

# August IQ

Do you know all about August? Take our August IQ quiz to find out.

1. *Août* (pronounced *oot*) is the word for *August* in what language?  

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2. Which of these festivals does **NOT** occur in August?
  - A. New York Marathon in New York City, USA
  - B. Salzburg Festival in Salzburg, Austria
  - C. Lollapalooza in Chicago, USA
  - D. Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland, UK
3. Born on August 6, 1911, what red-haired actress and comedian co-starred on a show with her husband in the 1950s?  

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4. True or False? August used to be called *Sextillus*.  

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5. A field of August birth flowers helped inspire Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write the famous poem "In Flanders Fields." What is the name of that flower?
  - A. Gardenia
  - B. Poppy
  - C. Gladiolus
  - D. Peony
6. Which of the following celebrities was **NOT** born in August?
  - A. Gene Kelly
  - B. Debbie Reynolds
  - C. Davy Crockett
  - D. Esther Williams
7. Every August, a weeklong celebration at Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee, honors what famous musician?  

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8. Which of these gems is an August birthstone that has been mistaken for emerald in the past?
  - A. Spinel
  - B. Sardonyx
  - C. Ruby
  - D. Peridot



9. Which of these August events did **NOT** occur in the 1900s?
- A. The U.S. Social Security Act was signed by the president
  - B. Firestone Tire & Rubber Company was founded
  - C. The first U.S. federal income tax law was signed by the president
  - D. Louis Armstrong was born
10. Born on August 25, 1918, which of these composers was best known for his work on *West Side Story*?
- A. Leonard Bernstein
  - B. Benjamin Britten
  - C. George Gershwin
  - D. Aaron Copland
11. First airing on August 10, 1948, what television show caught people unaware they were being filmed in various situations?
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12. Born on August 19, 1902, what humorous poet wrote, "Candy is dandy but liquor is quicker?"
- A. Ogden Nash
  - B. Shel Silverstein
  - C. Edward Lear
  - D. Langston Hughes
13. What fruit do people throw at one another during La Tomatina Festival in Buñol of Valencia, Spain?
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14. A well-known lion constellation shares his name with which of the August horoscopes?
- A. Aries
  - B. Virgo
  - C. Sagittarius
  - D. Leo
15. Born on August 15, 1912, who had a very distinctive speaking voice, hosted her own cooking show, and wrote the book *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*?
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# Answers

1. French. An interesting aside: In France, many businesses in the cities close due to the large number of citizens that go on vacation in August.
2. (A) New York Marathon in New York City, USA. The marathon is held the first Sunday in November.
3. Lucille Ball. Did you know? She had five television shows with her name in the title: *I Love Lucy*, *The Lucy and Desi Comedy Hour*, *The Lucy Show*, *Here's Lucy*, and *Life with Lucy* (not to mention, all the television specials she performed in).
4. True. It was renamed in honor of Augustus Caesar.
5. (B) Poppy. The poppy is now a symbol of remembrance.
6. (B) Debbie Reynolds. Debbie Reynolds was born on April 1, 1932. Gene Kelly was born on August 23, 1912; Davy Crockett was born on August 17, 1786; and Esther Williams was born on August 8, 1921.
7. Elvis Presley. A candlelight vigil is held on the evening of August 15 and lasts until the morning of August 16 (the day Elvis passed).
8. (D) Peridot. Some say Cleopatra's emerald collection may have in fact been peridot gems.
9. (C) The first U.S. federal income tax law was signed by the president. Lincoln signed it on August 5, 1861. Firestone Tire & Rubber Company was founded on August 3, 1900; President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act on August 14, 1935; and Louis Armstrong was born on August 4, 1901.
10. (A) Leonard Bernstein. He also famously conducted for the New York Philharmonic beginning in 1943.
11. *Candid Camera*. The show was hosted by Allen Funt.
12. (A) Ogden Nash. This line is from his poem "Reflections on Ice Breaking" and is quoted in the movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (1971).
13. Tomatoes. One of the largest food fights in the world, La Tomatina lasts exactly one hour and is believed to involve between 40,000–50,000 people and 150,000 tomatoes (over 100 tons).
14. (D) Leo. The zodiac dates for Leo are between July 23 and August 22.
15. Julia Child. Her cooking show was called *The French Chef*, and it ran from 1963 to 1973.