

The Seinfeld Quiz

Twenty questions in four rounds on nine years of a show about nothing. Nothing here needs an episode title, and no hugging, no learning.

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. Put the person who claims to have seen every episode on a team with people who have not; that is how this one stays fun.
3. Read each question twice, then give about thirty seconds. Round four is true or false and goes quickly.
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 lines under the answers are there to be read out. Several of them are the part of the joke the question had to leave out.

ROUND 1 — The diner and the apartment

Four people, one booth, no growth.

1. What is the name of the diner where the four sit in a booth for most of the series?

- ☒ **A Monk's Cafe**
- ☐ B Tom's
- ☐ C Reggie's
- ☐ D The Royal

Answer: A — Monk's Cafe

Worth adding: Monk's on screen; the exterior shots are of Tom's Restaurant, a real diner uptown on Broadway that has been dealing with fans ever since.

2. What is Kramer's first name?

- ☐ A Conrad
- ☒ **B Cosmo**
- ☐ C Carl
- ☐ D Curtis

Answer: B — Cosmo

Worth adding: Kept secret for years and finally said out loud in front of his mother, who is the reason he was hiding it.

3. Who is Jerry's sworn enemy across the hall?

- ☐ A Bania
- ☐ B Puddy
- ☒ **C Newman**
- ☐ D Lippman

Answer: C — Newman

Worth adding: 'Hello, Newman' — two words carrying the entire relationship, every time.

4. Which holiday does Frank Costanza invent as an alternative to Christmas?

- ☐ A Frankmas
- ☐ B Grievance Day
- ☐ C The Costanza Feast
- ☒ D Festivus

Answer: D — Festivus

Worth adding: An unadorned aluminium pole, the Airing of Grievances and the Feats of Strength. It escaped the show entirely and is now celebrated by people who have never seen it.

5. Who created the show with Jerry Seinfeld?

- ☐ A Larry Charles
- ☐ B Carol Leifer
- ☒ C Larry David
- ☐ D Peter Mehlman

Answer: C — Larry David

Worth adding: He also plays the voice of George's terrifying boss at the Yankees, from off screen, facing away.

ROUND 2 — Things everybody quotes

Say the line, take the point.

6. Which character refuses service with the line 'No soup for you!'?

- ☐ A Poppie
- ☒ B The Soup Nazi
- ☐ C Babu Bhatt
- ☐ D The Bubble Boy

Answer: B — The Soup Nazi

Worth adding: Based on a real soup seller in Manhattan, who was reportedly not delighted with the association.

7. Who shouts 'Serenity now!' as a relaxation technique?

- ☐ A George
- ☐ B Kramer
- ☐ C Elaine
- ☒ D Frank Costanza

Answer: D — Frank Costanza

Worth adding: Shouted at maximum volume, which is the joke, and the reason Lloyd Braun warns that serenity now means insanity later.

8. What phrase do the characters use to skip over the interesting part of a story?

- ☒ A Yada yada yada
- ☐ B And so on
- ☐ C Blah blah blah
- ☐ D Et cetera

Answer: A — Yada yada yada

Worth adding: George's girlfriend yada-yadas over shoplifting, and over a boyfriend's death, which is how he works out what it is hiding.

9. The Contest is a bet about which of the four can go longest without doing what?

- ☐ A Lying to anyone
- ☒ B Pleasuring themselves
- ☐ C Spending money
- ☐ D Speaking to their parents

Answer: B — Pleasuring themselves

Worth adding: The word is never once used on screen. 'Master of my domain' is what got the episode past the network.

10. How does George describe Elaine's dancing?

- ☐ A A seizure in a cardigan
- ☐ B Like a marionette in a storm
- ☒ C A full-body dry heave set to music
- ☐ D An elbow fight with nobody

Answer: C — A full-body dry heave set to music

Worth adding: The little kicks and the thumbs. Julia Louis-Dreyfus has said it took real work to dance that badly on purpose.

ROUND 3 — Jobs, schemes and disasters

Mostly George.

11. What is George's favourite fake name and fake company?

- ☒ A Art Vandelay
- ☐ B Kel Varnsen
- ☐ C Martin van Nostrand
- ☐ D H.E. Pennypacker

Answer: A — Art Vandelay

Worth adding: Vandelay Industries, importer-exporter, and at one point a maker of latex products. The others are real aliases too, which is why the round takes a moment.

12. Which organisation employs George for several seasons?

- ☐ A The New York Mets
- ☐ B Pendant Publishing
- ☐ C The city parks department
- ☒ D The New York Yankees

Answer: D — The New York Yankees

Worth adding: Where his best career move is looking annoyed in corridors, and his worst is dragging the World Series trophy round the car park behind his car.

13. Elaine spends years working for which eccentric catalogue owner?

- ☐ A Mr. Lippman
- ☐ B Mr. Kruger
- ☐ C Mr. Pitt
- ☒ D J. Peterman

Answer: D — J. Peterman

Worth adding: Whose catalogue copy she ends up writing, inventing travel stories for clothes she has never worn.

14. How does George's fiancée Susan die?

- ☒ **A Licking toxic glue on cheap wedding invitations**
- ☐ B A car accident
- ☐ C A fall at the cabin
- ☐ D A reaction to shellfish

Answer: A — Licking toxic glue on cheap wedding invitations

Worth adding: Envelopes George chose because they were the cheapest. His reaction, at the hospital, is the coldest moment in the series.

15. What garment ruins Jerry's appearance on a talk show?

- ☐ A A velvet jacket
- ☐ B A leather waistcoat
- ☒ **C A puffy shirt**
- ☐ D A cowboy hat

Answer: C — A puffy shirt

Worth adding: Agreed to because Kramer's girlfriend is a low talker and Jerry could not hear what he was agreeing to.

ROUND 4 — True or false

Read straight through, no pause between them.

16. True or false: the series ends with the four of them in prison.

- ☒ **A True**
- ☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: Convicted under a Good Samaritan law for standing and commenting while somebody was robbed — then given a trial that calls back nine years of witnesses.

17. True or false: Kramer's friend Bob Sacamano appears on screen in the final season.

- ☐ A True
- ☒ **B False**

Answer: B — False

Worth adding: Never seen, not once, in nine years — and he still has more storylines than most visible characters.

18. True or false: Newman works for the postal service.

- ☒ **A True**
- ☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: A postman, which supplies both his grudges and several of his schemes.

19. True or false: Jerry's apartment number is the same in every episode.

- ☐ A True
- ☒ **B False**

Answer: B — False

Worth adding: It is 411 in the pilot and 5A from then on, which the show never explains and fans have never stopped mentioning.

20. True or false: Kramer writes a coffee table book about coffee tables.

☒ A True

☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: With fold-out legs, so the book is itself a coffee table. It gets him onto daytime television, where he burns his hand on the presenter's coffee.