

The Friends Quiz

Twenty questions in four rounds for people who have seen it, not studied it. Nothing here needs an episode number or a wiki open on the table.

4 rounds · 20 questions · about 30 min

How to run it

1. Print one host sheet for yourself and one team answer sheet per team. The host sheet has the key on it — keep it face down.
2. Three to five people per team. Mixed ages work better than they sound: the show ran for ten years and different people remember different halves of it.
3. Read each question twice, then give about thirty seconds. Round four goes much faster than the first three.
4. Teams swap sheets at the end of each round and mark each other while you read the answers. One point each, twenty in total.
5. The line under each answer on the host sheet is there to be read out. It is the part people argue about afterwards.

ROUND 1 — Central Perk and the apartments

Where they sit, where they live, and who is banging on the ceiling.

1. What is the name of the coffee house where most of the show happens?

- ☒ **A Central Perk**
- ☐ B The Grind
- ☐ C Java Joe's
- ☐ D Cafe Nervosa

Answer: A — Central Perk

Worth adding: A pun on Central Park. The orange couch is somehow always free, which the show never once explains.

2. Who works behind the counter at the coffee house and is quietly in love with Rachel for ten years?

- ☐ A Mr. Heckles
- ☐ B Eddie
- ☒ **C Gunther**
- ☐ D Mr. Treeger

Answer: C — Gunther

Worth adding: He finally says it out loud in the last season. Rachel tells him she loves him too — just not in that way.

3. Which downstairs neighbour bangs on his ceiling with a broom whenever Monica's apartment gets loud?

- ☐ A Mr. Treeger
- ☐ B Ugly Naked Guy
- ☐ C Dr. Green
- ☒ **D Mr. Heckles**

Answer: D — Mr. Heckles

Worth adding: Mr. Treeger is the building's superintendent, which is a different kind of problem. Heckles just wants quiet, and claims that everything in the building is his.

4. In the trivia contest against Joey and Chandler, what do Monica and Rachel bet — and lose?

- ☐ A A month's rent
- ☒ B **Their apartment**
- ☐ C The orange couch
- ☐ D Monica's job

Answer: B — Their apartment

Worth adding: The question that finishes them is what Chandler does for a living. Rachel's answer, 'a transponster', is not a word.

5. How does the show explain Monica affording such a large apartment in Manhattan?

- ☐ A Ross pays half of it
- ☐ B Her parents cover the rent
- ☐ C She won it in a competition
- ☒ D **It is rent-controlled and was her grandmother's**

Answer: D — It is rent-controlled and was her grandmother's

Worth adding: Which also means she is subletting it illegally — something the show remembers roughly once a season.

ROUND 2 — How they made a living

Five jobs. One of them nobody in the show can name.

6. What does Ross do for a living?

- ☐ A He is an archaeologist
- ☐ B He is a geologist
- ☒ C **He is a palaeontologist**
- ☐ D He teaches history at a high school

Answer: C — He is a palaeontologist

Worth adding: Dinosaurs, not ruins. He works at a natural history museum and later teaches at NYU — and takes the distinction extremely seriously.

7. Joey lands a part as Dr. Drake Ramoray on which soap opera?

- ☐ A General Hospital
- ☒ B **Days of Our Lives**
- ☐ C As the World Turns
- ☐ D The Young and the Restless

Answer: B — Days of Our Lives

Worth adding: Ramoray is written out by falling down a lift shaft, after Joey tells a magazine he writes most of his own lines.

8. What is Phoebe's day job, in between the songs?

- ☒ A **Massage therapist**
- ☐ B Yoga teacher
- ☐ C Dog walker
- ☐ D Music teacher

Answer: A — Massage therapist

Worth adding: At a spa where singing is not encouraged, and later for herself.

9. Rachel's first real job in fashion is at which department store?

- ☒ **A Bloomingdale's**
- ☐ B Macy's
- ☐ C Saks Fifth Avenue
- ☐ D Barneys

Answer: A — Bloomingdale's

Worth adding: She moves to Ralph Lauren after that, and the job offer in Paris is what the entire final season hangs on.

10. For most of the show, Chandler's job involves which of these?

- ☐ A Insurance claims
- ☒ **B Statistical analysis and data reconfiguration**
- ☐ C Corporate law
- ☐ D Commercial banking

Answer: B — Statistical analysis and data reconfiguration

Worth adding: He walks out of it in the end and starts again as a junior copywriter in advertising, for considerably less money.

ROUND 3 — Weddings, divorces and the people who caused them

Ross alone is worth a round.

11. How many times is Ross divorced by the end of the show?

- ☐ A Once
- ☐ B Twice
- ☐ C Four times
- ☒ **D Three times**

Answer: D — Three times

Worth adding: Carol, Emily and Rachel. He objects to the phrase 'three divorces' far more than he objected to any of the divorces.

12. At his wedding to Emily, whose name does Ross say at the altar?

- ☐ A Carol
- ☐ B Monica
- ☒ **C Rachel**
- ☐ D Susan

Answer: C — Rachel

Worth adding: 'I take thee, Rachel.' Emily goes through with the ceremony anyway, which somehow makes it worse.

13. Which two of the six get married in Las Vegas after a night of drinking?

- ☐ A Monica and Chandler
- ☐ B Joey and Phoebe
- ☐ C Phoebe and Mike
- ☒ **D Ross and Rachel**

Answer: D — Ross and Rachel

Worth adding: Ross then spends most of a season not getting round to the annulment, because 'three divorces' sounded worse than a secret marriage.

14. Who does Phoebe marry?

- ☐ A David, the scientist
- ☐ B Gary, the cop
- ☒ C Mike Hannigan
- ☐ D Duncan

Answer: C — Mike Hannigan

Worth adding: Paul Rudd's character. They marry in the street outside the coffee house, in the snow, after the venue money goes elsewhere.

15. What are the names of Monica and Chandler's twins?

- ☐ A Emma and Ben
- ☒ B Erica and Jack
- ☐ C Frank and Alice
- ☐ D Leslie and Chandler Jr.

Answer: B — Erica and Jack

Worth adding: Jack after Monica's father, Erica after the birth mother — who had no idea she was expecting twins until the delivery.

ROUND 4 — True or false

Read straight through, no pause between them.

16. True or false: Ross once kept a monkey called Marcel in his apartment.

- ☒ A True
- ☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: Until Marcel hit puberty and had to be rehomed to a zoo — after which he turns up again, in a film.

17. True or false: Chandler's middle name is Muriel.

- ☒ A True
- ☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: Chandler Muriel Bing, which comes out at the worst possible moment, as these things do.

18. True or false: Phoebe has an identical twin sister called Ursula.

- ☒ A True
- ☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: Identical, and nothing alike. Ursula also appears in another sitcom entirely, Mad About You, played by the same actress.

19. True or false: Joey has six sisters.

- ☐ A True
- ☒ B False

Answer: B — False

Worth adding: Seven — and Joey himself cannot get through the names in one go.

20. True or false: the theme song, 'I'll Be There for You', was recorded by The Rembrandts.

☒ **A True**

☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: Written for the show, then released as a single once radio stations started looping the version from the title sequence.