

Carlie's TV Trivia

One of the characters you will meet in *The Pinballs* is a girl named Carlie. When the story opens, her favorite fun is watching TV. Below are trivia questions about some of the shows and stars from the 1960s and 1970s that Carlie enjoyed. Several of the programs and personalities are still around, so you might already know an answer or two. For the rest, you will need to do some research.

As you look for specific information, jot down some interesting facts about each TV program or personality. Then when you encounter them again in your reading, stop for a few minutes and swap trivia with your classmates. It would also be fun to listen to their music. Carlie would certainly approve.



Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank to the left.

- _____ 1. Serial TV programs such as *The Young and the Restless* are referred to as “soap operas” because (A) many of their original sponsors were soap manufactures such as Procter and Gamble, (B) censors demanded that their content be “clean” for family viewing, (C) early critics said they were not serious programming and would soon be “washed up.”
- _____ 2. First broadcast in 1973, as of 2008 *The Young and the Restless* holds the distinction of (A) being the longest-running show on TV, (B) retaining all of its original characters, (C) being the highest-rated daytime drama on American television.
- _____ 3. In 1976 the ABC television network loaned the theme song of *The Young and the Restless* to (A) NASA for use on its space capsules, (B) Nadia Comaneci for her Summer Olympics performance, (C) President Lyndon Johnson for a state dinner.
- _____ 4. Since 2008, fans can view an episode one day after its broadcast on (A) Facebook, (B) YouTube, (C) MySpace.
- _____ 5. *The Waltons* (1972-1981) was a TV series about a family who lived in rural Virginia during (A) the Great Depression and World War II, (B) the fifties, (C) the Civil War and Reconstruction.
- _____ 6. Which of the following were **not** names of the seven Walton children? (A) John Boy, Erin, Elizabeth, (B) Cora, Billy-Bob, Hanna, (C) Mary Ellen, Jason, Jim-Bob.
- _____ 7. The spinster Baldwin sisters, the Walton’s town neighbors, were noted for distilling illegal alcohol which they referred to as (A) Papa’s recipe, (B) spring tonic, (C) the cure.
(**Note:** After you have met and come to know the Benson twins, compare them to the Baldwin sisters.)
- _____ 8. Husband and wife singing duo, Sonny and Cher’s first and biggest hit was their 1965 recording of (A) “Baby, Don’t Go,” (B) “Stairway to Heaven,” (C) “I Got You Babe.”
- _____ 9. From 1971 to 1974, Sonny and Cher had their own TV variety show called (A) *The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour*, (B) *The Beat Goes On*, (C) *Sonny and Cher Nitty Gritty Show*.
- _____ 10. After parting ways with Cher, Sonny Bono (A) became a game show producer, (B) was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, (C) opened a chain of restaurants.
- _____ 11. Which of the following is **not** one of the awards that Cher has won? (A) Academy Award and Grammy Award, (B) Emmy Award and People’s Choice Award, (C) the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Tony Award.
- _____ 12. In terms of sales, the most successful song for the pop music group Tony Orlando and Dawn was (A) “Wait on the Corner,” (B) “Tie a Yellow Ribbon ‘Round the Ole Oak Tree,” (C) “Don’t You Want Me, Baby.”
- _____ 13. The “Dawn” of Tony Orlando and Dawn was (A) Aretha Franklin and Louise Raines, (B) Telma Hopkins and Joyce Vincent, (C) Donna Summers and Patti Labelle.

- _____ 14. Since 1993, Tony Orlando has been a resident of and has performed more than 2,000 shows in (A) Branson, Missouri, (B) Charlotte, North Carolina, (C) Atlanta, Georgia.
- _____ 15. *The Andy Griffith Show* was a type of program called a *sitcom*. What does the term *sitcom* mean? (A) switch comedy, (B) situation comedy, (C) situation commercial.
- _____ 16. One of the characters of *The Andy Griffith Show* was Sheriff Andy Taylor's son Opie, who was played by filmmaker (A) George Lucas, (B) Stephen Spielberg, (C) Ron Howard.
- _____ 17. *The Andy Griffith Show* was set in the mythical town of (A) Peach Tree, Georgia, (B) Hillcrest, Virginia, (C) Mayberry, North Carolina.
- _____ 18. *The Andy Griffith Show's* theme song, "The Fishin' Hole," is unique in that (A) the tune was whistled rather than sung, (B) it was composed and sung by Andy Griffith, (C) it was vocal only, with no accompanying instruments.
- _____ 19. During its 234 episodes (1957-1963), *Leave It to Beaver* featured Jerry Mathers as the Beaver. What was the Beaver's formal name? (A) Belvedere Clawson, (B) Theodore Cleaver, (C) Wally Ward.
- _____ 20. *Leave It to Beaver* was one of the first TV series based on (A) a typical American family, (B) filming before a live audience, (C) a child's point of view.
- _____ 21. After fifty years of existence, *Leave It to Beaver* continues to be broadcast as reruns, but during its original airing the show (A) never won any awards or broke into the top 30 Neilson Ratings, (B) was blasted by critics as unrealistic and insignificant, (C) gained popularity only in the eastern sections of the US and was largely ignored in the rest of the country.
- _____ 22. *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (1970-1977) revolved around the character of Mary Richards, a single woman in her thirties, and her job as an associate producer at a television station in (A) Tampa, Florida, (B) Portland, Oregon, (C) Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- _____ 23. Gavin MacLeod, a regular cast member of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, later took the starring role in the popular TV series (A) *The Love Boat*, (B) *Cheers*, (C) *Full House*.
- _____ 24. Before she was Mary Richards, Mary Tyler Moore portrayed Lori Petri (1961-1966) in (A) *Leave It to Beaver*, (B) *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, (C) *The Ed Sullivan Show*.
- _____ 25. In 1974, Valerie Harper's character left *The Mary Tyler Show* for her own series entitled *Rhoda*. Such a show, with its roots in a previous production, is called (A) a second generation series, (B) an offspring, (C) a spin-off.
- _____ 26. In addition to being an animal rights activist, Mary Tyler Moore is a spokesperson and supporter of research to find a cure for (A) juvenile diabetes, (B) muscular dystrophy, (C) alcoholism.
- _____ 27. The Wrigley Company caught the attention of TV viewers beginning in the late 1950s with their Doublemint gum commercials that featured (A) owner and pet look-alikes, (B) twins, (C) a combination of human and animated characters.
- _____ 28. Which of the following was **not** the name of a popular medical drama from the 1960s and 1970s? (A) *Marcus Welby, MD*, (B) *Dr. Kildare*, (C) *Dr. Livingstone*.
- _____ 29. *Hollywood Squares*, which first aired in 1965, was a combination of comedy and competition based on the game of (A) checkers, (B) Monopoly, (C) tic-tac-toe.
- _____ 30. Which of the following TV personalities from the 1970's lived for a while in an orphanage? (A) Mary Tyler Moore, (B) Cher, (C) Telma Hopkins.

Carlie's TV Trivia Answer Keys

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| 2. C | 7. A | 12. B | 17. C | 22. C | 27. B |
| 3. B | 8. C | 13. B | 18. A | 23. A | 28. C |
| 4. B | 9. A | 14. A | 19. B | 24. B | 29. C |
| 5. A | 10. B | 15. B | 20. C | 25. C | 30. B |