



1980s Trivia Questions - Answer Key

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1. Which music television channel launched in the United States in 1981?

Answer: MTV

MTV launched on August 1, 1981.

2. What handheld puzzle became a worldwide craze in the 1980s?

Answer: Rubik's Cube

The Rubik's Cube became an international phenomenon in the early 1980s.

3. Which film features the line "E.T. phone home"?

Answer: E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial

The line comes from Steven Spielberg's 1982 film E.T.

4. Which company introduced the Macintosh computer in 1984?

Answer: Apple

Apple introduced the original Macintosh in January 1984.

5. Which singer released the album Thriller?

Answer: Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson released Thriller in 1982.

6. What video-game character first appeared as Jumpman?

Answer: Mario

Mario was originally called Jumpman in the 1981 game Donkey Kong.

7. Which 1985 concert event raised money for famine relief?

Answer: Live Aid

Live Aid was held in London and Philadelphia in July 1985.

8. Which space shuttle broke apart shortly after launch in 1986?

Answer: Challenger

Space Shuttle Challenger was lost on January 28, 1986.



9. Which arcade game features ghosts named Blinky, Pinky, Inky and Clyde?

Answer: Pac-Man

Those four ghosts pursue Pac-Man through the maze.

10. Which dance style is strongly associated with early hip-hop culture?

Answer: Breakdancing

Breaking, often called breakdancing, gained global visibility in the 1980s.