

The Talk of the Toon

Quiz Three





This document lists the answers for the 10 multiple choice questions found in the separate 'Toon-Quiz-Three-Questions' pdf file.

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Question 1

Someone who is a picky eater or very fussy about their food is ...

- a. proggly
- b. plooky / plukey
- c. peffy
- d. plashy
- e. parky / pawky



Correct!

Parky could also mean 'big-headed' or 'cunning'. It is not related to the other **parky** ('cold, chilly'). The other words: **proggly** = 'prickly'; **plooky / plukey** = 'pimply'; **peffy** = 'out of breath'; **plashy** = 'wet'.

Question 2



Which of these definitions is **wrong**?

a. porriwiggle = 'tadpole'

b. kite = 'stomach'

c. cree = 'crow'

d. snagger = 'turnip'

e. dunch = 'bump, knock'



Correct!

A **cree** is a hut, pen or coop for animals, though Griffiths' *Dictionary of North East Dialect* (2011) records that it has also been used for a general garden or coal shed. A cree specifically for pigeons is also called a **ducket**.

Question 3



Which word means **weak** or **frail**?

a. femmer

b. lingey

c. micey

d. smittlish

e. hempy



Correct!

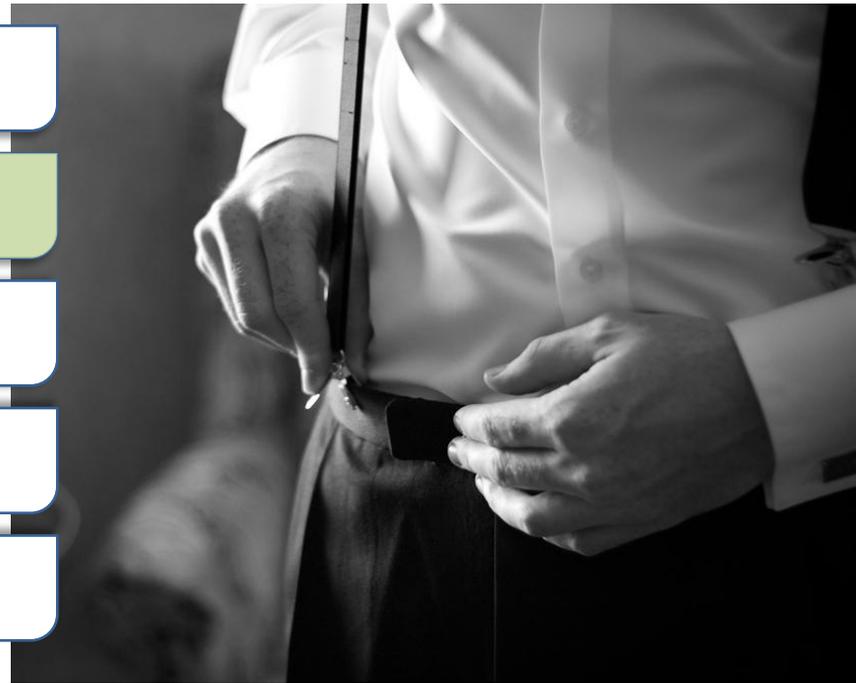
As well as weak or sickly people (or smurfs), **femmer** can be applied to fragile, rickety or delicate objects. The other words: **lingey** = 'fit, active'; **micey** = 'strange'; **smittlish** = 'infectious'; **hempy** = 'naughty'.

Question 4



What would you use **galluses** for?

- a. to improve your eyesight
- b. to hold up your trousers
- c. to keep your hands warm
- d. to fasten your coat
- e. to cut your hair



Correct!

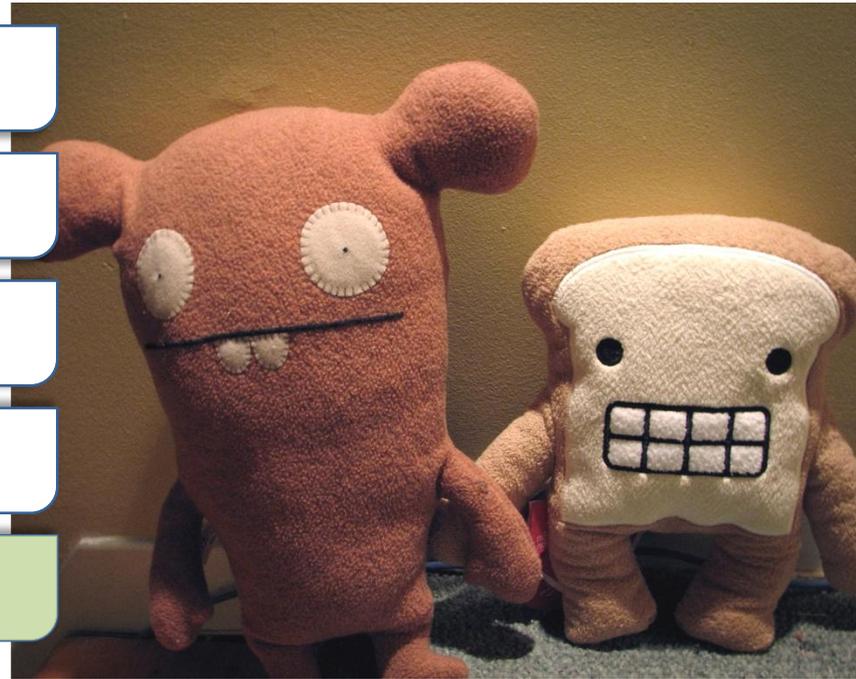
Galluses are braces. The word appears to be related to the word **gallows** (since trousers hang from or are suspended by braces). The *Oxford English Dictionary* records that it is also used in the USA.

Question 5



What does **hinny** mean?

- a. coal shovel
- b. tiny
- c. piglet
- d. noisy
- e. dear, sweetheart



Correct!

Hinny is a variation of **honey**. A *Singing Hinny* is a kind of griddle cake. The sizzle of butter during baking is the singing, with the full name supposedly being a mother's reply to her children asking if their tea is ready: "No it's just singing, hinnies" (Graham's *New Geordie Dictionary*, 1987).



Question 6

Someone who is under the thumb or hen-pecked is being ...

- a. brayed
- b. dilled
- c. knooled / nooled
- d. hained
- e. shoggled



Correct!

With a similar sense of “pressure”, the *Oxford English Dictionary* records the possibly related word **knule**, 'swollen joint', which is said to occur in North East England, Scotland and Ireland. The other words: **brayed** ='beaten'; **dilled** ='soothed'; **hained** ='protected'; **shoggled** ='shaken'.

Question 7



What is this (pictured right)?

a. a gowdspink

b. a spuggy

c. a corby

d. a glead

e. a loggerhead



Correct!

Spuggy is usually applied specifically to sparrows, though for some people it's a word for any small bird. The other words: **gowdspink** = 'goldfinch'; **corby** = 'carrion crow'; **glead** = 'hawk/falcon'; **loggerhead** = 'moth'.

Question 8



*If you play in a wet and muddy field,
your clothes will get ...*

- a. blate
- b. amain
- c. moidered
- d. clarty**
- e. tume / chum



Correct!

Clarty means 'muddy, mucky'. There is also a verb, **clart** (to muddy, to make dirty), and a noun, **clarts** (mud, rubbish). The other words: **blate** = 'shy'; **amain** = 'out of control'; **moidered** = 'confused'; **tume/chum** = 'empty'.

Question 9



What is a **workie-ticket**?

- a. a spider's web
- b. a woodpecker
- c. a trouble-maker
- d. a whelk
- e. a bailiff / eviction agent



Correct!

Some local words with the other meanings:

spider's web = **arran-web**, **spinner-mesh**; woodpecker = **rain-bird**, **pickatree**;
whelk = **willick**; bailiff = **candyman** (because many were also street traders).

Question 10



Which word below is the odd one out?

a. kittle

b. huly

c. fretty

d. twiny

e. twisty



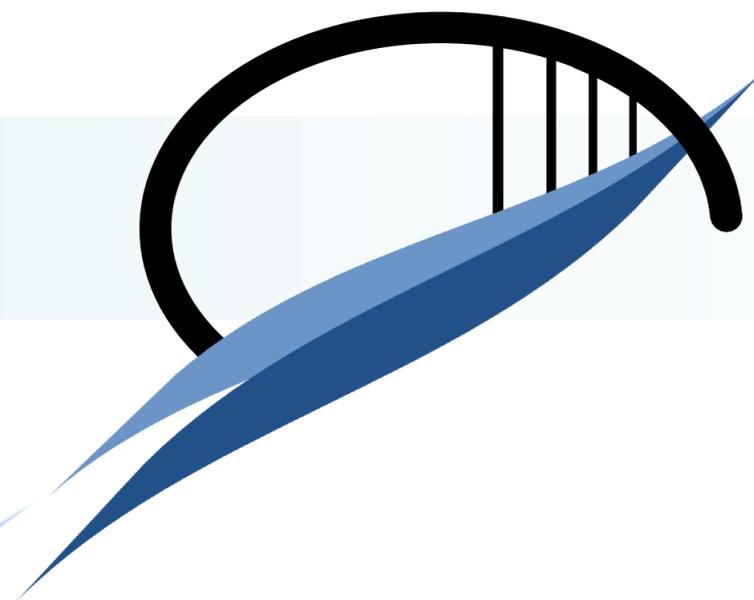
Correct!

Kittle means 'to tickle' (though not necessarily to tickle a kitten). The others are all words that could be applied to an upset child (or even some adults): **huly**, **fretty**, **twiny** = 'fretful'; **twisty** = 'whingeing, complaining'.

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