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## Home and Car 'Pub Quiz' round

**Q1) When was the world's first speeding ticket issued?**

- a) 1956
- b) 1875
- c) 1896

*It's C, **1896**. Issued in Kent, to a speedster named Walter Arnold (though it wasn't a paper ticket - the first one of those was issued in 1904, in Ohio). For a bonus point, how fast was he going? (answer: 8mph – four times the speed limit!)*

**Q2) What is the legal minimum tread depth for car tyres in the UK?**

- a) 1.5mm
- b) 1.6mm
- c) 2.7mm

*UK law requires car tyres to have a minimum tread depth of **1.6mm** in a continuous band around the central three quarters of the tyre.*

**Q3) Stott Hall Farm is infamous for being a farmhouse situated in the middle of which motorway?**

- a) M62
- b) M1
- a) M6

*Stott Hall Farm is sandwiched by the **M62** motorway. Planners had to build around it when the Yorkshire landowner refused to move!*

**Q4) Brass doorknobs have antibacterial properties. True or false?**

*It's **true**. Copper-based metals such as brass are antimicrobial. They have an inherent ability to kill a range of harmful microbes relatively rapidly (often within two hours or less). This is an example of the Oligodynamic effect.*

**Q5) How many parts does the average car have?**

- a) Around 30,000
- b) Around 3,000
- c) Around 8,000

*The average car is made up of **around 30,000** parts. That's down to every last screw and bolt ...we won't name them all though. That's a whole other quiz...!*

**Q6)** What is an “inglenook”?

- a) Decorative features around the front door
- b) The cupboard under the stairs
- c) A space by a large open fireplace, built so you can sit close to the fire

The answer is C, **a space by a large open fireplace**. The word comes from “ingle” which meant “fireplace” in Old English, and “nook” meaning a corner or recess.

**Q7)** What is the most common colour car in the UK?

- a) Red
- b) Grey
- c) Blue

**Grey** has remained the UK’s favourite car colour since 2018, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

**Q8)** The mains electricity voltage in the UK used to be 240V. What is it now?

- a) 230V
- b) 220V
- c) 120V

The voltage used throughout the UK is now **230V**. This was changed in 2003 to harmonise with the rest of Europe.

**Q9)** According to the Guinness Book of World Records, what is the length of the longest car in the world?

- a) 8.7m
- b) 97.2m
- c) 30.5m

The limousine dubbed as the ‘American Dream’ is **30.5m** long! It has held onto the title of the world’s longest car since 1986.

**Q10)** Most household sinks in the UK come with double taps, as opposed to other countries. Why is this the case?

- a) It’s better for the environment by conserving energy and not wasting water.
- b) It prevents cross-contamination with water from the hot tank which may not be entirely safe.
- c) It encourages people to develop stamina against the hot or cold.

The answer is B - the separate taps **prevent cross-contamination with the hot tank**. Most British houses constructed after WWII have a cold-water storage tank, which feeds into a separate hot-water tank.