in the sitcom Welcome Back Kotter.
 48. "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." Jeff Spicoli played by Sean Penn. Many considered this his big start and one of his most famous roles.
 49. Ronald Reagan is mentioned as the president and Jerry Lewis as V.P.
 50. David Prowse was the "physical" Darth Vader.
 51. George Peppard starred in 1961 with Audrey Hepburn in the hit "Breakfast at Tiffani's", but never reappeared in a major role until The "A" Team (1983), with Mr. T in the 80s, his character was Col. John "Hannibal" Smith.
 52. Harold Faltermeyer only had one big hit; it was the theme song for Beverly Hills Cop. The name of the song was the same as Eddie Murphy's character. "Axel F".
 53. Kelly McGillis may have hit it big in Top Gun (1986) but she was nobody until she took it all off in "Witness" w/Harrison Ford (1985).
 54. C. Thomas Howell, Matt Dillon, Ralph Macchio, Patrick Swayze, Rob Lowe Tom Cruise, and Emilio Estevez all have "The Outsiders" in common.
 55. Charlie Sheen's first *movie* was "Red Dawn" (1984) which also starred Patrick Swayze, C. Thomas Howell, Lea Thompson, & Jennifer Gray.
 56. It was the 80s diva for Berlin, who almost became Princess Leah.
 57. Rob Reiner (Meathead, "All in the Family") has mostly had small acting parts but has directed some huge hits including: The American President, A Few Good Men, and Misery. His five 80s movies that he directed were: When Harry Met Sally (1989), The Princess Bride (1987), Stand By Me (1986), The Sure Thing (1985), This is Spinal Tap (1984). I have never seen Spinal Tap although I hear it is funny but the others are definitely in the "classic" category.

58. Calvin & Hobbes debuted on November 18th 1985.

How to Score the Great 80s Test

If I make the final question worth 2 points then we come to an exact 120 pts. possible. Here is what I think it means.

0 – 20	You are a lost soul, get thee to a video store.
21 – 40	Have you been under a rock, or just crawled from mother's womb?
41 – 60	Not the brightest Crayon in the box are we? Keep trying.
61 – 80	Truly a valiant effort. Possibly an 80s fan in the making.
81 – 100	A true 80s fan!
101 – 120	YOU WERE THERE MAN!

If you spent more than 3 hours of research give yourself 10 extra bonus points. For every hour over 3 give an additional point, you need to work on your research skills.

MISCELLANEOUS 80s INFO

Did you see Tom Cruise in "Young Guns?"

"Back to the Future"

At the beginning of the movie, Marty goes to meet Doc at the Twin Pines Mall. He then goes back in time and runs over a pine tree. At the end of the movie, he returns to the mall, but this time it's called the Lone Pine Mall.

"The Breakfast Club" and "Sixteen Candles"

Molly Ringwald and Anthony Michael Hall not only are in both movies, playing similar roles, but they also go to the same high school, Shermer High School. Shermer High is also the school used in "Weird Science" and almost every other John Hughes film of the eighties. Shermer, Illinois is a fictional town. In Kevin Smith's movie "Dogma" his recurring characters Jay and Silent Bob go to Illinois to look for Shermer after watching "Pretty in Pink" and "Sixteen Candles" only to find out it does not exist.

"The Breakfast Club"

The license plate of Brian Johnson's father is EMC2 (aka Einstein).

"E.T. - The Extraterrestrial"

The biology teacher in the scene where Elliot inspires all the students to release their frogs in was Harrison Ford, but they never show his face.

"Raiders of the Lost Ark"

If you look closely while they're removing the ark, you can see C-3P0 and R2-D2 in the hieroglyphs on the wall.

"Indiana Jones and the Temple Of Doom"

The name of the club where Short Round picks up Indy and Willie is "Club Obi Wan"; just another George Lucas references.

"John Hughes Films"

Anthony Michael Hall turned down roles in *Pretty in Pink* (Duckie) and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (Cameron) so he would not be typecast.

Sixteen Candles and *Weird Science* were both originally conceived as "R"-rated teen movies. They were written in an era prior to the PG-13 rating, back when there was only G, PG, and R. Since the prime audience of younger girls would have been cut off from the R-rated version of *Sixteen Candles*, all of the "F" words were eliminated with the exception of Samantha's distinctively memorable pre-credits birthday line. The movie eventually managed a PG rating. A few months later the PG-13 debuted, and this enabled *Weird Science* to properly refocus its material.

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

If you watch it all the way to the end, Matthew Broderick pops up and tells you it's time to go home, the movies over.

When Ben Stein is calling role in the class, he says so many "A" names, then Bueller (Ferris), then Fry (Cameron) right after it.

The art museum tour in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and Keith's painting talents in *Some Kind of Wonderful* are both inspired by John's real-life youth fondness for art and painting, which he pursued at the University of Arizona. (He eventually dropped out and never graduated.)

Three television series have been spun off of Hughes' movies: "*Ferris Bueller*," "*Uncle Buck*," and "*Weird Science*" (on the USA Network). However, he has never been involved with their productions. In fact, he was opposed to them but the studios made them anyway.

National Lampoon's Vacation

This film originated as Hughes' National Lampoon magazine short story "Vacation '58." The original script had the Griswolds travelling to Disneyland, but the theme park objected, pointing out that they are open 365 days of the year. Harold Ramis's (Egon from *Ghostbusters*) voice can be heard from off-screen as a cop at Wallyworld. He also directed the film.

Goofs:

Ellen can be seen wearing underwear when Clark scares her in the shower at the first motel.

After the accident in the desert when the axles on the car are bent, we see the family driving down the road, yet when the camera pulls back for a full view of the car only the driver is present.

In reality there are no oil rigs near Chicago (like we see in the film). A microphone can be seen at the bottom of the screen when Ellen is praying in the rain.

Sixteen Candles

One of Caroline's friends at the party is Jami Gertz, from such movies as *The Lost Boys* and *Twister*.

Goofs:

The grandmother who is supposedly getting into the car before the wedding is actually crouching next to it.

Weird Science

Hughes wrote the script in only two days.

"Lisa" was named after the computer the script on which she was created an Apple Lisa.

Oingo Boingo performed the title song "Weird Science." Danny Elfman, the lead singer, would go on to compose original scores for films, including Edward Scissorhands, another Anthony Michael Hall film, and has been involved in the making of the soundtracks of somewhere near 40 other films!

After Lisa puts a spell on Gary's parents so they would forget that she threatened them with a gun, Gary's father's memory of his son is erased altogether. Gary's mother shows him a photo of Gary to jog his memory. The picture she shows him is a promotional photo of Anthony Michael Hall from Sixteen Candles.

"Pretty in Pink"

Although Andie, Blaine, Duckie, and Steff are all supposed to be high school seniors (17-18 years old), Jon Cryer was 21 years old, Andrew McCarthy was 23 years old, and James Spader was 26 years old when the movie was released in 1986. Only Molly Ringwald was actually 18.

There is a definite continuity problem in the scene where Jack and Andie are talking before the prom. Jack's hair is alternatively hanging down and then in place.

Molly Ringwald and Andrew McCarthy teamed up again in the movie Fresh Horses, where they again played people from different backgrounds that fall in love. (I have seen this one and it is one of the top 10 stupidest movies I have ever seen.)

Andrew McCarthy and James Spader teamed up again in two other movies: Less Than Zero and Mannequin.

The ending of the movie was actually changed to make it more appealing to viewers.

The book by H.B. Gilmour based on the screenplay does, however, keep the original ending, in which Andie ends up with Duckie, not Blaine. (I have also read this and it is cool because Blaine and Duckie have a similar encounter as in the movie and Blaine realizes he lost a good woman. He also realizes his friends are losers but the movie ending is far better with Duckie scoring on Christy Swanson).

For hours of added entertainment check out these web sites:

<http://www.olg.com/driko/80smusic.html>

<http://www.afn.org/~afn30091/80songs.html>

<http://www.uwm.edu/~teacher/80slinks.html>

These pages will link you to literally 100's of cool pages.
Have fun!!!