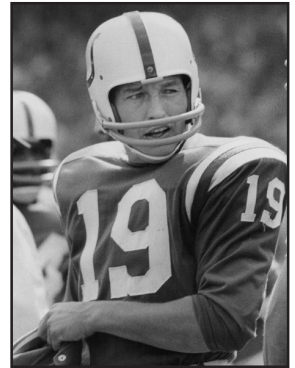


May IQ

There's more to May than Mother's Day. Test your May IQ.

- How did the month of May get its name?
 - It is short for *maypole*.
 - It was named after the Greek god Mars.
 - It was named after the Greek god Maia.
 - May means "five" in Latin.
- True or False? May occurs during the autumn season in the northern hemisphere.
- Football player Johnny Unitas was born on May 7, 1933. What position did he play?
 - Quarterback
 - Running back
 - Wide receiver
 - Tight end
- On May 6, 1937, a German airship burst into flames as it was trying to dock at the naval station in Lakehurst, New Jersey. What was the name of the airship? _____
- May was the _____ month in the Julian calendar.
 - first
 - third
 - fourth
 - fifth
- Which two astrological signs represent May?
 - Aries and Gemini
 - Taurus and Gemini
 - Pisces and Aries
 - Gemini and Virgo
- True or False? May is one of the months mentioned in the song "Shine On Harvest Moon."



8. Which of the following does **NOT** occur in May?
- A. Mother's Day
 - B. Belmont Stakes in the U.S.
 - C. Victoria Day
 - D. International Nurses Day
9. What is the only six-letter word that ends with the letters "MAY"?
10. What famous poet born in May said, "To err is human; to forgive, divine."
- A. Robert Burns
 - B. Joyce Kilmer
 - C. Robert Browning
 - D. Alexander Pope
11. What is the birthstone for May? _____
12. Jimmy Stewart was born on May 20, 1908. Which is **NOT** one of his films?
- A. *Harvey*
 - B. *Rear Window*
 - C. *The Philadelphia Story*
 - D. *Charade*
13. The first National Spelling Bee was held in May 1925. Which is the correct spelling of the winning word?
- A. *Gladoilus*
 - B. *Gladiolis*
 - C. *Glodiolus*
 - D. *Gladiolus*
14. Jazz musician Miles Davis was born on May 26, 1926. What instrument did he play? _____
15. Singer Peggy Lee was born on May 26, 1920. Which of her songs begins "Never know how much I love you, never know how much I care"?
- A. "Black Coffee"
 - B. "It's a Good Day"
 - C. "Fever"
 - D. "Mañana (Is Soon Enough for Me)"

Answers

1. (C) It was named after the Greek goddess Maia.
2. False. In the northern hemisphere, May occurs during spring.
3. (A) Quarterback. Unitas set many records during his career. His record for throwing a touchdown in 47 consecutive games was finally broken in 2012. It had stood for 52 years.
4. The Hindenburg. The cause of the accident has never been conclusively determined. Thirty-six people died in the blaze.
5. (D) Fifth. May is the fifth month in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars.
6. (B) Taurus and Gemini. April 20–May 20 is Taurus. May 21–June 21 is Gemini.
7. False. The months mentioned in the song are January, April, June, and July. The line from the song is "I ain't had no lovin' since April, January, June, or July."
8. (B) Belmont Stakes in the U.S. The third race of the Triple Crown is held in June. The Kentucky Derby and the Preakness are the first two races, both held in May.
9. Dismay.
10. (D) Alexander Pope. Pope was a poet during the 18th century.
11. Emerald. Colombia produces the largest and the highest quality emeralds in the world.
12. (D) *Charade*. *Charade* starred Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn.
13. (D) *Gladiolus*. Eleven-year-old Frank Neuhauser won the first National Spelling Bee.
14. Trumpet. Davis won nine Grammy Awards during his career. He was heavily involved in the development of jazz.
15. (C) "Fever." It is her signature song, and it made her internationally famous.