

Dorset Quiz

1. What is the name given to the 96-mile stretch of coast between Exmouth in East Devon and Studland Bay in Dorset? **The Jurassic Coast**
2. Dorset Blue Vinney is a kind of what? **Cheese**
3. How tall is the Cerne Abbas giant? **55 metres (180 ft)**
4. What is the official county town of Dorset? **Dorchester**
5. Where would you find "The Cobb"? **Lyme Regis**
6. Name the Dorset cliff which is the highest point on the South Coast? Golden Cap – at 191 metres (627 ft) it is the highest point on the south coast of Great Britain
7. Which superhot chilli, rated at a terrifying 1.5 million Scoville Heat Units, was first developed in Dorset? **Dorset Naga**
8. Where does Chesil Beach start and end? **West Bay - Portland**
9. What is noteworthy about the post box found at Barnes Cross near Sherborne? **It is the oldest working post box in the UK – dating from 1853!**
10. Which is the longest river in Dorset? **River Stour, at 60 miles in length**
11. What is it considered unlucky to say on Portland? **The word "rabbit"**
12. Which of the following won't you find in Dorset?
 1. Motorway
 2. Cathedral
 3. Cities
 4. **All of the above**
13. What is a Dorset Knob? **A kind of biscuit. These hard, dry savoury biscuits are made by the Moore's company, and are also the subject of a popular local food festival – the Dorset Knob Throwing Festival.**
14. Hall & Woodhouse, the brewery behind Badger Beers, can be found in which Dorset town? **Blandford Forum (specifically in the village of Blandford St Mary)**
15. Where was the first scout camp held in 1907? **Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour**
16. Where would you find the Fossil Forest? **On the cliffs to the east of Lulworth Cove**
17. Which is the only Dorset football team in the Premier League? **A.F.C Bournemouth**
18. Which famous castle on the Isle of Purbeck was built by William the Conqueror? **Corfe Castle**
19. Old Harry Rocks are connected by a chalk ridge-line with which Isle of Wight landmark? **The Needles**
20. What is the highest point in Dorset? **Lewesdon Hill, at an impressive height of 279m (915 feet)**

Bonus Question: Which of these is not a real place in Dorset?

- Scratchy Bottom
- Shitterton
- Tinkleton
- **Burpwell**
- Shaggs
- None - they're all real

Answer: Burpwell. But, there is a Belchawell near Sturminster Newton

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Picture Round Answers

1. Durdle Door
2. Mudeford Sandbank (near Hengistbury Head). Fun fact: these are some of the most expensive beach huts in the UK!
3. Portland Bill Lighthouse
4. East Cliff at West Bay
5. Bournemouth Beach
6. Old Harry Rocks
7. Kimmeridge Bay
8. Bournemouth Pier
9. Brownsea Island

History Round

1. Durnovaria is the Roman name for which place in Dorset? **Dorchester**
2. Weymouth was famously a popular holiday spot for which royal? **King George III**
3. What is the collective name for the 6 men who formed a friendly society in 1833 to protest the lowering of agricultural wages? **Tolpuddle Martyrs**
4. During which war did the Dorset Clubmen fight at Hambledon Hill? **The English Civil War**
5. Which deadly disease arrived in Weymouth in the 14th Century? **The bubonic plague – aka The Black Death**
6. What was the "occupation" of Harry Paye, one of Poole's most notorious historic citizens? It's said Old Harry Rocks were named after him. **Privateer/pirate and smuggler**
7. What is the largest iron age hill fort in Dorset? **Maiden Castle**
8. In 1588, eight ships from Dorset assisted in the destruction of which fleet? **The Spanish Armada. The San Salvador, one of the flagships, still lies at the bottom of Studland Bay.**
9. Found on Monmouth Beach at Lyme Regis, David Attenborough's "Sea Dragon" is the fossil of which prehistoric creature?
 - **A - Ichthyosaur**
 - B - Plesiosaur
 - C - Ammonite
10. In what year did Bournemouth and Christchurch become part of Dorset? **1974**

Film and Literature

1. Novelist Thomas Hardy based his fictional town of Casterbridge on which Dorset town? **Dorchester**
2. Corfe Castle is believed to have been the inspiration for which fictional castle from a much-loved children's book series? **Kirrin Castle - The Famous Five, by Enid Blyton**
3. The tongue-twister which begins "she sells seashells by the seashore" was inspired by which fossil hunter from Lyme Regis? **Mary Anning**

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4. In 1973, Ridley Scott directed an iconic British advert which was shot on Gold Hill in Shaftesbury. What was it for? **Hovis**
5. Scenes for which 2017 film, directed by Christopher Nolan, were filmed around Weymouth harbour? **Dunkirk**
6. Where in Dorset was the popular ITV series Broadchurch filmed? **West Bay**
7. Portland Stone was used to build which famous cathedral? **St Paul's Cathedral in London. It was also used to build the Palace of Westminster, the Tower of London, the first stone London Bridge, and the East side of Buckingham Palace.**
8. The grave of writer Mary Shelley can be found in which town? **Bournemouth**
9. The fictional Sarah Woodruff lives in Lyme Regis in which novel (also a classic 1981 movie)? **The French Lieutenant's Woman**
10. Which 2007 book by Ian McEwan, features Edward and Florence honeymooning on the Dorset coast in the summer of 1962? **On Chesil Beach**