

Country Music Trivia Challenge Questions

Easy Difficulty

1. Which country superstar had her award speech interrupted by Kanye West?
2. Which male country singer co-hosts the TV show *The Voice*?
3. Which artist reached the top of the charts with *Ain't Nothing 'Bout You*?
4. In which movie starring Sandra Bullock did Tim McGraw appear as an owner of Taco Bell franchises?
5. What was the name of Garth Brooks' rock and roll alter ego in the late '90s?
6. Which artist has an album title that refers to the "same trailer, different park?"
7. Which 1980 movie transformed Dolly Parton into a household name? (Hint: It became a Broadway musical in 2009.)
8. What was Shania Twain's best selling single?
9. Which famous Central California city is home to Merle Haggard and Buck Owens?

Medium Difficulty

1. In the 1990s, which country artist became the first to have five singles from one album reach the top of the charts?
2. Which tireless singer played the most live shows in the 2000s of any country artist?
3. What was the name of the band that backed Bill Monroe?
4. Who was the first woman to win Country Music Entertainer of Year at the Country Music Awards? (Hint: she's a "coal miner's daughter.")
5. June Carter Cash had a role in which Robert Duvall film?
6. Which country music legend wrote Patsy Cline's hit song *Crazy*?
7. What was the name of the style of country music that Johnny Cash helped make famous?
8. Which outspoken female country group became publicly critical of George W. Bush during his presidency?
9. About whom did Taylor Swift write the song *I Knew You Were Trouble*?

Hard Difficulty

1. At the 1975 CMA Awards, what did Charlie Rich do with the card that announced John Denver as the Entertainer of the Year?
2. Who won the first country Grammy?
3. What was the name of the city that built the Shania Twain Centre in her honor?
4. Who was Johnny Cash's first wife?
5. In what kind of structure was Merle Haggard born? (Hint: It was not a hospital.)
6. Which major record label signed Randy Travis in 1985 after many others turned him down?
7. Who coined the term "country music?"
8. From what kind of wood did they make the famous circle that is at the center of the Grand Ole Opry stage?
9. Sara Carter of the Carter Family used a special kind of instrument in her performances. To what family of musical instruments does that instrument belong?

Country Music Trivia Challenge Answer Key

Easy Difficulty

1. Which country superstar had her award speech interrupted by Kanye West?
Taylor Swift.
2. Which male country singer co-hosts the TV show *The Voice*?
Blake Shelton.
3. Which artist reached the top of the charts with *Ain't Nothing 'Bout You*?
Brooks & Dunn.
4. In which movie starring Sandra Bullock did Tim McGraw appear as an owner of Taco Bell franchises?
The Blindside.
5. What was the name of Garth Brooks' rock and roll alter ego in the late '90s?
Chris Gaines.
6. Which artist has an album title that refers to the "same trailer, different park?"
Kacey Musgraves.
7. Which 1980 movie transformed Dolly Parton into a household name? (Hint: It became a Broadway musical in 2009.)
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8. What was Shania Twain's best selling single?
You're Still The One. Bonus factoid: It has sold over two million copies.
9. Which famous Central California city is home to Merle Haggard and Buck Owens?
Bakersfield.

Medium Difficulty

1. In the 1990s, which country artist became the first to have five singles from one album reach the top of the charts?
Rodney Crowell with his album *Diamonds & Dirt*.
2. Which tireless singer played the most live shows in the 2000s of any country artist?
Kenny Chesney. Bonus factoid: He played 622 shows between 2000-2009.
3. What was the name of the band that backed Bill Monroe?
Blue Grass Boys.
4. Who was the first woman to win Country Music Entertainer of Year at the Country Music Awards? (Hint: She's a "coal miner's daughter.")
Loretta Lynn.
5. June Carter Cash had a role in which Robert Duvall film?
The Apostle.
6. Which country music legend wrote Patsy Cline's hit song *Crazy*?
Willie Nelson.
7. What was the name of the style of country music that Johnny Cash helped make famous?
Outlaw country.
8. Which outspoken female country group became publicly critical of George W. Bush during his presidency?
Dixie Chicks.

9. About whom did Taylor Swift write the song *I Knew You Were Trouble*?
Harry Styles.

Hard Difficulty

1. At the 1975 CMA Awards, what did Charlie Rich do with the card that announced John Denver as the Entertainer of the Year?
He burned it.
2. Who won the first country Grammy?
Kingston Trio.
3. What was the name of the city that built the Shania Twain Centre in her honor?
Timmins in Ontario, Canada.
4. Who was Johnny Cash's first wife?
Vivian Liberto.
5. In what kind of structure was Merle Haggard born? (Hint: It was not a hospital.)
A boxcar.
6. Which major record label signed Randy Travis in 1985 after many others turned him down?
Warner Bros.
7. Who coined the term "country music?"
Ernest Tubbs in 1958.
8. From what kind of wood did they make the famous circle that is at the center of the Grand Ole Opry stage?
Dark oak wood.
9. Sara Carter of the Carter Family used a special kind of instrument in her performances. To what family of musical instruments does that instrument belong?
The zither family.