

Free Printable Senior Trivia: Everyday Memories

Round 2: Everyday Memories and Mixed Challenge — Questions 11–20

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Questions

11. What 1960s group from Liverpool became famous worldwide as John, Paul, George, and Ringo?

A) The Rolling Stones
B) The Dave Clark Five
C) The Animals
D) The Beatles

12. A dance record helped launch a national craze in which people could dance without touching a partner. What performer was most closely associated with it?

A) Joey Dee
B) Bobby Rydell
C) Chubby Checker
D) Dee Dee Sharp

13. Before push-button phones became common, what kind of telephone required users to turn a numbered dial for each digit?

A) Rotary telephone
B) Candlestick telephone
C) Princess telephone
D) Party-line telephone

14. Vacation slides filled a wall when families loaded what household projector?

A) Reel-to-reel recorder
B) Transistor radio
C) Slide projector
D) Stereoscope

15. What small paper book was commonly used to store S&H Green Stamps before redeeming them for merchandise?

A) Trading-stamp book
B) Bank passbook
C) Ration coupon book
D) Library checkout card

16. For extra meat, vegetables, and ice cream, what cold-storage appliance often stood in a garage or basement?

A) Icebox
B) Deep freezer
C) Cold pantry
D) Root cellar

17. On “The Andy Griffith Show,” what character often created comic trouble as Mayberry’s nervous deputy?

A) Floyd Lawson
B) Barney Fife
C) Howard Sprague
D) Goober Pyle

18. In the 1952 film “Singin’ in the Rain,” Gene Kelly’s famous dance number takes place during what kind of weather?

A) A rainstorm
B) A snowstorm
C) A windstorm
D) A heat wave

19. Before television became common in American homes, families often gathered around what household item for entertainment, news, and drama?

A) The phonograph cabinet
B) The slide projector
C) The telephone switchboard
D) The radio

20. What American president delivered the famous line, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself”?

A) Franklin D. Roosevelt
B) Harry S. Truman
C) Dwight D. Eisenhower
D) John F. Kennedy

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11. D) The Beatles

The Beatles became one of the most influential and popular musical groups in history. John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr helped reshape rock and pop music throughout the 1960s.

MEMORY LANE *Beatlemania was more than a music craze; it was a cultural event that changed hairstyles, fashion, television, and teenage excitement all at once.*

12. C) Chubby Checker

Chubby Checker became closely associated with “The Twist,” one of the biggest dance crazes of the early 1960s. The dance was simple enough for almost anyone to try.

MEMORY LANE *Dance crazes could sweep through schools, parties, television shows, and living rooms with amazing speed.*

13. A) Rotary telephone

A rotary telephone used a circular dial that had to be turned and released for each number. The dialing process took patience compared with later push-button phones, especially when a number had several high digits.

MEMORY LANE *Many people still remember the soft clicking sound of the dial returning after each number.*

14. C) Slide projector

Slide projectors were often used to show family photos before digital cameras and phone screens. Families might gather in a darkened room while one person narrated the pictures.

MEMORY LANE *For better or worse, a slide show could turn someone’s vacation into a full evening of family entertainment.*

15. A) Trading-stamp book

S&H Green Stamps were collected from participating stores and pasted into trading-stamp books. Once enough books were filled, customers could redeem them for household goods, gifts, or other merchandise.

MEMORY LANE *Saving stamps made everyday shopping feel like a slow treasure hunt, especially when a family had its eye on something in the catalog.*

16. B) Deep freezer

A deep freezer gave families extra frozen-storage space beyond the refrigerator freezer. It was useful for large families, gardens, bulk shopping, and stocking up.

MEMORY LANE *A freezer in the garage or basement could hold everything from popsicles to a season’s worth of vegetables.*

17. B) Barney Fife

Barney Fife, played by Don Knotts, was Andy Taylor's loyal but high-strung deputy. His overconfidence, shaky judgment, and good heart made him one of television's most beloved comic characters.

MEMORY LANE *Many viewers still remember Barney being allowed to carry only one bullet — and keeping it safely tucked away in his shirt pocket.*

18. A) A rainstorm

Gene Kelly's joyful dance through the rain became one of the most famous musical scenes in movie history. The sequence captured the pure optimism and movement that helped define the golden age of Hollywood musicals.

MEMORY LANE *The scene remains so recognizable that even people who have never seen the full movie often know the image of Kelly swinging around the lamppost.*

19. D) The radio

Radio was the center of home entertainment before television took over. Families listened to comedy shows, mysteries, news broadcasts, music programs, and serialized dramas together.

MEMORY LANE *The phrase "gathered around the radio" once described a real evening ritual in many homes.*

20. A) Franklin D. Roosevelt

Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke those words during his first inaugural address in 1933. The country was deep in the Great Depression, and the line became one of the most memorable calls for courage in American history.

MEMORY LANE *Roosevelt's fireside chats later helped many Americans feel as if the president were speaking directly into their living rooms.*