# The Talk of the Toon Quiz One Answers













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

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#### What are **kets**?

- a. coal miner's boots
- **b.** sweets
- c. trousers
- d. carrots
- e. marbles



**Bullets** is another word for sweets.

Trousers are **kegs** or **keks**, which the *Oxford English Dictionary* suggests is probably a variant of the word **kicks**.

Which of the terms below is **NOT** a word for **marbles**?

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- a. radgies
- **b.** liggies
- c. allies
- d. moggies
- e. glassies



A **radgy** is an angry or aggressive person.

Other words for marbles include **parpers**, **penkers** (large marbles made of iron or stone) and **scudders** (the shooting marble).



#### Which word means bump or knock?

- a. argie
- b. blather
- c. copple
- d. dunch
- e. ettle



The other words:

argie = 'argue' blather = 'talk nonsense, gabble'
copple = 'tip over, topple' ettle = 'intend, aim (to)'



#### Who would use a **rolley**?

- a. farmers
- **b.** teachers
- c. coal miners
- d. soldiers
- e. ship builders



A **rolley** is a wagon used for transporting coal.

The picture shows chaldron wagons near the reconstructed pit head at Beamish Museum.



#### What is a **cuddy**?

- a. a hat
- **b.** a dance
- c. a pigeon
- d. a donkey
- e. a turnip



**Cuddy** is also an abbreviation of 'Cuthbert'.

It may have begun as a common name given to donkeys, and developed into a generic term for the animal, as happened with **Neddy** (Edward) [Oxford English Dictionary].

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When you walk or wade through water, you are ...

- a. plodging
- b. mounging
- c. riving
- d. skelping
- e. bubbling



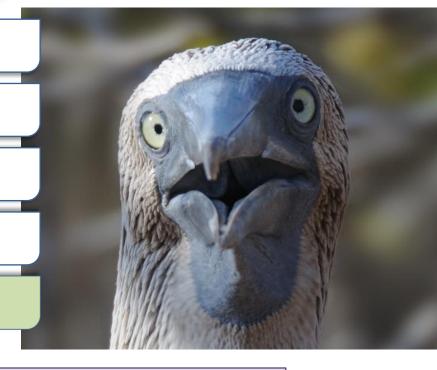
The other words:

mounge / moonge = 'whinge, complain' rive = 'tear, rip'
skelp = 'slap, hit' bubble = 'cry'



Which word below is the odd one out?

- a. gob
- **b.** lug
- c. heed
- d. neb
- e. gaak



Gaak (gawk) is a verb meaning 'to stare'.

Gob (mouth), lug (ear) and neb (nose) are nouns
for parts of the heed (head). Gob and neb also have related verb
meanings: 'to talk, to spit' and 'to be nosy, nose around'.



#### What is this (pictured right)?

- a. a neep
- **b.** a pant
- c. a gadgie
- d. a netty
- e. a spelk



**Pant** = 'drinking fountain'.

The fountain pictured here is in Whitley Bay. It was built to commemorate the coronation of George VI (12th May, 1937).



#### Which of these definitions is **wrong**?

- a. scran = 'scratch'
- **b.** hinny = 'dear, sweetheart'
- c. spuggy = 'sparrow'
- **d.** bairn = 'child'
- e. shiggy = 'wriggle'



Scran means 'food'.

**Scrat / scart** = 'to scratch', both in the literal sense and in phrases such as 'scratting around for work'.



#### What is a **piggy**?

- a. a pea-shooter
- **b.** a small fishing boat
- c. a hot-water bottle
- d. a large hammer
- e. a beer barrel



R. O. Heslop's *Northumberland Words* (1894) tells us a traveller reported that people in Northumberland slept with pigs for warmth – he'd been asked if he wanted a **piggy** in his bed.

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